

# Daniel Zorrilla Velázquez

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration**, *Joseph R. Biden, Jr., School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware*, in progress.

**Master in Public Administration**, *College of Health, Community and Policy, The University of Texas at San Antonio*, May 2018.

**Law Degree**, *Autonomous University of Hidalgo State (UAEH)*, Mexico, May 2016.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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**Research Assistant**, Biden School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware, August 2023 – to date.

**Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant**, Biden School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware, August 2022 – August 2023.

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, June 2019 – August 2022.

**Lecturer**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, January – June 2019.

## RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

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Public Policy and Management  
Nonprofit/NGO Management  
Social Policy and Poverty Research  
Immigration Policy

## PUBLICATIONS/REFEREED PRESENTATIONS/GRANTS

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### Published Manuscripts

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.**, García-Hernández, J. & Lizama Carrasco, G. (2023). Current Trends in Mexican Federalism: Is it Becoming More Coercive? *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences* <https://doi.org/10.18848/2327-0071/CGP/v18i01/97-118>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** & Alfaro-Ponce, B. (2022). Education, Human Rights, and Return Migration in Mexico: The Case of the State of Hidalgo. *Diálogos Sobre*

*Educación*, 25 (13), Universidad de Guadalajara.  
<https://doi.org/10.32870/dse.v0i25.1126>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.**, Alfaro-Ponce, B. & García-Hernández, J. (2021). Political Transnationalism in Mexico: The Importance of Mexican Communities in the US and the External Vote. *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*.  
<https://doi.org/10.18848/2327-0071/CGP/v16i01/1-15>.

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2021). El estado actual del sector sin fines de lucro en México: análisis y consideraciones [The current status of the nonprofit sector in Mexico: analysis and considerations]. *Gestión y Estrategia*, (59), 7-21. ISSN 1606-8459. <https://doi.org/10.24275/uam/azc/dcsh/gye/2021n59/Zorrilla>

Alfaro-Ponce, B., Ángeles Galván, G. & **Zorrilla-Velázquez, D.** (2021). Post-truth, the media and social repercussions. *Xihmai, Revista de Investigación de la Universidad La Salle Pachuca*, (32), 79-98. ISSN 1870-6703.  
<https://revistas.lasallep.edu.mx/index.php/xihmai/issue/view/78/9>

### Academic Presentations

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2022). “The Importance of Mexican Communities in the US and the External Vote”. University of Athens, Greece.

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2022). “Constitutional Law and Intergovernmental Relations.” Autonomous University of the State of Mexico.

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020). “Return Migration and Access to Education in Mexico.” Presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Sciences 2020 “Political Conflict and Peace-Building in a Changing World”, organized by The International Institute of Knowledge Management.

### Grants

Autonomous University of Hidalgo State. Grant for International Presentation, University of Athens, Greece. \$4000 USD, 2022.

Autonomous University of Hidalgo State. Grant for International Presentation \$500 USD, 2020.

### International Symposiums

Meeting with professors and researchers from Latin American and European institutions to plan an academic book. El Colegio de México, January 2022.

### Publications in Policy Journals

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2022). La Crisis Energética Mundial [The Global Energy Crisis]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, July 2022. <https://revistafal.com/la-crisis-energetica-mundial/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2022). El papel de Amnistía Internacional como Contrapeso a los Sistemas Autoritarios [The Role of Amnesty International as a counterweight to Authoritarian Systems]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, April 2022. <https://revistafal.com/el-papel-de-amnistia-internacional-como-contrapeso-a-los-sistemas-autoritarios/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2022). La Diplomacia del Jazz [Jazz Diplomacy]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, February 2022. <https://revistafal.com/la-diplomacia-del-jazz/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2022). El Asunto de Taiwán [The Taiwan Affair]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, January 2022. <https://revistafal.com/el-asunto-de-taiwan/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2021). La Crisis del Gobierno de Biden [Biden's Government Crisis]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, September 2021. <https://revistafal.com/la-crisis-del-gobierno-de-biden/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2021). Extremismo de Derecha en Alemania [Right-wing Extremism in Germany]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, July 2021. <https://revistafal.com/extremismo-de-derecha-en-alemania/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2021). El Problema de los Niños Soldado [The Child Soldiers Problem]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, May 2021. <https://revistafal.com/el-problema-de-los-ninos-soldado/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2021). La Generación Perdida [The Lost Generation]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, March 2021. <https://revistafal.com/la-generacion-perdida/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2021). Por la Prohibición de los Robots Asesinos [For the Prohibition of Killer Robots]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, January 2021. <http://revistafal.com/por-la-prohibicion-de-los-robots-asesinos/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020). Estados Unidos: Incertidumbre en la Transición [United States: Uncertainty in the Transition]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, October 2020. <http://revistafal.com/elecciones-en-estados-unidos/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020). La Ley de Seguridad de Hong Kong [Hong Kong's Security Law]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, August 2020. <http://revistafal.com/la-ley-de-seguridad-de-hong-kong/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020). La Pandemia del Hambre [The Hunger Pandemic]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, June 2020. <http://revistafal.com/la-pandemia-del-hambre/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020). Estados Unidos: Incertidumbre Electoral [United States: Electoral Uncertainty]. Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, May 2020.  
<http://revistafal.com/estados-unidos-incertidumbre-electoral/>

### **Publications in Newspapers**

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020, July 27). El Intelecto al Servicio de la Patria [The Intellect at the Service of the Country]. Fondo de Cultura Económica.  
<https://www.fondodeculturaeconomica.com/Noticia/2855>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020, April 6). La Disrupción Tecnológica que Viene a Causa del COVID-19 [The Upcoming Technological Disruption Caused by COVID-19]. El Independiente de Hidalgo. <https://www.elindependientedehidalgo.com.mx/la-disrupcion-tecnologica-que-viene-a-causa-del-covid-19/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2020, February 10). La Reección de Trump: Más Cerca que Nunca y Gracias a los Demócratas [Trump's Reelection: Closer than Ever and Thanks to Democrats]. El Independiente de Hidalgo.  
<https://www.elindependientedehidalgo.com.mx/la-reeleccion-de-trump-mas-cerca-que-nunca-y-gracias-a-los-democratas/>

**Zorrilla-Velazquez, D.** (2019, December 16). Las Elecciones de Estados Unidos en 2020 [The U.S. Elections of 2020]. El Independiente de Hidalgo.  
<https://www.elindependientedehidalgo.com.mx/las-elecciones-de-estados-unidos-en-2020/>

### **INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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#### **Healthy Communities Delaware – Graduate Scholar,**

Conducted a landscape analysis of community development funding, and met with nonprofit and community leaders to build and policy brief to advocate to policymakers. June – August 2023.

#### **UTSA Institute for Economic Development - Graduate Research Assistant,**

Preparation of extensive research documents and briefs on sustainable energies, oil, technology and consumer products. Legal and political analysis for Latin America. January – August 2018.

#### **U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Joaquin Castro District Office - Graduate Intern,**

Prepared reports, wrote letters to U.S. federal officers and worked on citizens' cases regarding issues such as immigration, veteran affairs, work permits and problems with federal offices. San Antonio, TX., August- December 2017.

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

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#### **SEAP Consulting Firm,**

Consultant. Preparation of legal, political and public administration documents for public officers, private companies and candidates. Hidalgo, Mexico, June 2020 – August 2022.

**City of Pachuca (Transition City Council),**

Advisor in issues related to legislation, legal affairs and public administration, September 2020 – January 2021.

**Autonomous University of Hidalgo State,  
International and National Bids Advisor,**

Acted as legal advisor and representative of the university in national and international acquisitions, October 2018 – June 2019.

**Autonomous University of Hidalgo State,  
Lawyer / Legal Representative, Office of Legal Affairs,**

Main tasks consisted in advising the general lawyer of the university on diverse legal affairs, public administration issues, university legislation, and international contracts and agreements, Hidalgo, Mexico, October 2018 – June 2019.

**UTSA Dining Services,  
Administrative Assistant,**

Provided Administrative Support. San Antonio, TX, January-November 2017.

**Political Campaign,  
Legal Coordinator,**

Watched the legality of the electoral activities undertaken by the candidate for state representative. Hidalgo, Mexico, March - June 2016

**Autonomous University of Hidalgo State,  
Librarian,**

In charge of some areas of the central library. Helped students with research and academic projects, Hidalgo, Mexico, October 2012- February 2016.

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## **LEGAL DOCUMENTS**

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Drafted the **Municipal Code of Regulatory Improvement**, City of Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico, 2020.

Drafted the **New Municipal Traffic Code**, City of Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico, 2020.

Reformed the **Municipal Code**, City of Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico, 2020.

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## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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**Public Administration Theory Fellow**, awarded to individuals who have demonstrated dedication to advancing public administration theory, a commitment to scholarship, teaching, and public service. PA Theory Network, 2024.

**Emerging Scholar Award**, Given to outstanding early-career scholars, Common Ground Scholar- Common Ground Research Networks, 2022.  
<https://thesocialsciences.com/about/history/2022-conference>.

**International Award for Excellence for the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Journal Collection**, Manuscript selected as the highest-ranked by peer-reviewers. Awarded by Common Ground Research Networks, University of Illinois Research Park, 2022. <https://thesocialsciences.com/journals/awards>.

**Autonomous University of Hidalgo State Internationalization Award (Collective Recognition- Academic Department)**, Awarded by the University's Office of the President. In recognition of special efforts directed to improve the international prestige of the university, 2022.

**Florida Atlantic University Presidential Fellowship**, (\$10,000, two-year offer, declined), 2022.

**U.S. Department of State**, Opportunity Funds Scholarship, (\$5,000), 2022.

**Santander Bank**, Scholarship for MIT Leading Digital Transformation course, 2020.

**The University of Texas at San Antonio**, Good Neighbor Scholarship, Full Scholarship (Merit based), 2017-2018.

**The University of Texas at San Antonio**, Border County Scholarship, (Texas in-State Tuition), 2016-2017.

**Autonomous University of Hidalgo State**, Scholarship for Graduate Studies Abroad, (\$15,000), 2016.

**Autonomous University of Hidalgo State**, Scholarship for Living Expenses, 2012-2016.

**Mexico's Education Ministry (SEP)**, Need-Based Scholarship, 2011-2012.

#### **Student Honors:**

**Pi Alpha Alpha Global Honors Society for Public Affairs and Administration**, NASPAA, 2018.

**Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society**, 2017.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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***Autonomous University of Hidalgo State,  
Graduate***

**Administrative Reform.** Master's degree in government course, (Fall 2020).

**Administrative Law and Mexican Institutions.** Master's level course, (Fall 2019/Spring 2020/ Fall 2020/ Spring 2021).

**Intro to Municipal Government** (9-hour introductory seminar). Master's degree in government, (Fall 2020).

### ***Undergraduate***

**Constitutional Law,** (Spring 2021/Fall 2021/Spring 2022).

**Public Management Models,** (Fall 2020/ Spring 2021/ Fall 2021/ Spring 2022).

**Strategic Planning,** (Fall 2019/ Spring 2020/ Summer 2020).

**Administrative Law,** (Spring 2019).

**Introduction to Public Administration,** (Spring 2019).

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **External Academic Service – CENEVAL (National Center for the Evaluation of Higher Education).**

Content Reviewer for National Graduation Examination – Undergraduate Programs in Political Science and Public Administration, February-March 2022.

Member of the National Standard Setting Committee – Undergraduate Programs in Political Science and Public Administration, April-May 2022.

### **University Service: Autonomous University of Hidalgo State (UAEH)**

Faculty Advisor Board Member, UAEH Department of Political Science and Public Administration. August 2019 – August 2022.

Coordinator – Comprehensive study for the Creation of the Undergraduate Program in International Relations. Led a group of professors in preparing a study to demonstrate the viability of the academic program. November 2019-August 2020.

Member of the Institutional Committee of Preparation of Graduation Examination – Political Science and Public Administration, July 2019- November 2020.

Coordinator, Exit Examination for Undergraduate Students at the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, July 2019- November 2020.

### **Departmental Service: Autonomous University of Hidalgo State (UAEH), Department of Political Science and Public Administration.**

Master's Thesis Supervisor, August 2020-August 2022.

Member: Master's Admissions Committee, 2020 & 2022.

Master's Thesis Reviewer, 2019-August 2022.

Moderator in Master's and Doctoral Thesis Colloquiums, 2019-2022.

Member: Interinstitutional Committee for the Evaluation of Higher Education, 2019-2022.

Member: Undergraduate Admissions Selection Process, 2019-2022.

Tutoring for undergraduate and master's students, January 2020 – August 2022.

### **Reviewer**

The Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Journal Collection, Common Ground Research Networks.

Gestión y Estrategia, Revista de la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana - Azcapotzalco (Journal of the Metropolitan Autonomous University), Mexico.

### **Volunteering**

Amnesty International Mexico. Activist. Mexico, 2020- Present.

English teacher, 2018-2019.

San Antonio Food Bank, 2018.

Student Society, Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, 2011-2013.

Community Service, Hidalgo, Mexico, 2011-2012.

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

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**Regression Models.** Johns Hopkins University Online, 2024.

**R Programming.** Johns Hopkins University Online, 2024.

**The Data Scientist's Toolbox.** Johns Hopkins University Online, 2024.

**Human Subjects Research,** CITI Training, 2022.

**Inequality,** El Colegio de México, 2022.

**Think Again: How to Understand Arguments,** Duke University Online, 2022.



**International Humanitarian Law in Theory and Practice**, Universiteit Leiden, 2022.

**Diploma in Teaching Competencies and Academic Integrity**, Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, 2022.

**Espace Mondial, a French Vision of Global Studies**, SciencesPo, 2021.

**Digital Transformation**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professional Education, 2020.

**Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasive Writing and Public Speaking**, Harvard Online, 2020.

**Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Regimes**, The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. Online course, 2020.

**Global Arms Trade**, Amnesty International Human Rights Academy. Online Course, 2020.

**An Introduction to Human Rights**, Amnesty International Human Rights Academy. Online Course, 2020.

**U.S. Political Institutions: Congress, Presidency, Courts and Bureaucracy**, Harvard Online, 2020.

**Weapons of Mass Destruction**, The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. Online course, 2020.

**Missiles Course**, The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. Online course, 2020.

**Academic Writing Workshop**, Professor Sue Kasun (Georgia State University). Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, 2019.

**Mexican Elections and Electoral Law Course**, Partido Revolucionario Institucional [Institutional Revolutionary Party]. Mexico, 2016.

**Librarian Course**, Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, 2012.

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## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/MEDIA APPEARANCES**

### **Media Appearances**

Interview, Receipt of Research Award. University Radio System, UAEH, May 12, 2022.

Interview, Migrant Representation, Hidalgo State Media, Mexico, April 27, 2022.

Interview, Mexico's Energy Reform, University Media System (SUMA TV), April 1, 2022.

Policy Panelist, Journalism and Human Rights, Live TV Show – University Media System (SUMA TV), March 28, 2022.

### **Presentations**

**Landscape Analysis of Community Development Funding.** Presentation to Healthy Communities Delaware Initiative partners, August 2023.

**Opportunities to Increase State of Delaware Investment in Equitable Community Development.** Presentation in the Community Engagement and Anti-Racist Initiative Summer Symposium, University of Delaware, August 2023.

**The Importance of Migrant Representation.** Presentation to state legislators, government officials and migrant organizations, Hidalgo State Legislature, April 2022.

**Grave Violations of Human Rights.** Presentation to members of political association, March 2022.

**Crimes Against Humanity.** Presentation to activists – Amnesty International Mexico, February 2022.

**Biden's Government Crisis.** Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, Mexico, October 2021.

**Children's Rights in Conflict Contexts.** Presentation to activists, Amnesty International Mexico, May 2021.

**U.S. Capitol Riot.** Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, Mexico, March 2021.

**U.S. Elections in 2020.** Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, Mexico, February 2020.

**Is Mexico a Failed State? Presentations on Latin American Politics.** Autonomous University of Hidalgo State, Mexico, October 2019.

### **LANGUAGES & SKILLS**

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Spanish (Native language)

English (Fluent)

STATA

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HLM Software

SPSS

Qualtrics