Curriculum Vitæ

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Employment

United States Naval Academy
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2016-present

College of William and Mary
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government 2015-2016

Wake Forest University
Visiting Instructor, Department of Politics and International Affairs 2014-2015

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Quito
Visiting Instructor, Departamento de Ciencias Políticas 2012 & 2013

Education

University of Pittsburgh
Ph.D. Political Science 2015

Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito
M.A. Latin American Studies 2006

Dartmouth College
B.A. Government & Spanish 2004

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles


Forthcoming 2019. Student Attitudes Toward Campus Diversity at the United States Naval Academy: Evidence from Conjoint Survey Experiments, Armed Forces & Society (with John M. Carey and Yusaku Horiuchi)


2014. Seven Imperatives for Improving the Measurement of Party Nationalization with Evidence from Chile. Electoral Studies, 33: 186-199 (with Scott Morgenstern and Peter Siavelis)


Editor-Reviewed Journal Articles


Coordinator on LASA Forum special issue on Venezuela with Iñaki Sagarzazu and Raúl Sánchez Urribarri


Books


Book Chapters


2015. Desempeño económico y protesta ciudadana como causas de las caídas presidenciales: evidencia empírica en el caso ecuatoriano, in Democracia local y participación ciudadana desde una perspectiva
*latinamericana*, Ed. M.L. Eberhardt, Buenos Aires: Universidad Nacional Arturo Jauretche. 73-102. (with Santiago Basabe Serrano)


**Policy Papers and Other Publications**


Spanish translation: *Las raíces del estado fallido venezolano*

Chinese translation: 当前委内瑞拉危机的历史根源


2016. *Venezuelan Military Culture*. Miami: Florida International University (with Brian Fonseca and Harold Trinkunas)

2013. La (re-)reelección y el poder presidencial. *Carta Económica*, Quito, 19(8): 2-4


**Book Reviews**


**Manuscripts Under Revision**

Thinking Strategically: A Theory of Party (De-)Nationalization, with Evidence from Latin America. Revise and resubmit at *Party Politics*.

**Manuscripts under Review**

Competing Incentives of Candidate- Versus Party-Centered Vote Seeking under Free List Proportional Representation (with Thomas J. Mustillo)

The Political Prerequisites for Successful Governance: Why bureaucracy isn’t to blame (with Kenneth J. Meier, Mallory Compton, Miyeon Song, and Cameron Wimpy)

Electoral Commitment and Coalition Policymaking in Latin American Legislatures (with Jason Eichorst)
Manuscripts in Preparation

- Improving Service Delivery to Women? Legislative and Bureaucratic Representation, Political Contestation, and Subnational Education Outcomes in Argentina (with Lorena Moscovich)
- The Importance of Ballot Placement on Women’s Legislative Representation: A Natural Experiment from Ecuador
- Changing Party Landscapes: Electoral Reform and Sociological Shifts in Chile (with Kenneth Bunker)
- A Reanalysis of Pérez-Liñán's Theory of Presidential Impeachment using Boolean Probit (with Santiago Basabe-Serrano)
- Ring-Around-the-Red-Tape: Ideology, Agency Capacity, and the Logic of Bureaucratic Circumvention
- The Institutional Presidency in Comparative Perspective: Institutional Constraints, the Electoral Cycle, and Decree Use in the Americas
- When Presidents Delegate to the Military: Brazil’s Programa de Aceleração do Crescimento
- Context Matters: Democracy and Modes of Presidential Exit
- Modes of Presidential Exit and their Effects on Democracy
- Political Institutions, Polarization, and Government Reprisal: Punitive Federalism under Chavismo in Venezuela

Teaching

Courses taught

**U.S. Naval Academy**

- FP220: Political Science Research Methods
- FP230: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- FP323: Comparative Politics of Latin America
- FP471D: Coups and Impeachment in Comparative Perspective (Capstone Seminar)

**College of William and Mary**

- Govt203: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Govt338: Latin American Politics and Government
- Govt390: From Perón to Hugo: Populism in Latin America
- Govt150: Coups and Impeachment in Comparative Perspective (Freshman Seminar)

**Wake Forest University**

- Pol116: Introduction to International Relations
- Pol236: Latin American Politics
- Pol291: Research Design and Qualitative Methods
- Pol292: Quantitative Methods in Political Science

**Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Quito**

- Comparative Politics (M.A.)
Undergraduate Honors Advisor
Ana Miers (2018-2019)
Maeve Owens (2017-2018)
Taylor Adams (2016-2017)

Other advisory roles
Independent Study advisor, Rachel LaBuda (Spring 2018)
Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) Senior Advisor, “Venezuela: Can It Survive the Struggle?”, April 10-12, 2018

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards
Junior Naval Academy Research Council (NARC) Grant, June 1-July 31, 2018
Junior Naval Academy Research Council (NARC) Grant, June 1-July 31, 2017
University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science Umberger Post-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship ($2,000), 2013
University of Pittsburgh Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship (Full tuition and $19,610 stipend), 2012-2013 academic year.
University of Pittsburgh Arts and Sciences Social Science Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowship (Full tuition and $18,000 stipend), 2011-2012 academic year
University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) Graduate Student Field Research Grant ($2,500), 2011
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLASF) for the study of Portuguese (Full tuition and $18,000 stipend), 2010-2011 academic year
Summer research funding from the University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science ($2,000), 2010
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLASF) for the study of Portuguese (Full tuition and $16,000 stipend), 2009-2010 academic year
University of Pittsburgh International Studies Fund Award for summer research abroad, Ecuador-Peru ($400), 2009

Invited Talks and Addresses
“2018 Nicaraguan Protests: President Ortega’s Violent Crackdown”, The Hudson Institute, August 8, 2018
“Latinoamérica: Panorama Electoral 2018”, Webinar, Red Mexicana de Servidores Públicos, May 4, 2018
“A Guide to the 2018 Latin American Elections”, Roundtable discussion, Latin American Policy Association the McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, March 20, 2018
“The State of Democracy in Latin America”, Invited professor, Universidad Católica de Temuco, Temuco, Chile, March 12-17, 2018
“Corruption in Latin America: Is There Any Good News?”, The Hudson Institute, March 5, 2018

“Political Science Fieldwork”, capstone seminar, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, February 9, 2018

“Conversatorio: La crisis política en Venezuela” (“The Political Crisis in Venezuela”), Roundtable discussion at FLACSO-Ecuador, June 20, 2017

“The Ecuadorian Elections and their Implications for the Region”, at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA), Washington, DC, April 20, 2017


“Future Scenarios for Venezuela” at U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Miami, FL, August 15, 2016

“Political Science and Research in the U.S.”, meeting of the Ecuadorian Political Science Association, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador, May 25, 2016

“Venezuelan Military Culture” at Florida International University, Miami, FL, February 8-9, 2016

“Overcoming the Regional Cleavage? The (Unprecedented) Territorial Nationalization of Alianza PAIS” at FLACSO-Ecuador, July 2013

“Research Design in the Social Science” for thesis seminar, FLACSO-Ecuador, May 2011

“Dictablanda: Authoritarianism in Ecuador” at the University of California of Pennsylvania, February 2011

“Life in the Río de la Plata” for Center for Latin American Studies undergraduate research seminar, University of Pittsburgh, February 2011

“Quantitative Research Methods” for Center for Latin American Studies undergraduate research seminar, University of Pittsburgh, February 2010

“Quantitative Research Methods” for Center for Latin American Studies undergraduate research seminar, University of Pittsburgh, February 2009


Conference Participation


Track Chair for ‘Politics and Public Policy’ (2018)

Selection Committee for Donna Lee Van Cott Best Book Award, Latin American Political Institutions Section (2018)


European Political Science Association (EPSA) 2016

Red Europea de Política de Latinoamérica (REPLA) 2009

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) 2007
Service to the Profession

*Editorial board member*

*Revista Chilena de Derecho y Ciencia Política* 2018–present

*Book manuscript reviewer*

Notre Dame University Press, 2018
Oxford University Press, 2016, 2017
FLACSO-Mexico, 2016

*Journal manuscript reviewer*


*American Political Science Review;* *Local Government Studies;*
*American Journal of Political Science;* *Latin American Politics and Society;*
The *Journal of Politics;* *Latin American Research Review;*
*World Politics;* *Journal of Politics in Latin America;*
*British Journal of Political Science;* *Bulletin for Latin American Research;*
*Comparative Political Studies;* *The Latin Americanist;*
*Comparative Politics;* *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies;*
*Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization;* *Revista de Ciencia Política;*
*Party Politics;* *Política y Gobierno;*
*Electoral Studies;* *Brazilian Political Science Review;*
*Public Choice;* *DADOS–Revista de Ciências Sociais;*
*Political Research Quarterly;* *Revista Colombia Internacional;*
*Democratization;* *European Political Science Review;*
*International Journal of Public Opinion Research;* *European Political Science;*
*Parliamentary Affairs;* *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*
*Publius: The Journal of Federalism;*

*Professional memberships*

American Political Science Association (APSA) 2008–present
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2008–present
Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP) 2009–present
Ecuadorian Association of Political Science (AECIP) 2011–present

*Op–Eds and Political Commentary*

“The ‘Real Venezuela’ is Exactly What You Think” in *Panoramas*, University of Pittsburgh, June 12, 2018.

“Venezuelan Politics, Military, and Election Results” on the *Latin American Intersections Podcast* with Michael Scadden, June 8, 2018.


“Getting Rid of the President” (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán) in Presidential Power, Dublin City University, June 14, 2017.


“Ecuador votes on Sunday. These are 5 things you need to know”, The Monkey Cage in The Washington Post, February 17, 2017.

“A Return to Political Instability for Ecuador?” in AULA Blog, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, February 17, 2017.


“Brazil’s impeachment process is not a coup (or, how I learned to stop worrying and love impeachment)” in Latin America Goes Global, April 27, 2016.

*Named by editors as one of the ten best articles of 2015-2016


“¿Cómo se mide la moralidad de las acciones de WikiLeaks?” on Gurú Político, December 15, 2010, Mexico City, Mexico.

“Asamblea y transparencia” in Diario El Hoy, August 13, 2009, Quito, Ecuador.

Translations


Mesa-Lago, Carmelo. 2011. Will the VI Communist Party Congress agreements resolve Cuba’s economic and social problems? Presented at the 21st Annual Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), Miami, FL (25 pp, Spanish–English)

Consulting

Background consultant on Venezuela for HBO Program “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver”, 4 May 2018

Georgetown University Law Center for Applied Legal Studies Clinic, Expert testimony for U.S. political asylum request for Venezuelan national (pro bono), November 2017

King & Spalding LLP, Consultant on matters relating to Ecuador, April 2017–Present

Geopolitical Intelligence Services (http://www.geopolitical-info.com/en/), Risk analysis and political economic forecasting, Ecuador and Venezuela, April 2016–Present


Other Professional Skills

Professional Workshops

Revisiting Electoral Personalism, University of Chicago, Center for International Social Science Research, March 9-10, 2018

Democratic Governance in Less Industrialized Nations Workshop, University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany, June 20, 2016

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Workshop “Analyzing Multilevel and Mixed Models Using Stata”, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 16-20, 2010


Languages

English: Native
Spanish: Fluent (Alta-certified translator)
Portuguese: Professional proficiency

Software and Statistical Packages

Stata, R, ArcGIS, Maple, \LaTeX

References

1. Aníbal Pérez-Liñán
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