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Academic Appointments

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2020–.
Assistant Professor, Division of Ethnic Studies, July 2020–.
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Latin American Studies, July 2020–.

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research, 2019–2020.

Education

Ph.D., Government, Cornell University, 2019.
M.A., Government, Cornell University, 2015.
B.A., International Studies and French, *magna cum laude*, Allegheny College, 2011.

Publications

Book

In production. *Back to Black: Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation in Brazil*. Forthcoming with Cambridge University Press, expected September 2024. [Link](#)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2024. "Public Trust in Latin America's Courts: Do Institutions Matter?" *Government and Opposition* 59, no. 1: 146-167. (with Whitney Taylor.) [doi:10.1017/gov.2022.6](https://doi.org/10.1017/gov.2022.6)

2023. "Bolsonaro and the Black Vote: Racial Voting in Brazil's 2018 Election." *Latin American Politics and Society* 54, no. 4: 1-25. [doi:10.1017/lap.2023.8](https://doi.org/10.1017/lap.2023.8)

2022. "What Happened to the 'New Middle Class'? The 2016 BORP (Brazil's Once-Rising Poor) Survey." *Latin American Research Review* 57, no. 3: 573-589. (with Ben Junge, Sean Mitchell, and Charles Klein.) [doi:10.1017/lar.2022.41](https://doi.org/10.1017/lar.2022.41)

2022. "Tenuous Pacts and Multiparty Coalitions: The Politics of Presidential Impeachment in Latin America." *Journal of Latin American Studies* 54, no. 2: 283-311. (with Kenneth Roberts and Jose Sanchez Gomez.) [doi:10.1017/S0022216X22000219](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022216X22000219)

2021. "Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation." *World Politics* 73, no. 1: 1-51. [doi:10.1017/S0043887120000179](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0043887120000179)

*** Winner of the Brazilian Studies Association's Best Social Science Article Prize**

2018. "The Racialized Effects of Social Programs in Brazil." *Latin American Politics and Society* 60, no. 1: 52-75. [doi:10.1017/lap.2017.6](https://doi.org/10.1017/lap.2017.6)

Under Review

"Education, Perceived Discrimination, and Identity Voting: Evidence from Brazil's 2018 Election." Conditionally accepted at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

"Consequences of Corruption for Political System Support: Evidence from a Brazilian Scandal." (with Whitney Taylor)

Working Papers

"Social Class and the Paradox of Perceived Insecurity."

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Awards

Best Social Science Article Prize, Brazilian Studies Association, 2023.

Political Science Public Spirit Award, University of Utah, 2023.

APSA Best Dissertation Prize, Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, 2020.

Esman Dissertation Prize, Government Department, Cornell University, 2020.

Best Graduate Student Paper presented at REPAL, 2018.

External Grants and Fellowships

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (no. 1647203), 2017-19.

Fulbright-Hays Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 2016-17.

Internal Grants and Fellowships

Research Incentive Seed Grant, VPR and School of Cultural and Social transformation, 2024-25.

VPR Faculty Fellow Award, Spring 2025.

VP-NSF Cohort Program, University of Utah, 2023-24.

CSBS Junior Faculty Research Leave, University of Utah, Fall 2022.

Personal Transformation Grant (Transform), University of Utah, 2021.

International and Areas Studies Curriculum Development Grant, Center for Latin American Studies and the Asia Center, University of Utah, 2021.

Stone Center Faculty Professional Travel and Research Support, Tulane University, 2019.

Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Award, Tulane University, 2019.

Sage Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2018-19.

Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University, 2018.

Field Research Grant, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, 2018.

International Travel Grant, Cornell Graduate School, 2018.

International Travel Grant, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, 2017.

Conference Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association, 2017.

Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Award, Cornell University, 2016.

Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University, 2015.

International Travel Grant, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, 2015.

Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Award, Cornell University, 2015.

Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Award, Cornell University, 2014.

Sage Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2013-14.

Conferences and Presentations

"Consequences of Corruption for Political System Support: Evidence from a Brazilian Scandal," The Public and Democracy in the Americas Conference (LAPOP virtual conference), Nashville, TN, November 2023.

"Consequences of Corruption for Political System Support: Evidence from a Brazilian Scandal," American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, August-September 2023.

"Corruption Scandals and Judicial Trust: Evidence from Brazil," Southern Political Science Association Pre-Conference Workshop, St. Pete Beach, FL, January 2023.

"Bolsonaro and 'the Black Vote': Racial Voting in Brazil's 2018 Election," ALARI Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 2022.

"Education, Group Consciousness, and Vote Choice in Brazil's 2018 Election," American Political Science Association, Montreal, QC, September 2022.

"Bolsonaro and 'the Black Vote': Lessons from Brazil's 2018 Election," Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 2022.

"Corruption Scandals and Judicial Trust: Evidence from Brazil," Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 2022.

"Bolsonaro and 'the Black Vote': Lessons from Brazil's 2018 Election," Brazilian Studies Association, Washington, DC, March 2022.

"Public Trust in Latin America's Courts: Do Institutions Matter?" American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2021.

"Changes in Black Politics in Latin America," *Charlemos* Series of the Latin American Studies Association, University of Pittsburgh, July 2021.

"Race and Politics in 21st Century Latin America," David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, April 2021.

"Education and Racial Consciousness in Brazil," Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, October 2020.

"Group Consciousness and Political Engagement: Assessing Alternative Measures with Application to Brazil," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2020.

"Group Consciousness as Policy Feedback: Evidence from Education Policies in Brazil," Brazilian Studies Association, Austin, TX, March 2020. (Canceled)

"Contingent Confidence: Sources of Public Distrust in Latin America's Courts," Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 2020.

"Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation," First Continental Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies (ALARI), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 2019.

"Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation," Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, November 2019.

"Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation," Department of Political Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2019.

"Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation," Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), Ithaca, NY, September 2018.

"Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation," American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2018.

"What Is Political Identity? Concept Clarification with Insight from Brazil," Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 2018.

"Racial Reclassification, Education Reform, and Political Identity Formation in Brazil," Network for the Study of Political Economy in Latin America (REPAL), Bogotá, Colombia, June 2018.

"Racial Reclassification and Political Identity Formation," Mark Claster Mamolen Workshop on Afro-Latin America, Harvard University, May 2018.

"What Is Political Identity? Concept Clarification with Insight from Brazil," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2018.

"Racial Reclassification, Education Reform, and Political Identity Formation in Brazil," Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Lima, Peru, May 2017.

"The Racialized Effects of Social Programs in Brazil," Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Stony Brook University, New York, NY, April 2016.

"The Racialized Effects of Social Programs in Brazil," Conference on Race and Racism, Johns Hopkins University, December 2015.

"Race and the Politics of Inequality in Brazil," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Service

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and Religion, Race and Social Problems.

Department Service

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2023-present.

Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, Fall 2023.

Member, Transform Curriculum Committee, Fall 2021-present.

Member, IR Search Committee, Fall 2021.

Co-organizer, Political Research Colloquium, Political Science, Spring 2021-Spring 2022.

Member, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, Political Science, 2020-2023.

University Service

Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), Fall 2023.

Mentor, Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR), Summer 2023.

Guest Lecturer, Center for Equity and Student Belonging (CESB), March 2023.

Advisor, International Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, Fall 2022-present.

Other Service

Interview on 2022 election in Brazil, Fox13 News Utah, September 30, 2022.

Selection Committee, Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2022.

Teaching

Undergraduate

Introduction to Comparative Politics
Politics of Identity and Inequality
Race and Ethnicity in Latin America

Graduate

Politics, Groups, and Identities
Comparative Politics Proseminar
Political Change

Advising

Current Students

Alex Hall, Political Science (PhD)
Max Courval, Latin American Studies (MA, chair)
Ray Kenney, Latin American Studies (MA)
Katie Ahern, Latin American Studies (MA)

Graduated Students

Alisha Jensen, Political Science (MA, chair)
Corinne Clarkson, Latin American Studies (MA)
Casey Smith, Latin American Studies (MA)

Language Skills

Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic), English (native).

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Network for the Study of Political Economy in Latin America (REPAL)
Latin American Studies Association
Brazilian Studies Association

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