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Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science University of Utah	2020-
Assistant Professor of Political Science Utah State University	2016-2020

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science University of Notre Dame	2016
Recipient of the 2017 Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award in Social Sciences	
M.A. in Latin American Studies University of Texas at Austin	2010
B.A. with Honors in History Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá	2007

Books

“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies Against the Erosion of Democracy” *Cambridge University Press* (Forthcoming)

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

“When Handpicked Successors of Charismatic Leaders Prosper: The Surprising Success of Juan Manuel Santos in Colombia” with Caitlin Andrews-Lee in *Democratization* Published Online, 2022

“Corte al Congreso: Poder judicial y trámite legislativo en Colombia” with Sandra Botero in *Latin American Research Review* 56(3): 592-606, September 2021

“Who undermines the peace at the ballot box? The case of Colombia.” with Anna Pechenkina in *Terrorism and Political Violence* Published Online October 24, 2019.

“Are All Types of Wrongdoing Created Equal in the Eyes of Voters?” with Sandra Botero, Rodrigo Castro Cornejo, Nara Pavao, and David Nickerson in *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* Published Online August 12 2019

“Under Friendly Fire: Partisan Press, Political Fragmentation and Candidate Evaluations in Argentina” with Sandra Botero, Rodrigo Castro Cornejo, Nara Pavao and David Nickerson in *Electoral Studies* 60, August 2019

“El reajuste de la derecha colombiana. El éxito electoral del uribismo” in *Colombia Internacional*, 99, July 2019, pp. 187-214

“Opposition at the Margins: Strategies Against The Erosion of Democracy in Colombia and Venezuela” in *Comparative Politics* 49, No 4, July 2017

“Says Who? An Experiment on Allegations of Corruption and Credibility of Sources” with Sandra Botero, Rodrigo Castro-Cornejo, Nara Pavao and David Nickerson in *Political Research Quarterly* 68, no. 3 (September 1, 2015)

Invited Articles

“Latin America’s Shifting Politics: The Peace Process and Colombia’s Elections” *Journal of Democracy*, 29 No. 4, October 2018, pp. 54-64

“Venezuela: Aprofundamento do autoritarismo ou transição para a democracia?” in *Relações Internacionais: Edição Especial: A crise da democracia*. No. 52 (Dezembro 2016)

Book Chapters

“Parties and Regime Change in Latin America” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. February 2020. (Peer-Reviewed)

“De-Institutionalization without Collapse: Colombia’s Party System” with Juan Albarracín and Scott Mainwaring in *Latin American Party Systems: Institutionalization, Decay and Collapse*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

“Desde dos flancos: hacia una reconfiguración de la oposición en Colombia” with Juan Pablo Milanese in *Elecciones presidenciales y de Congreso en Colombia 2014: Representaciones fragmentadas y reconfiguraciones del sistema político colombiano*. Bogotá: Fundación Konrad Adenauer, 2015

“Alfredo Vásquez Carrizosa y el Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos” with Manuel Domingo Trujillo in *Derechos Humanos en Colombia 25 Años*. Bogotá, Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos, 2004

Book Reviews

The Politics of Institutional Weakness in Latin America. Edited by Daniel M. Brinks, Steven Levitsky, and Mara Victoria Murillo. *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(2), 652-653 (2021)

The Fates of Political Parties: Institutional Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Latin America. By Jennifer Cyr & *State Crisis in Fragile Democracies: Polarization and Political Regimes in South America*. By Samuel Handlin. *Perspectives on Politics*, 17(3), 907-909 (2019)

Works in Progress

Under Review

“Can Americans Depolarize? Assessing the Effects of Reciprocal Group Reflection on Partisan Polarization” with Hannah Baron, Rob Blair, Donghyun Danny Choi, Jessica Gottlieb, Amanda Robinson, Steven Rosenzweig, Megan Turnbull and Emily West (Under Review)

Working Papers

“Public Opinion and Transitional Justice in Colombia” with Juan Albarracín

“Legislative Obstruction through the Court: Congress and the Constitutional Court in Colombia” with Sandra Botero

“Under a Straitjacket: Party System Institutionalization, Polarization, and Backsliding”

“The Uneven Success of Uribismo in Colombia” with Juan Albarracín and Juan Pablo Milanese

Other Publications

“Colombia’s police are cracking down on protests. That may be backfiring” *Monkey Cage*, May 14, 2021

“How the Venezuelan Opposition Lost a Golden Opportunity and the International Community Let it Do So” *Mischiefs of Faction*, December 18, 2020

“La democracia latinoamericana sin Trump” *Latinoamérica21*, November 25, 2020.

“The Strategy: To Delay and Delegitimize” *Latinoamérica21*, November 6, 2020.

“Participar or abstenerse? Elecciones parlamentarias en Venezuela” *Latinoamérica21*, August 22, 2020

“What should the opposition do in authoritarian regimes? Here are lessons from Bolivia” *Mischiefs of Faction*, February 21, 2020

“Why Venezuela’s Regime Hasn’t Collapsed” *Foreign Affairs*, May 30, 2019

“The Venezuelan Opposition’s (Surprising) Rise from the Ashes,” *IACL-AIDC Blog*, May 1, 2019

“Venezuela is getting a new constitution whether the people want it or not” with Raúl Sánchez-Urribarri, *The Conversation*, July 23, 2017

“Venezuela has lost its democratic façade,” *The Conversation*, April 12, 2017

“Venezuela on the verge of dictatorship: Can dialogue or demonstrations turn it around?” with Raúl Sánchez-Urribarri, *The Conversation*, December 16, 2016

“To Talk or Not to Talk? Debating Opposition Strategies in Venezuela,” *Global Observatory*, November 22, 2016

Teaching Experience

University of Utah

Politics of Latin America	Fall 2020, Spring 2022
The Politics of Authoritarianism	Spring 2021
Democracy in Latin America	Spring 2021
Introduction to Comparative Politics	Fall 2021
Cross-University Course on Democratic Erosion	Fall 2021

Introduction to Qualitative Methods Spring 2022

Utah State University

Cross-University Course on Democratic Erosion Spring 2019, 2020
Theory in Comparative Politics (*Graduate Seminar*) Fall 2017, Spring 2019
Global Issues Spring 2017
Latin American Government and Politics Fall 2016, 2018 and Spring 2017, 2020
United States and Latin America Fall 2016, 2017, 2018

University of Notre Dame

Research Methods in Political Science Spring 2015

Other

Political Science Department Statistical Consultant 2011-2013

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

Awards

Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award in Social Sciences 2017
Graduate School, University of Notre Dame

Grants

FORD-LASA Special Projects 2021
Ford Foundation and Latin American Studies Association (Participant)

CARE Award 2017
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University

Professional Development Award 2011 and 2012
Graduate School, University of Notre Dame

Professional Development Award 2011 and 2012
College of Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame

Tinker Summer Research Grant 2009
Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas

Fellowships

Dissertation Year Fellowship 2015-2016
Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

Dissertation Year Fellowship 2013-2014
Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Kellogg Institute PhD Fellowship 2010-2015
Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

Ana Mae Ford Foundation Fellowship 2009
Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas

Presentations

Invited Talks

“Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” October 6, 2021
Latin American Working Group - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“Foro Urgente about Colombia” (Panelist) May 17, 2021
Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies - University of Texas, Austin

“Can Americans Depolarize?” January 20, 2021
Political Science Behavioral Workshop - Temple University

“Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” June 17, 2020
Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico

”Crisis in Venezuela Continues” (Panelist) May 2020
5th Hemispheric Security Conference
Gordon Institute for Public Policy - Florida International University

“The Right in Latin America (Workshop)” October 2018
Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile

“Chávez’s Venezuelan Revolution: What Happened?” with Samuel Handlin October 2017
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

“Venezuela’s Crisis: What is happening, what can be done and why should we care?” with Kirk Hawkins and Samuel Handlin September 2017
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

“Opposition at the Margins: The Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” February 2017
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

“Says Who?: The Impact of Sources of Corruption Accusations in Colombia” 2014
Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá-Colombia

Conferences

“Making Colombia Great Again:
Why Uribeismo Keeps Reviving the War Cleavage in Colombia” 2021
Latin American Studies Association Conference, Online

“Partisan Succession in Charismatic Movements” 2019
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC

“How to Overpower a Populist: Democratizing Efforts in Colombia” 2019
Latin American Studies Association Conference, Boston, MA

“ ‘Chávez Vete Ya’: The Erosion of Democracy in Venezuela” 2018
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

“Preventing the Erosion of Democracy in Colombia” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Barcelona, España	2018
“Public Opinion and Support for Transitional Justice in Colombia” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA	2017
“The Glass Half Full: Deepening Authoritarianism or Beginning a Transition to Democracy?” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Lima, Perú	2017
“How We Fight: The Erosion of Democracy in Venezuela” Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico	2015
“Partisan Press, Political Fragmentation and Candidate Evaluations in Argentina” Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL	2014
“The Dynamics of Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL	2014
“Legitimate Autocrats: The Dynamics of Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop, Salamanca, Spain	2014
“Campaigning with Empty Pockets: Why the Liberal Party Wins Regional Elections in Colombia” Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política, Bogotá, Colombia	2013
“Says Who? The Impact of Sources of Corruption Accusations in Colombia” Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL	2013
“Campaigning with Empty Pockets: Why the Liberal Party Wins Regional Elections in Colombia” Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, CA	2012

Research Experience

Field Research in Colombia	2009, 2013
Field Research in Venezuela	2014

Professional Development

Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame	2016
Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame	2015
Institute for Qualitative and Multimethods Research Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	2013
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for Social Research University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	2011 and 2012

Skills and Languages

Skills

Statistical Analysis: Stata, R (basic knowledge), M-Plus (basic knowledge)

Languages

Spanish (Native)

English (Fluent)

Professional Service

Service to the Discipline

Peer reviewer for: *APSR, AJPS, JOP, ASR, Comparative Politics, Behavioral Politics, Democratization, Government and Opposition, Latin American Research Review, Journal of Latin American Studies, Revista de Ciencia Política, Colombia Internacional, America Latina Hoy, Colombia Internacional, Desafíos*

Section Chair MPSA	2021
Panel Discussant MPSA	2021
Panel Chair MPSA	2021
Panel Organizer APSA	2018
Panel Discussant APSA	2021
Book Discussant SPSA	2018
Panel Discussant LASA	2017, 2019, 2021
Panel Chair LASA	2017

Service to the University of Utah

Department's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee	2020-present
Reviewer for <i>Hinckley Journal of Politics</i>	2021
Faculty Advisor Model United Nations	2021-present
Organizer of the Politics Research Colloquium	2020-present
M.A. Thesis Advisor (one student)	2021-present
M.A. Thesis Committee Member (one student)	2020-2021
PhD Committee Member (three students)	2020-present

Service to Utah State University

Faculty Advisor "Women in Politics Club"	2018-2020
College of Humanities and Social Sciences Sub-committee on Inclusive Teaching	2019
Comparative Politics Search Committee	2016, 2017
M.A. thesis committee chair (two students)	2016-2019
M.A. thesis committee member (three students)	2016-2019
Peak Mentor (undergraduate researcher)	Summer 2019
URCO Mentor (undergraduate researcher)	2019-2020

Professional Associations

Member, American Association of Political Science

Member, Latin American Political Science Association

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