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## Academic Appointments

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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

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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

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“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies Against the Erosion of Democracy” *Cambridge University Press*, 2022

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

## Articles

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### 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). 2022

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

“Corte al congreso: Poder judicial y trámite legislativo en Colombia” with Sandra Botero en *Latin American Research Review* 56(3). 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). 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. 2019

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

Translation: “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). 2015

### **Invited Articles**

“How Oppositions Fight Back” in *Journal of Democracy*, 34(3). 2023

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

“Latin America’s Shifting Politics: The Peace Process and Colombia’s Elections” in *Journal of Democracy*, 29 (4). 2018

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

### **Book Chapters**

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#### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

“The Uneven Success of Uribismo in Colombia” with Juan Albarracín and Juan Pablo Milanese in *The Recasting of the Latin American Right* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (*Forthcoming*)

“¿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.

### Invited Book Chapters

“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 Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos, 2004

### Book Reviews

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*The Politics of Institutional Weakness in Latin America*. Edited by Daniel M. Brinks, Steven Levitsky, and María Victoria Murillo. *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(2). 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).2019

### Commissioned Academic Reports

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*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

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#### 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 (R&R in *Political Behavior*)

“Polarizing Rhetoric in Colombia’s 2022 Presidential Campaign” with Sandra Botero and Lisa Zantotti. (R&R in *Latin American Politics and Society*)

#### 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

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“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 Albaracín and Sandra Botero *Monkey Cage*, June 30, 2022

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

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### 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

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### Awards

Donna Lee Van Cott Award	2023
Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association	
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

Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar	2023-2024
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	
Kellogg Visiting Fellow ( <i>declined</i> )	2023-2024
Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame	
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 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

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### Invited Talks

“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy” University of Illinois - Chicago (Chicago IL)	April 20, 2023
“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy” University of Georgia (Online)	April 17, 2023
“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of democracy” International Republican Institute (Online)	January 26, 2023
“Opposition Strategies against Subnational Democratic Erosion in the U.S.” World Justice Forum - Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)	Dec 3, 2022
“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of democracy” V-Dem - University of Gothenburg (Gothenburg, Sweden)	Nov 23, 2022
“Resisting Backsliding: Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of democracy” USAID (Online)	Sept 28, 2022
“América Latina: escenario político y tendencias actuales” (Panelist) Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (Online)	June 2, 2022
“Challenges to Safeguarding Our Democracy” Suffolk University (Online)	February 16, 2022
“Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” Latin American Working Group - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Online)	October 6, 2021
“Foro Urgente about Colombia” (Panelist) LLILAS - University of Texas, Austin (Online)	May 17, 2021
“Can Americans Depolarize?” Political Science Behavioral Workshop - Temple University (Online)	January 20, 2021
“Opposition Strategies against the Erosion of Democracy in Latin America” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) (Online)	June 17, 2020
“Crisis in Venezuela Continues” (Panelist) 5th Hemispheric Security Conference Gordon Institute for Public Policy - Florida International University (Online)	May 2020

“The Right in Latin America (Workshop)” Universidad Católica de Chile (Santiago de Chile, Chile)	October 2018
“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
<b>Conferences</b>	
“The New Polarization in Latin America and its Implications for Democracy” American Political Science Association (Montreal, Canada)	2022
“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” 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

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

## Professional Development

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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

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### Skills

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

### Languages

Spanish (Native)  
English (Fluent)

## Professional Service

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### Service to the Discipline

Editorial Board <i>Análisis Político</i>	2022-present
Co-editor Special Issue <i>Desafíos</i>	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**

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Member, American Association of Political Science  
Member, Latin American Political Science Association