



I graduated in 2009 from Yale University with a Bachelor's Degree in philosophy. During this time, I also pursued my interests in politics, regularly taking courses in political science. Afterwards, I continued my studies at the George Washington University Law School, where I focused on corporate law and litigation. My thesis examined potential constitutional limits on penalties in copyright law.

Upon graduating, I served as a fellow with the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General, helping handle major litigation, including class action suits and cases seeking injunctive relief from the city. I subsequently worked with the Social Security Administration, reviewing disputed disability claims and making recommendations to the administrative law judges on how to proceed with cases.

It was during this time that I began expanding my interests in international affairs, particularly those involving transatlantic relations. I learned to speak German, and began to engage the German speaking community in Washington, D.C. I learned of the International Parliamentary Scholarship, a fellowship program sponsored by the German Bundestag which invites young professionals from over 35 different nations to work with Member of Parliament. I used the opportunity to engage not only the German political community, but establish personal and professional connections throughout Europe. My work in Germany including examining the development of medical research Germany and the US.

It was also during this time that I began to develop my growing interest in the energy industry. During my time in Germany and since then I have studied developments in the field, both in the US and abroad. Thus far, I have taken a broad approach, learning aspects of the scientific, economic, and security issues inherent in energy use and development. This past February, I participated in a transatlantic conference bringing together young Americans and Germans to meet various stakeholders in Germany and discuss current issues affecting the transatlantic community. The Atlantic Expedition, as the event was called, presented me with the opportunity to explore my ideas in the field of energy development and security from a transatlantic perspective, ultimately publishing a joint paper with the other conference participants.

It was this track that brought me to SAIS. I intend to focus on the Energy, Resources and Environment Program, developing the necessary skills to play an active role in the rapidly changing energy field, both in the United States and abroad. I am particularly interested in renewable energy finance and development due not only to its importance for the future, but due to the complex range of political and legal issues that it presents. This is to say nothing of the vast opportunities available abroad, helping developing energy systems in developing nations or resolving energy security disputes in every region of the world.

I was born in Guadalajara, Mexico. In addition to fluent English and Spanish, I also speak fluent German and I am increasingly developing my command of French.