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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals

Postdoctoral Fellow, ERC REPGOV Project 2023-present
Survey Research and Quantitative Methods Lead 2024-present

Loyola Marymount University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2021-2023

University of California, Los Angeles

Lecturer, Department of Political Science 2017-2021
Lecturer, Luskin School of Public Affairs 2019-2021

University of Southern California

Microsimulation Programmer, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics 2018-2019

Vanderbilt University

Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions 2016-2017

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Department of Political Science 2016
M.S., Department of Statistics 2016
M.A., Department of Political Science 2010

University of California, Irvine

B.A., Department of Political Science (minor in Spanish) 2006
B.A., Department of Dance 2006

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Does Conditioning Cash Transfers on Health Treatment Harm the Health of Other Families on Low Incomes Who Depend on Public Services? Evidence from Brazil.” 2023. *Development Policy Review* 41 (4).

“O SUS no Horizonte Trabalhista: A Tradição Corporativa de Direitos e a Privatização da Saúde.” 2021. *Saúde e Sociedade* 30 (4). (with Ronaldo Teodoro dos Santos).

UNDER REVIEW

“(In)credible Sanctions: The Limits to Public Service Accountability in Unequal Democracies” (under review at the *British Journal of Political Science*)

“Governance Values in Social and Political Belief Systems: Evidence from the United Kingdom and Italy” (with Anthony Bertelli and Silvia Cannas, under review at the *Journal of Politics*)

WORKING PAPERS

“Competence or Clientelism? Electoral Signaling and Health Good Cycles in Brazil”

“Violence, Threat-Perception and Attitudes toward Democracy in Latin America”

“When Does Party Unity Hinder Representation? A Model of MP Behavior” (with Zsuzsanna Magyar)

“Principles Rather than Rules: Political Uncertainty, Administrative Oversight, and Evidence from the Corpus of Italian Law” (with Anthony Bertelli, Silvia Cannas, and Zsuzsanna Magyar)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Quantifying the Public and Private Costs of Obstetric and Gynecological Mistreatment in Spain” (with Silvia Cannas)

“When Do Environmental Conflicts Turn Violent? The Role of Indigenous Identity and Institutional Recourse” (with Julia Lee and Curtis Kline)

“(Bayesian) Learning from Socially-Generated Data”

BOOK PROJECT

“Rethinking the Logic of Policy Accountability in Unequal Democracies”

POLITICAL COMMENTARY

“Re-examine Policies that No Longer Apply.” *South Florida Sun Sentinel*. Editorial (Feb 28, 2007).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“When Does Party Unity Hinder Representation? A Model of MP Behavior” 2024

“Governance Values in Social and Political Belief Systems: Evidence from the United Kingdom and Italy” 2024

“Political Control and Administrative Principles: Evidence from the Corpus of Italian Law” 2023

“Accountability for Service Provision: Income, Voting Behavior, and the (Curse of)

Demand Dimensionality”	2023
“Using Electoral Signaling to Measure Health Good Clientelism in Brazil”	2022
“Social Identity, Threat-Processing and Prosocial Politics”	2021
“The Logic of Politically-Targeted Health Goods in Local Campaigns in Brazil”	2015
“Do Cash Transfers Substitute for Public Services?”	2013
European Political Science Association Annual Meeting	
“When Does Party Unity Hinder Representation? A Model of MP Behavior”	2024
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	
“Violence, Crime, Threat-Perception and Democratic Attitudes in Brazil”	2017
“Do Cash Transfers Substitute for Public Services?”	2013
“Explaining Pro-Poor Public Service Delivery in Brazil”	2012
“Examining State Incentive and Capacity to Extract: A Test of Prevailing Theories of the Effects of Regime Type on Taxation”	2011
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting	
“Examining the Decision to Exit in ‘Experiential Search’”	2012
Latin American Studies Association Congress	
“Do Foreign Firms Pay Different Wages than Domestic Firms in Venezuela?”	2009

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals	
“(In)credible Sanctions: The Limits to Public Service Accountability in Unequal Democracies”	2024
University of California, Los Angeles , Public Talk for Undergraduate Program in Public Affairs	
“Making Sense of the Senate Impeachment Trial”	2020
University of Southern California , Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics	
“Using CDC, SSA, and HRS Data to Validate Microsimulation Predictions for Life Expectancy”	2018
University of Southern California , Schools of Public Policy and Pharmacy	
“Microsimulation for Health Policy Research” (Guest Lecture)	2018
Notre Dame University , Kellogg Institute for International Studies	
“Violence, Crime, Threat Perception and Democratic Attitudes in Brazil”	2017
(Workshop on “Citizens and the State: Democracy, Development and Public Opinion in Brazil”)	
Vanderbilt University , Department of Political Science	
“Income and Public Service Demands: Comparative Voter Efficacy in Brazil” (Invited Talk)	2016
Princeton University , Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Workshop	
“Explaining Diverging Infant Mortality Rates among the Poor in Brazil”	2012

TEACHING

Loyola Marymount University (Department of Political Science and International Relations)	
Introduction to Comparative Politics	F/2021, S/2022, F/2022
Latin American Politics	S/2022
Global Health Policy	F/2021
Technology and Global Politics	F/2022
Advanced Empirical Methods	F/2022

University of California, Los Angeles (Department of Political Science)	
Central American Politics	S/2021
South American Politics	W/2018, W/2021
Global Health Politics	S/2018, F/2020
Research Methods for Political Science Honors Thesis	S/2018
Introduction to Data Analysis	Sum/2014, Sum/2016, F/2017
Quantitative Methods in Politics (Graduate; co-taught with Jeffrey Lewis)	W/2014
University of California, Los Angeles (Luskin School of Public Affairs)	
Using Data to Learn about Society	S/2020, S/2021
Power, Politics and Social Change in the United States	W/2020, W/2021

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Editor, <i>Journal of Public Policy</i>	2023-present
Graduate Student Mentor for Undergraduate Senior Thesis Program University of California, Los Angeles	2012
Research Assistant for Barbara Geddes' Authoritarian Regimes Dataset University of California, Los Angeles	2009-2012
Community Program Specialist (Election Planning) Registrar of Voters' Office of Orange County, California	2007-2008

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Postdoctoral Fellowship, ERC REPGOV Project, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals	2023
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University	2016
Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles	2015-2016
International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship for Brazil, University of California, Los Angeles	2014
Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles	2010-2014
Charles F. Scott Endowed Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles	2011-2012
Graduate Division Research Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles	2011-2012
National Science Foundation, (Princeton) EITM Workshop Scholarship	2012
National Science Foundation, (Washington University in St Louis) EITM Workshop Scholarship	2011
Department of Education, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese, Year)	2009-2010
Department of Education, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese, Summer)	2009
Department of State, Fulbright Scholar Grant (Uruguay)	2006

SERVICE

“International and Domestic Political Processes and Public Policy” Research Cluster Workshop Organizer, IBEI	2024-present
Advisory Board Member, <i>Revista Cuadernos de Gobierno y Administración Pública</i>	2023-present
Faculty Advisor to the College Democrats (Loyola Marymount University)	2022-2023
Mentorship Angelina Lin (Political Science Senior Thesis, Loyola Marymount University)	2022-2023

William Foote (Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, UCLA)	2020-2021
Zarsanga Parwiz (Directed Mentored Research Course, UCLA)	W/2021
Salena Nguyen (Honors Contract, UCLA)	F/2021
Valerie Pinto (Honors Contract, UCLA)	W/2020

Reviewer (*American Journal of Political Science*, *World Development*, *Journal of Public Policy*, Polity Press)

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Portuguese (proficient)
Spanish (proficient)

PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE

R
Stata
Python
SAS
Qualtrics
LaTeX
Cluster Computing (Pennsylvania State University Roar Collab Cluster)

METHODS WORKSHOPS

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models	
Washington University in St Louis	2011
Princeton University	2012