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Appointments

Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Harvard University	2023-24
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)

Awarded the 2022 Donna Lee Van Cott Award for best book in political institutions (Political Institutions Section - LASA)

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, 2022

“Who undermines the peace at the ballot box? The case of Colombia” with Anna Pechenkina in *Terrorism and Political Violence* 34(2):197-217, 2022.

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

“Are All Types of Wrongdoing Created Equal in the Eyes of Voters?” with Sandra Botero, Rodrigo Castro Cornejo, Nara Pavao, and David Nickerson en *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 31(2):141-158, 2021

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

“El reajuste de la derecha colombiana. El éxito electoral del uribismo” in *Colombia Internacional*, No. 99: 187-214, 2019

“Opposition at the Margins: Strategies Against The Erosion of Democracy in Colombia and Venezuela” in *Comparative Politics* 49(4): 457-477, 2017

Traducción: “Oposición en los márgenes: Estrategias contra la erosión de la democracia en Colombia y Venezuela” *Desafíos* 34(2), 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 (3): 493-504, 2015

Invited Articles

“How Oppositions Fight Back” in *Journal of Democracy*, 34(3): 90-104.

“Polarización(es), populismo(s) y democracia(s)” con Mauricio Jaramillo Jassir in *Desafíos*, 34(2): 1-20, 2022

“Latin America’s Shifting Politics: The Peace Process and Colombia’s Elections” in *Journal of Democracy*, 29 (4): 54-64, Octubre 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” with Juan Albarracín 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 Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Oxford University Press, 2021

“De-Institutionalization without Collapse: Colombia’s Party System” with Juan Albarracín y Scott Mainwaring in *Latin American Party Systems: Institutionalization, Decay and Collapse*. 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*. 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 Per-

manente 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)

Reports

Analysis Trends in Democratic Attitudes: Colombia Report with Sandra Botero in *NORC at the University of Chicago*, January 2023

Opening Democratic Spaces: Venezuelan Case Study NORC at the University of Chicago, May 2023

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

“Polarizing Rhetoric in Colombia’s 2022 Presidential Campaign” with Sandra Botero and Lisa Zantotti.

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”

“Opposition to Subnational Democratic Erosion in the United States”

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

Donna Lee Van Cott Award Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association	2023
Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award in Social Sciences Graduate School, University of Notre Dame	2017

Grants

FORD-LASA Special Projects Ford Foundation and Latin American Studies Association (Participant)	2021
CARE Award College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University	2017
Professional Development Award Graduate School, University of Notre Dame	2011 and 2012
Professional Development Award College of Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame	2011 and 2012
Tinker Summer Research Grant Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas	2009

Fellowships

Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	2023-2024
Kellogg Visiting Fellow (<i>declined</i>) Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame	2023-2024
Dissertation Year Fellowship Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame	2015-2016
Dissertation Year Fellowship Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame	2013-2014
Kellogg Institute PhD Fellowship Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame	2010-2015
Ana Mae Ford Foundation Fellowship Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas	2009
Teresa Lozano Long Fellowship Teresa Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas	2008-2010

Presentations

Invited Talks

- “Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy” April 20, 2023
University of Illinois - Chicago (Chicago IL)
- “Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy” April 17, 2023
University of Georgia (Online)
- “Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of democracy” January 26, 2023
International Republican Institute (Online)
- “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 (Gothenburg, Sweden)
- “Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of democracy” Sept 28, 2022
USAID (Online)
- “América Latina: escenario político y tendencias actuales” (Panelist) June 2, 2022
Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (Online)
- “Challenges to Safeguarding Our Democracy” February 16, 2022
Suffolk University (Online)
- “Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” October 6, 2021
Latin American Working Group - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Online)
- “Foro Urgente about Colombia” (Panelist) May 17, 2021
LLILAS - University of Texas, Austin (Online)
- “Can Americans Depolarize?” January 20, 2021
Political Science Behavioral Workshop - Temple University (Online)
- “Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” June 17, 2020
Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) (Online)
- “Crisis in Venezuela Continues” (Panelist) May 2020
5th Hemispheric Security Conference
Gordon Institute for Public Policy - Florida International University (Online)
- “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

“The New Polarization in Latin America and its Implications for Democracy” 2022
American Political Science Association (Montreal, Canada)

“Making Colombia Great Again:
Why Uribismo 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” 2018
Latin American Studies Association Conference (Barcelona, España)

“Public Opinion and Support for Transitional Justice in Colombia” 2017
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA)

“The Glass Half Full:
Deepening Authoritarianism or Beginning a Transition to Democracy?” 2017
Latin American Studies Association Conference (Lima, Perú)

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

Member Public Administration Search Committee 2022

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 (three students) 2020-2021

PhD Committee Member (two 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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 Department of Political Science
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