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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* (October 2022)

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* 29 (6): 1116-1136, February 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

Translation: “Oposición en los márgenes: Estrategias contra la erosión de la democracia en Colombia y Venezuela” *Desafíos* 34(2), June 2022

“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

“Polarización(es), populismo(s) y democracia(s).” with Mauricio Jaramillo Jassir in *Desafíos*, 34(2) (Published Online)

“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

“¿Quiénes merecen? Estereotipos sobre grupos armados y opiniones sobre el acuerdo de paz” in *Paz y Opinión Pública en Colombia*. Bogotá: Editorial Uniandes and Editorial Universidad del Rosario. (Forthcoming)

“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 María 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

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

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”

“Polarization in Colombia: The Impact of Depolarizing Twitter Messages” with Sandra Botero and Lisa Zanotti.

Other Publications

“El país que dejó Duque” *Razón Pública* July 31, 2022

“Colombia’s new president aims to swing his country left. It won’t be easy” with Juan Albarracín and Sandra Botero *Monkey Cage*, June 30, 2022

“Colombia’s police are cracking down on protests. That may be backfiring” with Juan Albarracín *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

Proseminar Comparative Politics (Graduate)	Fall 2022
Qualitative and Interpretive Methods (Graduate)	Spring 2022, 2023
Politics of Latin America	Fall 2020, Spring 2022
The Politics of Authoritarianism	Spring 2021, Fall 2022
Democracy in Latin America	Spring 2021
Introduction to Comparative Politics	Fall 2021
Cross-University Course on Democratic Erosion	Fall 2021, Spring 2023

Utah State University

Cross-University Course on Democratic Erosion	Spring 2019, 2020
Theory in Comparative Politics (Graduate)	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
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Other

Political Science Department Statistical Consultant	2011-2013
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Awards, Fellowships and Grants

Awards

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

FORD-LASA Special Projects Ford Foundation and Latin American Studies Association (Participant)	2021
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CARE Award College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University	2017
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Professional Development Award Graduate School, University of Notre Dame	2011 and 2012
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Professional Development Award	2011 and 2012
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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

Teresa Lozano Long Fellowship 2008-2010
Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas

Presentations

Invited Talks

“Opposition Strategies against Subnational Democratic Erosion in the U.S.” Dec 3, 2022
World Justice Forum - Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of democracy” Nov 23, 2022
V-Dem - University of Gothenburg, Sweden

“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of democracy” Sept 28, 2022
USAID

“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 Brigham Young University, Provo, UT	October 2017
“Venezuela’s Crisis: What is happening, what can be done and why should we care?” with Kirk Hawkins and Samuel Handlin University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT	September 2017
“Opposition at the Margins: The Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT	February 2017
“Says Who?: The Impact of Sources of Corruption Accusations in Colombia” Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá-Colombia	2014

Conferences

“Making Colombia Great Again: Why Uribismo Keeps Reviving the War Cleavage in Colombia” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Online	2021
“Partisan Succession in Charismatic Movements” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC	2019
“How to Overpower a Populist: Democratizing Efforts in Colombia” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Boston, MA	2019
“ ‘Chávez Vete Ya’: The Erosion of Democracy in Venezuela” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA	2018
“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” 2013
Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL

“Campaigning with Empty Pockets: Why the Liberal Party Wins Regional Elections
in Colombia” 2012
Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, CA

Research Experience

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

Professional Development

Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate 2016
Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame

Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate 2015
Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame

Institute for Qualitative and Multimethods Research 2013
Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for Social Research 2011 and 2012
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

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

Editorial Board *Análisis Político* 2022-present
Co-editor Special Issue *Desafíos* 2022

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*

MPSA

Section Chair 2021

Panel Discussant 2021

Panel Chair 2021

APSA
Panel Organizer 2018
Panel Discussant 2021, 2022
Book Discussant 2022

LASA
Panel Discussant LASA 2017, 2019, 2021
Panel Chair LASA 2017

SPSA
Book Discussant SPSA 2018

Service to the University of Utah

Coordinator of the “Women in Politics” Graduate group 2021-present
Department’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee 2020-present
Reviewer for *Hinckley Journal of Politics* 2021, 2022
Faculty Advisor Model United Nations 2021-present
Organizer of the Politics Research Colloquium 2020-present
M.A. Thesis Advisor (two students) 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

References

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