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Academic Employment

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Kansas, 2020- current.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Reed College, 2019-2020

Education

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2019

Dissertation: *Challenging Impunity: Electoral Accountability for Corruption in Latin America*

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.

M.A. Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.

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

Exchange Student, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Accepting or Resisting? Citizen Responses to Corruption Across Varying Levels of Competence and Corruption Prevalence." *Political Studies*, 68(3), 653–670.

"Do Corrupt Politicians Mobilize or Demobilize Voters? A Vignette Experiment in Colombia." *Latin American Politics and Society*: 60 (3), 77-95. With Miguel Carreras.

"Ecuador: Democracy After Nine Years of Rafael Correa's Citizen's Revolution." *Revista de Ciencia Política*: 36 (1), pp. 347-365. With Santiago Llanos-Escobar.

Books and Book Chapters

"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.

Conference Presentations

"Electoral Accountability in Fluid Party Systems: Experimental Evidence from Latin America." Poster presented at the Latin American Political Methodology Meeting, Bogotá, Nov 8-9, 2018.

*** Best Poster Award from the Latin American PolMeth meeting.**

"Corruption, 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), Boston, MA Aug 30-Sep 2, 2018.

"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

2020 Grant CONACYT Paraguay

2019 Stillman Drake Fund, Faculty Development (Reed College, Dean of the Faculty)

2018 Latin American PolMeth Best Poster Award, Society of Political Methodology

2017 Long-Term Research Grant, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

2016 Andrew Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

2016 Travel Grant for the 2016 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association

- 2016 Edward and Marian Lieberman Political Science Dissertation Award, 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

- Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences. Essex Summer School (2020)
- Writing Questions for Surveys. Michigan Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques (2020)
- 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, Reed College

- Instructor, POL 331 Quantitative Methodology for Political Science (Spring 2020)
- Instructor, POL 335 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2020)
- Instructor, POL 323 Elections, Parties, and Voters in Developing Democracies (Fall 2019)
- Instructor, POL 325 Comparative Study of Political Corruption (Fall 2019)

Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 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)

Service

Reviewer for: Journal of Politics, Electoral Studies, Latin American Research Review, Revista de Ciencia Política de la Universidad Católica de Chile, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and Governance.

Panel Organizer: "Corruption and Political Accountability: Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Designs", LASA Conference, Barcelona, 2018 (with Nara Pavao).

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

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), Political Methodology (PolMeth), 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

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