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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science — University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, USA. Fall 2025–2030 (expected).

- Fulbright-Minciencias Scholarship Recipient for Doctoral Studies (2024).

Master of Laws (LL.M.) — Universidad de los Andes Bogotá, Colombia. 2018–2019.

- Academic Vice President fully funded research and teaching assistantship.
- Thesis: “ Fields, expectations, and difficulties of the participation of the human rights and victims' movement within the special legislative procedure -Fast Track (2016–2018).” Advisor: Antonio Felipe Barreto Rozo, Ph.D.

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) — Universidad de los Andes Bogotá, Colombia. 2008–2015.

- "Quiero Estudiar" merit and need-based full scholarship (2008–2016).

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Diploma in Drug Policy, Health, and Human Rights — CIDE, Central Region, Mexico. 2020.
- Leadership, Organizing, and Action: Leading Change (Certification) — Harvard Kennedy School, Executive Education Online. 2018.
- Clinical Seminar in Human Rights — Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. 2017.
- Bertha Justice Human Rights Global Convening — University of the Witwatersrand / CALS, Franschhoek, South Africa. 2018.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Asistant — Prof. Yanilda González, Ford Foundation Associate Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University June-August 2025.

- Provided specialized research support on the legal mechanisms for the investigation and sanctioning of aggressions and homicides committed by Colombia's public forces.
- Mapped and analyzed the strategies of social movements and victims' organizations for the enforcement of their rights through legal and social channels.
- Supported empirical documentation and analysis for publication in Prof. González's upcoming book on policing and democratic accountability.

Research Fellow, Drug Policy and Transitional Justice — Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE) Central Region, Mexico. August–October 2017.

- Awarded by the Open Society Foundation; contributed to the Drug Policy Program comparing transitional justice policies in Mexico and Colombia.
- Supervisor: Javier Treviño Rangel, Ph.D., Professor-Researcher, CIDE.

Research Assistant — Office of the Academic Vice President, Universidad de los Andes Bogotá. 2016–2017.

- Supported research and academic coordination for a portfolio of peace-oriented research responding to post-conflict educational needs in Colombia.
- Supervisor: Silvia Restrepo Restrepo, Ph.D., Vice President of Research.

Research Assistant — Socio-Legal Research Center (Cijus), School of Law, Universidad de los Andes Bogotá. 2013–2014.

- Contributed to "The Enforcement of Tutela Rulings in Colombia" (2012–2014), joint with Emory University and the World Bank.
- Supervisor: Isabel Cristina Jaramillo, Ph.D., Full Professor.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Researcher, and Legal Clinic Coordinator — Industrial University of Santander (UIS) Bucaramanga, Colombia. October 2020–February 2023.

- Designed and taught "Constitutional Theory", undergraduate Law program.

- Designed and taught "Research Methods", LL.M. in Human Rights.
- Co-founded and coordinated the "Carlos Gaviria Díaz" Strategic Litigation Legal Clinic.
- Submitted amicus curiae briefs on key rulings: freedom of speech (T-087-23, T-452-22); rights of indigenous communities (SU-545-23).

Teaching Assistant Fellow — Center for Interdisciplinary Development Studies (CIDER), Universidad de los Andes Bogotá. Fall 2018 & Spring 2019.

- Course: "Colombia: Space, Time, and Differences." Supervisor: Nathalia Franco B., Ph.D., Director CIDER.

Teaching Assistant Fellow — School of Government, Universidad de los Andes Bogotá. Spring 2016.

- Course: "The Right to the City." Supervisor: Amy Ritterbusch, Ph.D. (now UCLA).

Workshop Facilitator — School of Memory for Non-Repetition, MOVICE 2017–2019.

- Regular facilitator in Cesar, Caldas, Valle del Cauca, Santander, and Bogotá.

PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers and Conference Papers

- Carretero Pardo, J. J. (2026). The Systemic Research Approach: How Accountability Institutions Design Enables Investigating State-Criminal Networks. Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 24, 2026.
- Sanguino Cuéllar, K., & Carretero Pardo, J. J. (2026). From Body Counts to State-Criminal Accountability: How the Justice System Capacities Evolved to Prosecute Extrajudicial Killings in Colombia's Catatumbo. Working draft, April 2026. University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Carretero Pardo, J. J. (2026). Beyond Judicial Truth: Civil Society Methodologies and the Transformation of Legal Knowledge in Colombia's Transitional Justice. Working paper. University of Illinois at Chicago.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Carretero Pardo, J. J., & Ochoa Sterling, A. C. (2021). Disputed fields in the protection of social leaders in Colombia: The role of national and transnational networks of human rights movements in the fight against impunity. *IdeAs: Idées d'Amérique*, 17, 1–21. <http://journals.openedition.org/ideas/10381>

Book Chapters

- Carretero Pardo, J. J., & Rodríguez Sanabria, D. E. (2018). From the Havana talks to the Colombian Congress: Where were the victims' rights in the legislative implementation of the final peace agreement? In *Discussions on the implementation of the final peace agreement between the Colombian State and FARC-EP* (pp. 252–311). Bogotá D.C.: Universidad Libre.

Policy and Human Rights Reports

- Fundación Comité de Solidaridad con los Presos Políticos et al. (2020). Dismantling paramilitarism: Proposal for public policy guidelines.
- International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), & CAJAR. (2020, May). Colombia at risk of impunity: Blind spots of transitional justice regarding international crimes under ICC jurisdiction.
- Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo (CAJAR). (2019). Web of impunity: Voices of resilience against state and paramilitary violence in Magdalena Medio (1998–2000).
- Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo (CAJAR). (2019). The true story of the Wiwa people — From the heart of the world — in the context of the internal armed conflict (1990–2017).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Counsel, Judicial Representation — Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) Bogotá. February 2023–December 2024.

- Supervised 6 counsels and 2 legal assistants, representing over 2,079 individual and 26 collective victims of war crimes in Cases 3, 6, and 8.

- Secured the indictment of 25 army officials, including 5 generals, for 303 extrajudicial killings and forced disappearances in Casanare and 135 in the Caribbean region.

Attorney, International & Public Interest Litigation — Committee in Solidarity with Political Prisoners (CSPP) Bogotá. August 2020–June 2021.

- Focused on human rights defenders before the Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, and IACHR.
- Influenced landmark ruling on systemic human rights violations against defenders (SU-546/2023).

Consultant, International Litigation — International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) Bogotá. January 2019–June 2021.

- Case-building and advocacy before the JEP, IACHR, Truth Commission, and ICC.
- Contributed to the opening of three significant JEP cases involving extrajudicial executions, forced disappearances, and crimes against indigenous peoples (Cases 3, 8, and 9).

Senior Attorney, Public Interest Litigation — José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers' Collective (CAJAR) Bogotá. August 2016–June 2020.

- Public interest litigation before the Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, JEP, IACHR, and ICC. Submitted 30+ legal opinions on peace, environment, and social justice.
- Key victories: victims' rights in the JEP Procedure Law (C-590/2019, C-050/20); National Security Policy (C-040/20, C-069/20); sex workers' rights (C-590/2019); drugs as public health policy (Council of State, 201800444); state force in protests (Supreme Court, 20190252).

Attorney, Board Legal Advisor — Committee in Solidarity with Political Prisoners (CSPP) Bogotá. April–December 2015.

- National Legal Area and Prison Assistance: legal proceedings for prison populations, human rights defenders, and conflict victims; IACHR precautionary measures monitoring.

LANGUAGES

- Spanish: Native speaker.
- English: Advanced — TOEFL-ITP 106; Duolingo English Test 120.
- French: Intermediate — B1 (Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Qualitative: NVivo, process tracing, archival analysis, semi-structured interviews, PAR.
- Quantitative: R, Stata, LLMs to social science, agentic design.
- Project management: Slack, Monday, Meistertask, Trello (Kanban/Scrum).
- Productivity: Office 365, Google Workspace (advanced).
- Learning management: Blackboard Learn.

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