

# ANGELA ZORRO MEDINA

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Assistant Professor**, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto 2024-  
**Assistant Professor**, Centre for Criminology & Sociological Studies, University of Toronto 2024-

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. Sociology**, University of Chicago September 2018 - June 2025 (expected)  
**J.S.D.**, Yale Law School August 2015 - September 2020  
**M.A. Sociology**, University of Chicago September 2018 - June 2020  
**LL.M.**, Yale Law School August 2014 - May 2015  
**B.A. Economics**, Universidad de los Andes January 2008 - August 2013  
**LL.B Law**, Universidad de los Andes January 2009 - August 2013

## ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

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**Visiting Researcher**, Sociology Department, Sciences Po Paris August 2017 - May 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

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Hepburn, P., Kohler-Hausmann, I. and **Zorro Medina, A.**, 2019. "*Cumulative Risks of Multiple Criminal Justice Outcomes in New York City*", *Demography*, 1-11  
Ternullo, S., **Zorro Medina, A.** and Vargas, R., (Ternullo and Zorro Medina are joint first authors), 2024. "*How Political Dynasties Concentrate Advantage within Cities: Evidence from Crime and City Services in Chicago*", *Social Forces*, 1310-1331

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW & MANUSCRIPT

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**Zorro Medina, A.**, "*The Failed War on Pre-Trial Detention: Evidence from a Quasi-Experimental Reform*", Preparing Re-submission at *The Journal of Legal Studies*  
**Zorro Medina, A.**, Acosta, C., Mejia, D., "*On the Tension Between Due Process and Public Safety: The Case of an Extensive Procedural Reform*", Under Review at *Journal of Law and Economics*  
**Zorro Medina, A.**, "*Neoliberalism vs. Bureaucracy: Evidence from Mass-incarceration in Colombia*" (full draft available)  
**Zorro Medina, A.** "*The Effect of Anti-Gang Laws on Crime, Arrests, and Incarceration Rates*" (full draft available)  
Azar, A. and **Zorro Medina, A.** "Pre-migration Exposures and Health Among Latin Americans Living in the U.S. (full draft available)"

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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**Zorro Medina, A.**, Acosta, C., and Hernández, N., 2016. "*An Economic Approach of the Pre-Trial Detention*" ("*Un enfoque económico a la detención preventiva*"). In Lozano, E. (coord), "*Theory and Empirical Economic Analysis of the Colombia Law*" ("*Teoría y puesta en práctica del análisis económico del derecho en Colombia*"). Bogotá, Colombia: Uniandes

**Zorro Medina, A.**, 2021. *"The Costs of Imprisonment"* ("Los costos del encarcelamiento"). In Ariza, L. and Iturralde, M. (coord.) *"The Prison in Colombia: Challenges and Perspectives"* ("La prisión en Colombia: desafíos y perspectivas"). Bogotá, Colombia: Uniandes.

**Zorro Medina, A.**, Forthcoming *"John Pfaff and The Theories of Prison Growth"* ("John Pfaff y las teorías sobre el crecimiento de la población reclusa"). In Ariza, L. and Tamayo, F. (coord.) *"Contemporary Thinking and Research on Crime and Punishment"* ("Pensamiento e investigación contemporánea sobre el crimen y el castigo"). Bogotá, Colombia: Uniandes.

**Zorro Medina, A.** Forthcoming *"An Experimental Evaluation of Criminal Settlements in Colombia"* ("Una evaluación experimental de los acuerdos penales en Colombia"). In Langer, M. and Sozzo, M.

## NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

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Salas, L., and **Zorro Medina, A.** 2013. *"Land Reforms in Colombia: The Peasant Struggle in the Frame of Forced Displacement"*. El Otro Derecho, No. 44 p. 199-218.

Ariza, L., Iturralde, M., Torres, N., Urrutia, J., and **Zorro Medina, A.** 2017 *"Baseline of Human Rights in Prisons in Colombia"*

**Zorro Medina, A.** 2020. *"Releases from Prison during COVID"* (Excarcelaciones en tiempos del COVID-19). El Espectador

Vargas, R., Loftus, C., **Zorro Medina, A.**, and Misra, K. 2022. *"Chicago Police Recover Less than 20% of Carjacked Vehicles"*. UChicago Justice Project Report.

*Featured in:*

- Fox News, NBC News, Univision, Telemundo, WBEZ

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Zorro Medina, A.** *"The Effect of the Chicago Anti-Gang Ordinance on Crime"* (Results available/draft in preparation)

Braccacini, F., De la Rosa, C., and **Zorro Medina, A.**, *"Legitimacy Perception of Criminal Justice Systems: Evidence from an Experimental Setting"* (Results available/draft in preparation)

Hepburn, P., Kohler-Hausmann, I. and **Zorro Medina, A.** *"Estimating the Risk and Scope of Misdemeanors"* (Results available/draft in preparation)

## HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

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| Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies                                      | May 2023                |
| Horowitz Foundation Award, Horowitz Foundation                                    | May 2023                |
| Departmental Travel Grant, University of Chicago                                  | April 2023              |
| Henderson Research Fund, University of Chicago                                    | March 2023              |
| Publication Accelerator Grant, Institute for Humane Studies                       | March 2023              |
| Conference Accelerator Grant, Institute for Humane Studies                        | March 2023              |
| Travel Fund, University of Chicago  | March 2023              |
| Neubauer Family Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship                                 | September 2018-2023     |
| W. Allison Davis Research Award, University of Chicago                            | April 2021              |
| Graduate and Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture     | May 2021                |
| Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award, Center International Research     | May 2020                |
| Fox Fellowship Travel Grant (Philadelphia, PA), MacMillan Center, Yale University | October 2017            |
| Fox International Fellowship, MacMillan Center, Yale University                   | September 2017-May 2018 |
| Graduate Exchange Fellowship, Sciences Po Paris, France                           | September 2017-May 2018 |
| Kauffman Fellowship in Law and Economics, John M. Olin Center, Yale Law School    | July 2017               |
| Travel Grant (Mexico), Yale Law School  | June 2017               |
| Graduate Fellowship, Yale Law School  | May 2015-August 2017    |
| LL.M Scholarship, Yale Law School   | May 2014-May 2015       |

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| Travel Grant (Boston, MA), Economics Department, Universidad de los Andes | March 2014   |
| Ciro Angarita Scholarship, Universidad de los Andes-Law School            | January 2013 |
| Top 10 Score National Law Exam, Colombia                                  | 2013         |
| Top 10 Score National Economics Exam, Colombia                            | 2013         |

## ACADEMIC & WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Research Assistant</b><br><i>Robert Vargas, Sociology Department, University of Chicago</i>   | September 2021-December 2023 |
| <b>Research Assistant</b><br><i>Issa Kohler-Hausmann, Yale Law School and Sociology, Yale University</i>   | September 2014-July 2018     |
| <b>Consultant</b><br><i>Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)<br/>Colombian Ministry of Justice, Department of Criminal and Security Affairs</i>           | June-July 2014               |
| <b>External Consultant</b><br><i>Inter-American Development Bank, Competitiveness Innovation Division LATAM</i>  | January 2013-June 2014       |
| <b>Research Assistant</b><br><i>Melissa Dell, Economics Department, Harvard University<br/>Pablo Querubin, Political Science Department, New York University</i>                   | August-December 2013         |
| <b>Research Assistant</b><br><i>Marcela Eslava, Economics Department, Universidad de los Andes</i>   | July 2012-July 2013          |
| <b>Junior Researcher</b><br><i>Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID),<br/>Colombian Ministry of Justice and Universidad de los Andes-Law School</i>     | July 2013-December 2013      |
| <b>Public Defender</b><br><i>Legal Aid Clinic-Criminal Justice, Universidad de los Andes-Law School<br/>Public Interest Law Group (G-DIP), Universidad de los Andes-Law School</i> | June 2012-May 2013           |

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

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| <b>Criminology Colloquium Series</b><br>Department of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania | February 2022  |
| <b>Legal Theory Workshop</b><br>McGill University Faculty of Law                              | November 2021  |
| <b>Suites, Streets, and States</b><br>Virtual, The American Bar Foundation                    | May 2021       |
| <b>International Meeting on Law and Society</b><br>Virtual due to Covid-19                    | May 2021       |
| <b>Crisis Conflict in Colombia</b><br>Virtual, University of Chicago Yale MacMillan Center    | May 2021       |
| <b>Police Legitimacy in the Americas</b><br>Virtual, Yale MacMillan Center                    | October 2020   |
| <b>American Sociological Association</b><br>Virtual due to Covid-19                           | August 2020    |
| <b>Latin American Criminal Justice Workshop</b><br>Santa Fe, Argentina                        | December 2019  |
| <b>Southern Criminology Meeting</b><br>Bogotá, Colombia                                       | November 2019  |
| <b>Canadian Law and Economics Meeting</b><br>Toronto, Canada                                  | September 2019 |
| <b>International Meeting on Law and Society</b><br>Washington, D.C.                           | May 2019       |
| <b>America Latina Crime and Policy Network</b><br>Washington, D.C.                            | September 2018 |

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| <b>American Association of Criminology Meeting</b><br>Philadelphia, PA            | November 2017 |
| <b>International Meeting on Law and Society</b><br>Mexico City, Mexico            | June 2017     |
| <b>Latin American Workshop in Punishment and Punitiveness</b><br>Bogota, Colombia | March 2015    |
| <b>Latin American Workshop in Law and Economics</b><br>Santiago, Chile            | November 2014 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Teaching Assistant, January 2020-March 2022</b><br>Social Experiments: Design and Generalization, Public Policy School<br>Maverick Markets: Cultural Economy and Cultural Finance, Sociology Department<br>Contemporary Social Theory, Sociology Department   | Chicago, Illinois      |
| <b>Academic Preceptor, September 2019-June 2020</b><br>Global Studies Department, Kimberly Hoang   | Chicago, Illinois      |
| <b>Lead Instructor Yale Young Global Scholars, Summer 2017-2018</b><br>Seminar: Does more Crime mean more Prisoners?   | New Haven, Connecticut |
| <b>Yale Teaching Fellow, August 2015-May 2017</b><br>American Economic History, Economics Department<br>Game Theory and Political Science, Political Science Department<br>Economics of Poverty Alleviation, Economics Department  | New Haven, Connecticut |
| <b>Adjunct Professor, January-August 2016</b><br>Research Quantitative Methods II, Sociology Department, Universidad del Rosario   | Bogota, Colombia       |
| <b>Adjunct Professor, January-August 2016</b><br>Economic Analysis of Law, Universidad de la Sabana Law School<br>Master International Law, Universidad de la Sabana, Law School   | Bogota, Colombia       |
| <b>Teaching Assistant, August 2009-June 2014</b><br>Constitutional Law and Economics (graduate), Universidad de los Andes Law School<br>History of Economic Analysis, Economics Department Universidad de los Andes<br>Introduction to Colombian Economy, Economics Department Universidad de los Andes<br>Unions in Colombia, Economics Department Universidad de los Andes | Bogota, Colombia       |

## SERVICE

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| Associate Editor, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>           | 2023-Current |
| Book Board Member, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>          | 2019-2022    |
| Student Representative, <i>Yale Law School</i>                   | 2016-2017    |
| Occasional Reviewer Law & Society                                |              |
| Occasional Reviewer American Sociological Review                 |              |
| Occasional Reviewer American Journal of Sociology                |              |
| Occasional Reviewer International Journal of Conflict & Violence |              |

## MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association  
American Bar Association  
American Law & Economics Association

## OTHERS

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COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS: R, STATA, LaTeX  
LANGUAGES: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (basic), Portuguese (basic)