

Curriculum Vitæ

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Academic Positions

United States Naval Academy Associate Professor, Department of Political Science	2021-present
Universidad de Salamanca Visiting Researcher, Instituto de Iberoamérica	2022-2023
United States Naval Academy Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2016-2021
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

Edited Volumes

Forthcoming. *Authoritarian Consolidation in Times of Crisis: Venezuela under Nicolás Maduro*, Abingdon: Routledge (with Raúl Sánchez Urribarrí).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming. U.S.–Venezuelan Defense Relations under Chavismo, in *International Politics* (with Fabiana Perera)

Forthcoming. The Logic of Ambitious Legislators in Fluid Party Systems, in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (with Thomas J. Mustillo and Francisco Sánchez)

2022. Coaliciones reformistas y tipo de régimen: Una teoría del cambio electoral aplicado al Ecuador, *Revista Ecuatoriana de Ciencia Política*, 1(1): 81–100.

2022. Venezuelan Regional Elections, Democratic Backsliding, and Autocratization in the 2010s, *Regional and Federal Studies*, 32(4): 437–458.

2021. The Bureaucratic Perils of Presidentialism: Political Impediments to Good Governance in Latin America, *Journal of Policy Studies*, 36(4): 1–14.
2021. Student Attitudes Toward Campus Diversity at the United States Naval Academy: Evidence from Conjoint Survey Experiments, *Armed Forces & Society*, 47(2): 386–409 (with John M. Carey and Yusaku Horiuchi).
2020. Party, Candidate, and Voter Incentives under Free List Proportional Representation, *The Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 32(1): 143–167 (with Thomas J. Mustillo)
2019. Bureaucracy and the Failure of Politics: Challenges to Democratic Governance, *Administration & Society*, 51(10): 1576–1605 (with Kenneth J. Meier, Mallory Compton, Miyeon Song, and Cameron Wimpy).
2019. Bureaucratic Politicization, Partisan Attachments, and the Limits of Public Agency Legitimacy: the Venezuelan Armed Forces under Chavismo. *Latin American Research Review*, 52(2): 476–498.
2019. The Tools of Institutional Change under Post-Neoliberalism: Rafael Correa’s Ecuador. *Journal of Latin American Studies* 51(2): 379–408 (with Francisco Sánchez).
2018. Measures and Votes: Party Performance under Free List Proportional Representation with Evidence from Ecuador. *Electoral Studies*, 56: 124–135 (with Thomas J. Mustillo).
2017. Explaining Military Coups and Impeachments in Latin America. *Democratization* 24(5): 839–858 (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán).
2017. Crisis económicas y protestas sociales como explicación de las caídas presidenciales: un análisis de causalidad coyuntural múltiple aplicado al caso ecuatoriano. *Perfiles Latinoamericanos* 25(50): 129–153 (with Santiago Basabe).
2016. The Organizational Consequences of Politics: A Research Agenda for the Study of Bureaucratic Politics in Latin America. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 58(4): 56–79 (with Luis Alejandro Trelles).
2015. Here’s the Bias! A (Re-)reassessment of the Chilean Electoral System. *Electoral Studies* 40: 268–279 (with Peter Siavelis).
2014. Hacía una superación del clivaje regional? La evolución de la nacionalización de los partidos políticos ecuatorianos desde el retorno a la democracia. *América Latina Hoy*, 67: 91–118
2014. *Ni Chicha ni Limoná*: Party Nationalization in Pre- and Post-Authoritarian Chile. *Party Politics*, 20(5): 751–766 (with Scott Morgenstern and Peter Siavelis)
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)
2013. Tall, Grande, or Venti, but not Short: Comparing Presidential Powers in the U.S. and Latin America. *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, 5(2): 37–70 (with Scott Morgenstern and Sarah Shair-Rosenfield)
2013. Legislative Coalitions and Judicial Turnover under Political Uncertainty: The Case of Ecuador. *Political Research Quarterly*, 66(1): 153–166 (with Santiago Basabe Serrano)
2011. Coalition Erosion and Presidential Instability in Ecuador. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 53(2): 87–111 (with Andrés Mejía Acosta)
- Spanish translation: 2011. *Soluciones parlamentarias a las crisis presidenciales en Ecuador*. *Revista Latinoamericana de Política Comparada*, 4(1): 49–73 (with Andrés Mejía Acosta)
2006. Primary Elections and Candidate Strength in Latin America. *The Journal of Politics*, 68(3): 530–543 (with John M. Carey)

Editor-Reviewed Journal Articles

2024. Political Survival and... Authoritarian Consolidation? The Maduro Government and Venezuela's Political Crisis, *Pensamiento Propio*, 28(58): 17-49 (with Raúl Sánchez Urribarrí).
2021. Ecuador's Return to the Past. *Journal of Democracy*, 32(3): 5-18. (with Francisco Sánchez)
2019. La presidencia del ejecutivo unitario de Rafael Correa. *Revista Latinoamericana de Política Comparada*, 15: 99-122.
2017. Venezuelan Overview. *LASA Forum* 48(1): 35-38 (with Iñaki Sagarzazu and Raúl Sánchez Urribarrí)
- Coordinator on LASA Forum special issue on Venezuela with Iñaki Sagarzazu and Raúl Sánchez Urribarrí
2014. The 2013 Ecuadorian General Elections. *Electoral Studies* 34: 361-365. (with Jason Eichorst)
2013. Ecuador: Estabilidad institucional y la consolidación de poder de Rafael Correa. *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Chile 33(1): 135-160.

Monographs

2010. *Políticos, militares y ciudadanos: un análisis de las caídas presidenciales en Ecuador (1997-2005)*, Quito: Corporación Editora Nacional-Abya Yala

Book Chapters

2024. Latin America, in *The Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*, Eds. A. Croissant and L. Tomini. Abingdon: Routledge.
2024. Latin America: Between Governability Crises and the Impeachment Trap, in *Impeachment in a Global Context: Law, Politics and Comparative Practice*, Ed. C. Monaghan, A. Huq, and M. Flinders, Abingdon: Routledge. 100-115.
2023. Civil-Military Relations and Democracy in Latin America in the 2020s, in *Latin America in Times of Turbulence: Presidentialism under Stress*, Ed. M. Llanos and L. Marsteintredet, Abingdon: Routledge. 188-205.
2023. The Evolution of Crime Policy and Attitudes Toward Mano Dura in Ecuador, in *Mano Dura Policies in Latin America*, Ed. S. Cutrona and J. Rosen, Abingdon: Routledge. 99-114.
2023. La persecución de los secretos: cómo las agencias de inteligencia se arriesgan a socavar a los líderes, in *Inteligencia Estratégica del futuro: Pensamiento crítico e interconectado en un mundo global*, Ed. M.D. Ordóñez, Alcalá: Marcial Pons, Ediciones Jurídicas y Sociales. 99-112. (with Cullen Nutt)
2022. Divergent paths of (de-)politicization: the Colombian and Venezuelan public administrations, in *The Politics of Public Administration*, Eds. A. Ladner and F. Sager, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. 380-392.
2021. Venezuela: The Erosion of Security Capacity, in *Security and Democracy in Latin America*, Eds. G. Marcella, O. Pérez and B. Fonseca, Abingdon: Routledge. 157-174.
2021. Two Nations, One Revolution: The Evolution of Contemporary Cuba-Venezuela Relations', in *Venezuela's Authoritarian Allies: The Ties that Bind*, Ed. C. Arnson, Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center. 102-121. (with Brian Fonseca).
2020. Hacia una superación del clivaje regional? La evolución de la nacionalización de los partidos políticos ecuatorianos desde el retorno a la democracia, in *Antología de la Democracia Ecuatoriana, 1979-2020*, Eds. M. Calderón, Quito: Instituto de la Democracia. 279-320.
2020. Reshaping the State: The Unitary Executive Presidency of Rafael Correa, in *Assessing the Left Turn in Ecuador*, Eds. S. Pachano and F. Sánchez, New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 15-39.

2019. Ideologia versus Capacidade: Dilma Rousseff, as Forças Armadas, e o Programa de Aceleração do Crescimento, in *Instituições, Comportamento Político e Democracia*, Ed. L. Santana, Alagoas: Editora Universidade Federal de Alagoas (UFAL). 33–60.
2019. Bureaucracy in Latin America, in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Ed. G. Prevost, Oxford: Oxford University Press
2019. The Rise of Organized Crime in Venezuela under Chavismo, in *The Criminalization of the State: The Relationship Between States and Organized Crime*, Eds. J. Rosen, B. Bagley, and J. Chabat, Lanham: Lexington Press. 189–207.
2018. Presidential Candidate Selection in Comparative Perspective, in *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*, Ed. Sandy Maisel, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2018. Explaining military coups and impeachments in Latin America, in *The Military's Impact on Democratic Development. Midwives or Gravediggers of Democracy?*, Ed. D. Kuehn, London and New York: Routledge. 57–76. (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán)
2018. Against all odds: Unilateral Executives and Portfolio Allocation in Ecuador (1979–2015), in *Government Formation and Minister Turnover in Presidential Cabinets. Comparative Analysis in the Americas*, Eds. M. Camerlo and C. Martínez-Gallardo, London: Routledge. 182–206. (with Santiago Basabe-Serrano and Andrés Mejía Acosta)
2015. Bureaucracy and Policy Implementation in Latin America, in *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy (EPAP)*, Third Edition, Eds. M. Dubnick and D. Bearfield, New York: Taylor & Francis
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 latinoamericana*, Ed. M.L. Eberhardt, Buenos Aires: Universidad Nacional Arturo Jauretche. 73–102. (with Santiago Basabe Serrano)
2010. Parliamentary Solutions to Presidential Crises in *Presidential Crises in Latin America*, Eds. L. Marsteintredet and M. Llanos, New York: Palgrave MacMillan. 73–90. (with Andrés Mejía Acosta)
- Spanish translation: 2011. *Soluciones parlamentarias a las crisis presidenciales* in *Algo más que Presidentes. El papel del Poder Legislativo en América Latina*, Eds. M. Alcántara and M. García Montero, Zaragoza: Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad. 479–505. (with Andrés Mejía Acosta)
2008. The primary election ‘bonus’ in Latin America in *Mobilizing Democracy*, Eds. M. Levi, J. Johnson, J. Knight, and S. Stokes, New York: Russell Sage Foundation Press. 227–247. (with John M. Carey)

Policy Papers and Essays

2020. “Foro Cubano: Las sanciones económicas en Cuba y Venezuela” (English and Spanish versions) in *Foro Cubano*, 3(23).
- Issue Coordinator for special issue on economic sanctions*
2020. “Two Nations, One Revolution: The Evolution of Contemporary Cuba-Venezuela Relations”. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center (with Brian Fonseca)
2019. *Ecuadorian Military Culture*. Miami: Florida International University
2019. A Transition from Above or from Below in Venezuela? *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, Georgetown University (August 30).
2019. “Las nuevas sanciones económicas de los Estados Unidos contra Venezuela” in *Foro Cubano*, 2(10).
2018. “Constitutional Change in Ecuador: Improving Democratic Accountability—and Constraining a Rival” in *ConstitutionNet*, International IDEA, March 31.
2017. The Roots of Venezuela’s Failing State. *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, 10(9).

Spanish translation: *Las raíces del estado fallido venezolano*

Chinese translation: 当前委内瑞拉危机的历史根源

2017. In Venezuela's Political Prisoner Revolving Door, Maduro is the Doorman. *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, Georgetown University (April 20).

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

2012. Elecciones en los Estados Unidos: Actores, reglas y estrategias. *Revista Argumentos*, Peru, 6(5) (with Sofía Vera Rojas)

2006. Aproximación histórica a la inmigración en los Estados Unidos. *Cartillas sobre migración* (21): 1-16.

Book Reviews

2024. Maxwell Cameron and Grace Jaramillo. Challenges to Democracy in the Andes: Strongmen, Broken Constitutions, and Regimes in Crisis (Boulder: Lynne Rienner; 2022), *Latin American Politics and Society*. 66(1): 193-196.

2024. Fortunato Musella. Monocratic Government: The Impact of Personalization on Democratic Regimes (Berlin, De Gruyter; 2022), *Contemporary Italian Politics*. 16(1): 99-101.

2023. Javier Corrales. Autocracy Rising: How Venezuela Transitioned to Authoritarianism (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press; 2023), *ReVista, the Harvard Review of Latin America*.

2016. Barry Cannon. The Right in Latin America. Elite Power, Hegemony and the Struggle for the State, *E-International Relations*.

2016. Rosario Queirolo, The Success of the Left in Latin America, *Democratization* 23(2): 370-372 (with Peter Siavelis).

2013. Santiago Basabe Serrano, Jueces sin toga: políticas judiciales y toma de decisiones en el Tribunal Constitucional del Ecuador (1999-2007), *Revista de Ciencia Política* 33(3): 729-33.

2010. John M. Carey, Legislative Voting and Accountability *Política y Gobierno*, Mexico, XVII(2): 396-99.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2024. Miller Summer Fellow, United States Naval Academy. (\$10,000).

2023-2025. Volgenau Faculty Fellowship, United States Naval Academy (\$15,000).

2023. Olmsted Summer Fellow, United States Naval Academy. (\$10,000).

2021. Senior Naval Academy Research Council (NARC) grant, United States Naval Academy.

2020. Senior Naval Academy Research Council (NARC) grant, United States Naval Academy.

2019-2022. Volgenau Faculty Fellowship for research, United States Naval Academy (\$15,000).

2019. Junior Naval Academy Research Council (NARC) grant, United States Naval Academy.

2018. Junior Naval Academy Research Council (NARC) grant, United States Naval Academy.

2017. Junior Naval Academy Research Council (NARC) grant, United States Naval Academy.

2013-2014. National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Award SES-1263092 (\$19,174).

2013. University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science Umberger Post-Dissertation Summer

Research Fellowship (\$2,000).

2012-2013. University of Pittsburgh Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship (Full tuition and \$19,610 stipend).

University of Pittsburgh Arts and Sciences Social Science Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowship (Full tuition and \$18,000 stipend), 2011-2012 academic year

2011. University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) Graduate Student Field Research Grant (\$2,500).

2010-2011. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLASF) for the study of Portuguese (Full tuition and \$18,000 stipend).

2010. Summer research funding from the University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science (\$2,000).

2009-2010. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLASF) for the study of Portuguese (Full tuition and \$16,000 stipend).

2009. University of Pittsburgh International Studies Fund Award for summer research abroad, Ecuador-Peru (\$400).

Invited Talks and Addresses

“Presidential Interruptions in Latin America: The Emergence of an Impeachment Trap”, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, June 6, 2024.

“Venezuela’s Democratic Decline in Comparative Perspective and Election Prospects”, Norwegian Nobel Institute, Oslo, Norway, June 4, 2024.

“Security Cooperation in Latin America”, Roundtable ‘The Americas at Risk: U.S. Security Partnership in a Fractured Neighborhood’, George Mason University, April 9, 2024.

“Las mejoras en la representación política ecuatoriana (1979-2023)”, Seminar ‘Evaluation of Ecuadorian Democracy Four Decades (and More) after the Return’, FLACSO, Quito, Ecuador, December 11-12, 2023.

“Is There an Impeachment Trap in Latin America?”, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research (CIPR), Tulane University, October 9, 2023.

“Political parties and democracy”, Universidad de Burgos (Spain), March 7, 2023.

“Midterm Elections in the United States”, Universidad de Salamanca (Spain), November 28, 2022.

“Institutional Design and Democracy in Ecuador”, Universidad de Salamanca (Spain), November 28, 2022.

“Where is Latin America going with the ‘Lula Effect?’”, Universidad de Salamanca (Spain), November 23, 2022.

“Where’s the Party? The role of political parties in supporting democracy”, Universidad Sergio Arboleda (Colombia), November 21, 2022.

“The Return of the Military in Latin America?”, Universitat de València (Spain), November 11, 2022.

“Authoritarianism in Latin America”, Universidad de Salamanca (Spain), September 29, 2022.

“Venezuelan Security Capacity”, 2022 Hemispheric Security Conference: Security in the Changing Geopolitical Landscape at Florida International University, Miami, FL, May 20, 2022.

“International Support for Authoritarian Leaders in the Americas” for US Policies in the Americas: Fresh Thinking amidst Changing Geo-Politics, Institute of the Americas (IOA), University of California, San Diego, May 13, 2022.

“The New Geopolitics of the Western Hemisphere”, Keynote speech to Inter-American Defense College

Class 61, December 15, 2021.

“Venezuela: Pandemic and Authoritarianism”, Hispanic Society, Winchester College, United Kingdom, November 16, 2021.

Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on Venezuela’s Political Negotiations, September 2021.

“Venezuela’s Authoritarian Allies: The Ties that Bind”, Roundtable Discussion, Woodrow Wilson Center, June 29, 2021.

“The Future of Military Institutions in Latin America”, 6th Annual Hemispheric Security Conference, Florida International University, May 19, 2021.

“Chinese-Latin American Defense Relations”, MA seminar guest lecture, School of International Advanced Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, April 5, 2021.

“Elections in Ecuador”, *Charlemos* speaker series, Latin American Studies Association, March 15, 2021.

“The Return of the Military in Latin America?”, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, March 2, 2021.

“Unfit to Serve? Presidential removal, the 25th Amendment and the Latin American experience”, John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, February 3, 2021.

“La persistente inestabilidad ecuatoriana y los desafíos políticos de la época pos-Moreno”, School of International Relations, International University of Ecuador, December 10, 2020.

Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on Venezuelan Security and the Military, October 2020.

“How COVID has Changed Latin American Politics”, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, September 8, 2020.

“Hacia una superación del clivaje regional? La evolución de la nacionalización de los partidos políticos ecuatorianos desde el retorno a la democracia”, Casa Grande University (Ecuador), June 19, 2020.

“Hacia una superación del clivaje regional? La evolución de la nacionalización de los partidos políticos ecuatorianos desde el retorno a la democracia”, University of Cuenca (Ecuador), June 2, 2020.

“Latin American Update Digital Roundtable”, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Pittsburgh, March 25, 2020.

Keynote speaker “El papel de la sociedad civil en fortalecer la democracia y la integridad electoral”, for Alianza ONG at the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, and the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 9-12, 2020.

Keynote address “El desencanto de la democracia y el rol de las instituciones en América Latina”, *La democracia electoral y los retos de la nueva década*, hosted by the Mexico City Electoral Institute, Mexico City, February 20, 2020.

“The Venezuela Crisis: Causes, Consequences, and Lessons”, University of Pittsburgh, January 17, 2020.

“Latin American Update Digital Roundtable”, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Pittsburgh, November 18, 2019.

Consultant for South American militaries at Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Washington, DC, September 26, 2019.

“The Venezuela Crisis” at the annual International Baccalaureate (IB) teacher workshop, Fairfax County, South Lakes High School, Reston, VA, September 25, 2019.

Briefing: “Ecuadorian Military Culture” at U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Miami, FL, September 17, 2019.

“Las sanciones económicas a Venezuela”, Conference: Defensa de la Democracia en América Latina, Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia, August 6, 2019.

“Venezuela Scenarios and the Post-ALBA Landscape”, Foreign Area Officer (FAO) training, U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Miami, FL, June 13, 2019.

“Scenarios of Armed Conflict and Insecurity in a Democratic Transition in Venezuela”, United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Washington, DC, May 29, 2019.

Consultant for the U.S. Department of State on Venezuela’s Political Crisis, April 2019.

“Crisis in Venezuela”, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, April 26, 2019.

“Post-Neoliberalism, Political Institutions, and the State”, Political Studies Department, FLACSO-Ecuador, April 10, 2019.

“Human Rights and Repression in Nicaragua”, William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University (NDU), March 27, 2019.

“Venezuela on Fire: The Trump Administration Faces Crisis in Latin America”, The Hudson Institute, March 8, 2019.

“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.

“The Venezuela Crisis”, *2017 Hemispheric Security Conference: Security in the Changing Geopolitical Landscape* at Florida International University, Miami, FL, March 9, 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.

“The Informal Political Institution of Presidential Removal in Ecuador” for the Latin American and Caribbean Graduate Students Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, October 24-25, 2007.

“*La institución informal de la destitución presidencial en Ecuador*” *Diálogo Norte Sur* (North-South

Dialogue), Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito, Ecuador, November 10-11, 2006.

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP)	2011, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2024
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015

Teaching

Courses

U.S. Naval Academy

- Political Science Research Methods (Spring 2018, 2 sections)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2016, 2 sections; Spring 2017, 2 sections; Fall 2017, 2 sections; Fall 2018, 2 sections; Fall 2019, 2 sections; Fall 2020, 2 sections; Fall 2021, 2 sections; Fall 2023, 3 sections)
- Comparative Politics of Latin America (Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2019, 2 sections; Spring 2020, 2 sections, Spring 2021, 2 sections, Spring 2022, 2 sections, Spring 2024, 2 sections)
- Foreign Relations of Latin America (Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
- Capstone–Coups and Impeachments in Comparative Perspective (Fall 2017, Spring 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2021)
- Capstone–Unilateral Executive Power in the US and the Americas (Spring 2019)

College of William and Mary

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2015, 2 sections)
- Latin American Politics and Government (Fall 2015)
- From Perón to Hugo: Populism in Latin America (Spring 2016)
- Coups and Impeachment in Comparative Perspective (Freshman Seminar) (Spring 2016, 2 sections)

Wake Forest University

- Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2014, 2 sections)
- Latin American Politics (Fall 2014; Spring 2015, 2 sections)
- Research Design and Qualitative Methods (Spring 2015, 2 sections)
- Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Spring 2015, 2 sections)

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Quito

- Comparative Politics (M.A.) (Spring 2012, Summer 2013).

University of Pittsburgh (Primary Instructor)

Research Methods in Political Science (Summer 2011, Summer 2012)

Teaching Awards

Apgar Award for Excellence in Teaching nominee, 2019-2020

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

Emma Slavens (2021-2022)

William Donohoe (2020-2021)

Brooke Fraasch (2020-2021)

Alexander Larralde (2020-2021)

Ana Mier (2018-2019)

Maeve Owens (2017-2018)

Taylor Adams (2016-2017)

Other advisory roles

Independent Study advisor, Kevin Tanaka (Spring 2024), Rachel LaBuda (Spring 2018)

Student Conference on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA) 74, Latin America Co-Chair, U.S. Military Academy, 1-4 November 2023.

Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) Senior Advisor, "Venezuela: Can It Survive the Struggle?", 10-12 April 2018

Service to the Profession

Editorial board member

Revista Ecuatoriana de Ciencia Política (Ecuador) 2021–present

América Latina Hoy (Spain) 2020–present

Revista Foro Cubano (Colombia) 2020–present

Revista Chilena de Derecho y Ciencia Política (Chile) 2018–present

Board member

Charlemos 2023–present

Book manuscript reviewer

Rowman & Littlefield 2024

Palgrave MacMillan 2023

Routledge Press 2022

Cambridge University Press, 2021

Notre Dame University Press, 2018

Oxford University Press, 2016, 2017, 2020

FLACSO-Mexico University Press, 2016

Journal manuscript reviewer

Verified reviews: <https://publons.com/author/1261496/john-polga-hecimovich>

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations; Theory;
América Latina Hoy; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*;
American Journal of Political Science; *The Latin Americanist*;
American Political Science Review; *Latin American Politics and Society*;
Brazilian Political Science Review; *Latin American Research Review*;
British Journal of Political Science; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*;
Bulletin of Latin American Research; *Local Government Studies*;
Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies; *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*;
Comparative Political Studies; *Parliamentary Affairs*;
Comparative Politics; *Party Politics*;
DADOS-Revista de Ciências Sociais; *Policy Studies*;
Democratization; *Política y Gobierno*;
Electoral Studies; *Political Analysis*;
European Journal of International Relations; *Political Studies*;
European Political Science Review; *Political Research Quarterly*;
European Political Science; *Politics*;
European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies; *Public Choice*;
Íconos; *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*;
International Journal of Public Opinion Research; *Revista Colombia Internacional*;
International Studies Quarterly; *Revista de Ciencia Política*;
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; *Revista de Democracias*;
Journal of Politics; *Revista Ecuatoriana de Ciencia Política*;
Journal of Politics in Latin America; *Revista Latinoamericana de Política Comparada*;
Journal of Public Administration Research and World Politics; *Revista Temas Sociológicos*;
World Politics;

Project evaluations

Judge, “IX Edición del Premio Interamericano a la Innovación para la Gestión Pública” (IX Annual Interamerican Prize in Public Policy Innovation), Organization of American States, November 8-9, 2021.

Project evaluator, Uruguayan National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII), Fondo Clemente Estable program, Social Sciences section, Uruguay, August 2021

Project evaluator, National Competition for the National Scientific and Technological Development Fund (FONDECYT), Judicial and Political Science section, National Committee for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT), Chile, August-September, 2019.

Judge, “VI Edición del Premio Interamericano a la Innovación para la Gestión Pública” (VI Annual Interamerican Prize in Public Policy Innovation), Organization of American States, August 16, 2018.

Professional memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2008–present
Presidents and Executive Politics section	2017–present
Representation and Electoral Systems section	2017–present
Executive Committee Member	2021-2022
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	2008–present
Political Institutions section	2016–present
Selection Committee, Donna Lee Van Cott Best Book Award	2018
Ecuadorian Studies section	2017–present
Venezuelan Studies section	2017–present
Executive Committee Member	2020-2022
Track Chair ‘Politics and Public Policy’	2018
Bryce Wood Best Book Award Committee Member	2023
Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP)	2009–present
Executive Committee Member	2023-present
Selection Committee, Guillermo O’Donnell Best Dissertation Award	2024
Ecuadorian Association of Political Science (AECIP)	2011–present

Departmental/University Service

Director, Forum for Latin American Studies (FLAS) (AY2021-2022, AY2024-present)
 Trident Scholar Committee (AY2024-present)
 Chair, International Relations Hiring Committee (AY2024)
 International Relations and Comparative Politics Hiring Committee (AY2020)
 Political Science Hiring Priorities Committee (AY2018, 2019, 2020)

Other Professional Skills

Professional Workshops

Evaluando el giro a la izquierda latinoamericano: 10 años de la administración Correa en Ecuador, Instituto de Iberoamérica, University of Salamanca, Spain, May 21-22, 2018

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

Capacity Building Applied Research Methods Workshop & Writeshop, Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, June 9-13, 2008

Languages

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Software and Statistical Packages

Stata, R, ArcGIS, Maple, L^AT_EX

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