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Academic Appointments

- 2022- Assistant Professor
Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Departamento de Ciencias Sociales
- 2020-2021 Adjunct Professor
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Departamento de Ciencias Sociales
- 2019-2020 Post-Doctoral Fellow
Harvard University, Weatherhead Center Research Cluster on Challenges to Democracy

Education

- 2019 PhD in Political Science
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Dissertation: "Populist Coalitions in Latin America: Polarization, Organization and Identity"
Dissertation Committee: Edward Gibson (Co-Chair), Steven Levitsky, James Mahoney (Co-Chair), Jason Seawright
- 2014 M.A. in Political Science
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2006 B.A. in Sociology
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Perú

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, Populism, Political Parties, and Methodology.

Manuscripts in Preparation

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“Standing on a House Divided: Populism and Polarization in Latin America” (Article)

“Challenge or Perish: The Fate of Anti-Establishment Challengers in Latin America”
(Article)

“When Leaders Become Parties: Populism, Charisma and Party-Building in the Andes”
(Article)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

“Populists and Technocrats in Latin America: Conflict, Cohabitation, and Cooperation”
(with Eduardo Dargent), *Politics and Governance*. December 2020, Volume 8, Issue 4, pp
509-519

“A Set Theoretic Approach to Bayesian Process Tracing” (with James Mahoney),
Sociological Methods and Research. *Sociological Methods & Research*. August 2019,
Volume 48, Issue 3, pp 451-484.

“The Many Roads to Rome: Family Resemblance Concepts in the Social Sciences” (with
Isabel Castillo), *Quality & Quantity International Journal of Methodology*. January
2019, Volume 53, Issue 1, pp 107–130.

“The Logic of Counterfactual Analysis in Historical Explanation” (with James
Mahoney), *The British Journal of Sociology*. January 2019, Volume 70, Issue 1, pp 306-
338.

Book Chapters

"Shaping the People: Populism and the Politics of Identity Formation in South America"
(with Jason Seawright). In *The Inclusionary Turn in Latin American Democracies*. Eds.
Steve Levitsky, Deborah Yashar, and Diana Kapiszewski. Cambridge University Press,
2021

“Historical Institutionalism and Democratization Studies” (with Edward Gibson and
Larkin Terrie). In *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism, 195-207*. Eds.
Orfeo Fioretos and Tulia Falleti. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016

Published Scholarly Work in Spanish

Book

Becas, bases y votos: Alianza para el Progreso y la political subnacional en el Perú. Lima:
Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, 2014

Selected Articles

“Peru 2013: La paradoja de la estabilidad” (with Paolo Sosa). In *Revista de Ciencia Política*. Vol. 34 n°1, 2014.

“El peso del contrapeso: el parlamento y el próximo gobierno.” In *Revista Argumentos*, Año 5 n°3. Lima, IEP, 2011.

“Elecciones regionales 2010. Liderazgos políticos en ciernes.” In *Revista Argumentos*, Año 4 n°5. Lima, IEP, 2010.

“La Libertad: Cambios y continuidades en el ‘sólido norte’.” In *Revista Argumentos*, Año 4 n°3. Lima, IEP, 2010.

Selected Book Chapters

“La relación entre investigación y políticas públicas en América Latina: un análisis exploratorio” (with Martín Tanaka and Jorge Morel). In *Vínculos entre conocimiento y política: el rol de la investigación en el debate público en América Latina*. Eds. Norma Correa and Enrique Mendizabal. Lima: CIES, ODI, UP, EBPDN, 2011.

“El Sancochado: el pragmatismo de las alianzas sin partidos.” In *Anti-candidatos: guía analítica para unas elecciones sin partidos*. Ed. Carlos Meléndez, Lima: 50+1; Mitin editores, 2011.

“PPK: auge y caída de una ilusión electoral.” In *Post-candidatos: guía analítica de sobrevivencia hasta las próximas elecciones*. Ed. Carlos Meléndez Lima: 50+1; Mitin editores, 2011.

Working Documents

“Political Incorporation (in Latin America): The concept, the variations, and the cases” (with Isabel Castillo). Documento de Trabajo ICSO Nro 26. Instituto de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile. July 2016

Book Reviews

Mainwaring, Scott (ed.), Party Systems in Latin America. Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse. *Party Politics*, forthcoming.

Grants and Fellowships

Research Grants and Fellowships

Minar Memorial Summer Award, Political Science Department, Northwestern University, 2017

Summer Research Grant, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Northwestern University, 2016

Graduate Student Dissertation Research Travel Award, The Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, 2015

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Mellon Foundation Fellowship in Interdisciplinary Studies, Interdisciplinary Cluster Initiative, 2013

Fulcher Fund for the Decision Sciences, Northwestern University, 2012

Comparative Historical Social Sciences Cluster Award, Northwestern University, 2012

Conference Travel Grants

Political Science Department, Northwestern University, 2018

Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2018

Buffett Institute for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, 2018

The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2018

Latin American Studies Association (declined), 2017

The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2017

Political Science Department, Northwestern University, 2014

Invited Presentations

“Populist Coalitions in Latin America.” David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University. September 2020.

Conference Presentations

"Shaping the People: Populism and Societal Polarization in Latin America." XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, 2019 (Paper accepted, but I could not attend the conference).

“The Shape of The People: Populist Coalitions in Latin America.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2018

“The People in Populism: Populist Coalitions in Latin America.” The Summer Conference on Economy and Society, European University Institute, 2018.

“Varieties of Populism: Extensive and Intensive Populist Coalitions.” XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, 2018.

“The Many Roads to Rome: Family Resemblance Concepts In the Social Sciences”. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2017.

“Mobilizing the People: Populism and Grassroots Mobilization in the Andes.” XXXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, 2017.

“A Set Theoretic Approach to Bayesian Process Tracing.” Author’s Workshop at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2016.

“Political Incorporation in Latin America: A Conceptual Analysis in Historical Perspective.” XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, 2015.

“Intimate Strangers: Historical Institutionalism and Democratization Studies”. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2014.

Additional Training

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Syracuse University, Summer 2017.

Northwestern University, Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Teaching Certificate Program 2015-2016.

Academic Service

Member of the Executive Council of the Political Institutions and Processes of the Latin American Studies Association 2018 – 2022.

American Political Science Association, member of the Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, 2017 – 2019.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Reviewer

Studies in Comparative International Development
Sociological Methods and Research
Theory and Society
Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies

References

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