

Julian E. Gerez

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, ΦBK, 2017.

Honors Thesis: “Civil Resistance, armed insurgencies, and nontax revenue sources”

Minor in Spanish, Certificate in Integrated Marketing Communications

GPA: 3.77/4 | Political Science GPA: 3.88/4

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, American Institutes for Research

July 2017 – Present

- Conduct cognitive interviews to improve survey design for clients such as the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Center for Education Statistics
- Write literature reviews for primary researchers on statistical topics such as multi-level modeling
- Create code used to analyze data from large, cross-national studies in education in R, STATA, and SPSS
- Received “Spot Award” used to recognize employees who go above and beyond the norm

R. Barry Farrell Fellow (Research Assistant), Northwestern University

August 2016 – June 2017

- Awarded competitive fellowship to partner with Prof. Marina Henke and analyze trends in United Nations peacekeeping fatalities
- Compiled and analyzed datasets of 100K+ observations using STATA and Microsoft Excel
- Evaluated current news events and legislation to inform development of policy briefs on U.N. peacekeeping
- Acknowledged in published work such as “U.N. Fatalities 1948-2015: A new dataset” (Conflict Management and Peace Science, 2017) and “Has UN peacekeeping become more deadly? Analyzing trends in UN Fatalities” (Providing for Peacekeeping, 2016)

Research Assistant, Bank of the Republic (Colombia)

June 2016 – July 2016

- Served in cross-functional roles across multiple research teams
- Cleaned datasets, extracted data, and authored literature reviews on topics ranging from corruption to trade
- Designed database of income, investments, and operating costs among 100K+ Colombian municipalities

Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University

May 2016 – May 2017

- Researched the effects of nontax revenue sources on the likelihood of nonviolent and violent resistance campaigns
- Developed 50K+ observation dataset
- Performed logistic and negative binomial regression analyses to evaluate relationship between variables

Ted and Cora Ginsberg Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient, Northwestern University
May 2015 – August 2015

- Coded 3K+ data points, managed dataset, performed linear regression analyses and qualitative analyses
- Composed 10K+ word scientific research paper documenting effects of timber in contemporary civil wars
- Presented at Northwestern Undergraduate Research Exposition, earning 1st place in Social Science & Humanities category

PROFICIENCY AND SKILLS

Languages: English (IRL5 – Fluent/Native), Spanish (IRL5 – Fluent/Native)

Statistical software: Microsoft Excel (experienced), STATA (experienced), R (intermediate), SPSS (intermediate), SAS (beginner)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Certificate of Achievement in Quantitative Skills, June 2017

Political Science Departmental Honors, June 2017

R. Barry Farrell Fellowship, April 2016

Social Science and Humanities Morning poster session 1st place – Northwestern Undergraduate Research Exposition, June 2016

Ted and Cora Ginsberg Undergraduate Research Grant, May 2015 – \$1,500

POSTERS, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Julian E. Gerez. “The Political Economy of Timber in Civil Wars: Geography, Production, Exports, and Patronage Politics.”

- Northwestern Undergraduate Research & Arts Exposition, Evanston, Illinois, June 1, 2016
- Received first place award in the Social Science and Humanities category

Julian E. Gerez. “The extradition dilemma: international accountability and violence in Colombia.”

- Forthcoming presentation at the “International Politics: Conflict and Security” Workshop held at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 4-6, 2018

Julian E. Gerez. “Beyond performance: do urban students perceive science issues differently than their non-urban peers?”

- Forthcoming paper at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Mexico City, Mexico, March 25-29, 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Engagement Co-Chair, Northwestern University Dance Marathon

April 2016 – April 2017, Evanston, Illinois

- Partnered with executive board peers, University administrators, and city officials to execute one of the largest student-run philanthropies in the country, raising highest ever cash total of \$1M+

- Implemented accessible fundraising initiatives and community service opportunities for dancers who contributed 450+ service hours

Peer Adviser, Office of New Student and Family Programs

March 2014 – June 2017

- Led and advised two classes of incoming students during orientation and first year
- Trained extensively in sexual and mental health, diversity, and inclusion initiatives to oversee discussions, provide resources, and serve as a personal mentor to incoming students

Vice-President for Standards, Northwestern University Interfraternity Council

January 2016 – January 2017

- Served as the executive vice president of the IFC executive board
- Created the IFC's first constitutionally embedded need-based scholarship program to improve financial accessibility, awarding more than \$4,500 in scholarships by the end of my term
- Completed extensive training in advocacy and sexual culture to provide education sessions and lead discussions for individual chapters

Campus Tour Guide, Northwestern University Office of Undergraduate Admissions

April 2015 – June 2017, Evanston, Illinois

- Led campus tours for prospective Northwestern students

Assistant Editor, The Daily Northwestern

September 2013 – May 2015, Evanston, Illinois

- Wrote 150+ articles and columns on local Evanston news, including breaking crime stories
- Oversaw recruitment and training of 20+ new reporters as development editor
- Edited 15+ stories per week for grammar and style

HIGH SCHOOL

MAST Academy High School

Diploma, *magna cum laude*

AP Scholar with Distinction

PSTA Young Writer's Award

GPA: 3.92/4

Extracurricular activities:

National High School Social Studies Honor Society – 3 years

- Vice-president
- Captain of Geography Bee team

The Beacon: MAST Academy's Student Newspaper – 2 years

- Opinions editor

Spilt Milk: MAST Academy's Literary Magazine – 1 years

- Editor-in-chief

Varsity Soccer – 3 years