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## Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh – expected 2018

Dissertation: *Why do Corrupt Politicians Win Elections? Explaining the Variation of Political Accountability in Developing Countries*

Committee: Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, Scott Morgenstern, Steven Finkel, Victoria Shineman, and Steven Levitsky (Harvard).

Graduate Certificate in Latin American Social and Public Policy, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

M.A. Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

B.A. Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, 2007

Exchange Student, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium, 2005-2006

## Visiting Positions and Affiliations

German Institute for Global and Area Studies. Hamburg, Germany.

2017-2018, Visiting Researcher

Universidad de Los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.

Spring 2015, Visiting Researcher

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Do Corrupt Politicians Mobilize or Demobilize Voters? A Vignette Experiment in Colombia." *Latin American Politics and Society* (2018): 1-19. With Miguel Carreras.

"Ecuador: Democracy after nine years of Rafael Correa's Citizen's Revolution." *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 36, No. 1, 2016: 347-365. With Santiago Llanos-Escobar.

## Work in Progress

"Conditional Corruption Costs: Experimental Evidence from Peru."

"Sources of Centrifugal Political Ambition of Legislators in Latin America."

"Incivility and Its Political Consequences for Democracy." With Aníbal Pérez-Liñán.

"Scandals, Clientelism, and their Effects on Political Representation: Comparative Analysis of Chile and Colombia." With Felipe Botero.

## Selected Publications

"Portfolio allocation and cabinet design strategies in Peru." In: Martinez-Gallardo, Cecilia and Marcelo Camerlo (eds.) *Government Formation and Minister Turnover in Presidential Cabinets: Comparative Analysis in the Americas*. Routledge, 2017. With Miguel Carreras.

*Voces del Cambio en el Sector No Estatal Cubano*. Iberoamericana, 2016. With Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Roberto Veiga Gonzalez, Lenier Gonzalez Mederos, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. Translated in English as: *Voices of Change in Cuba from the Non-State Sector*. University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018.

"Peru: La dinámica neo-dualista de una democracia sin sistema de partidos." In: Cameron, Maxwell and Juan Pablo Luna (eds.) *Democracia en la Región Andina: Diversidad y Desafíos*. Lima: IEP, 2010. With Martín Tanaka.

"Think tanks and political parties in Peru: Institutional weakness and informal networks." In: Mendizabal, Enrique and Kristen Sample (eds.): *Dime a quien escuchas... Think tanks and political parties in Latin America*. Lima: IDEA International, 2009. With Martín Tanaka and Rodrigo Barrenechea.

"Elecciones en los Estados Unidos: Actores, reglas y estrategias." [U.S. Elections: Actors, rules, and strategies.] *Revista Argumentos*, year 6, No. 5, 2012. With John Polga-Hecimovich.

"Radiografía a la política en las regiones: tendencias a partir de la evidencia de tres procesos electorales (2002, 2006, 2010)." *Revista Argumentos*, year 4, No. 5, 2010.

"El neo-dualismo de la política peruana." [Neo-dualism of Peruvian politics.] *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 28, No. 1, 2008: 347-365. With Martín Tanaka.

## Conference Presentations

"Scandals, Clientelism, and their Effects on Political Representation: Comparative Analysis of Chile and Colombia." With Felipe Botero. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA), San Francisco, CA Aug 31-Sep 3, 2017.

"Conditional Corruption Costs." Paper presented at the XXIX Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Lima, Peru May 21 - 24, 2017.

"The Heterogeneous Effect of Corruption: Experimental Evidence from Peru." Paper presented at the Visions in Methodology (VIM), Davis, CA May 16 - 18, 2016, and at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA), Philadelphia, PA September 1-4, 2016.

“What Motivates Politicians to Build Legislative Careers?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington, DC August 28 - 31, 2014.

“New Cabinet Dynamics in the Aftermath of Party System Collapse.” With Miguel Carreras. Paper presented at the XXVIII Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Chicago, IL May 21 - 24, 2014.

“Party Nationalization and Decentralization: The Impact of Party Nationalization on Public Spending.” Paper presented at the XXVII Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA), May 30-June 1, 2013, Washington D.C.

“Why Do Some Legislators Not Seek Reelection? Legislative Political Ambition in Latin America.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA), April 2012, Chicago.

## **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

- 2017 Long-Term Research Grant, DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service
- 2016 Andrew Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2016 Travel Award for the 2016 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association
- 2016 Lieberman Award, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2015 Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2015 Research Grant, International Studies Fund, University Center for International Studies
- 2014 Fieldwork Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Government
- 2013 Fieldwork Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2012 Alfredo and Luz Maria Gutierrez Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2012 Fieldwork Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies
- 2011 Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2010 British Chevening Scholarship, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2008 Summer School Scholarship, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

## **Additional Academic Training**

Text Analytics. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (2015)

Introduction to Hierarchical Linear Models. University of Pittsburgh School of Education (2015)

Institute of Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR). Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University (2015)

Seminar on Democracy and Public Policy. The London School of Economics and the Hansard Research Scholars Program (2010)

Summer School on Applied Research Methods in Political Science. Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex (2008)

## Teaching Experience

### **Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh**

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics (2015)

Teaching assistant for Professor Andrew Lotz, Political Theory (2015)

Teaching assistant for Professor Barry Ames, Latin American Politics (2014, 2013)

Teaching assistant for Professor Guy Peters, Introduction to Comparative Politics (2014)

Guest lecturer in Comparative Politics, Topic: Civility and Democratic Values (2017)

Guest lecturer in Comparative Politics, Topic: Interest Groups (2014)

Guest lecturer in Latin American Politics, Topic: Modernization Theory (2013)

### **Department of Social Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú**

Teaching assistant for Professor Martín Tanaka, Parties and Party Systems in Latin America (2010)

Teaching assistant for Professor Martín Tanaka, Comparative Political Analysis (2009, 2010)

## Service

Co-coordinator, Conference: "Reforming Communism: Cuba in Comparative Perspective", University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

Student representative, Search Committee for the William S. Dietrich Endowed Chair in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Student representative, Search Committee for an Assistant Professor in International Relations or Comparative Politics, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Co-coordinator, Conference: "Latin American Social and Public Policy", Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

## Other Relevant Experience

Supreme Court of Justice, Lima, Peru	2011
Electoral Reform Services, London, UK	2010
Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, Lima, Peru	2005-2010
Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Lima, Peru	2002-2003

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Latin American Political Science Association (ALACIP), Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

## Skills

### Software

Proficient in statistical analysis (R and Stata)

Proficient in qualitative analysis (MaxQDA)

Basic use of Python for web scraping and text mining

### Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)

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