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### **Education**

2018- PhD Candidate in Political Science (Comparative Politics), Brown University.

- Dissertation: “Can Civil Wars Improve Public Goods? Militias, Security Provision, and Rural Governance in Post-Conflict Peru.”
- Committee: Richard Snyder (Chair), Rob Blair, and Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro.

2018 MA in Political Science, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT). Advisor: Gabriel Negretto.

2014 BA in Political Science and International Relations, Universidad de San Andrés (UdeSA).

**Research Interests:** Civil Wars, Post-Conflict Areas, Political Regimes, The State of the Discipline, Latin America, Qualitative Methods.

### **Peer Reviewed Papers**

- “A Unified Canon? Latin American Graduate Training in Comparative Politics.” Forthcoming, *Latin American Politics and Society*. Co-authored with I. Fynn and I. Borba.
- [“Democrats’ Mistakes and the Birth of Authoritarian Rule: Ramón S. Castillo and the Fall of Conservative Democracy in Argentina.”](#) *Journal of Latin American Studies* (2023), 55(3), 429-453. Co-authored with IA López.
- [“Conflicto entre Elites y Expansión del Sufragio: Buenos Aires, 1821.”](#) *Miríada: Investigación en Ciencias Sociales* (2022), Vol. 14 - N°18, 15-35.
- [“Diseño Institucional e Inestabilidad Presidencial en Autoritarismos: el Proceso de Reorganización Nacional en Argentina \(1976-1983\).”](#) *Desarrollo Económico* (2018), Vol. 58 - N° 224, 3-24. Co-authored with B. García-Holgado.
- [“Every Breath you Take, I will be Watching you: Contestation and Provincial Control of National Legislators’ Political Careers in Argentina.”](#) *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* (2017), Vol. 26 - N°1, 85-109. Co-authored with T. Bieda.

### **Working Papers**

- “The Wartime Roots of Rural Governance: Militias’ Evolving Roles in Post-Conflict Peru” (*Job Market Paper*, Under Review).
- “Saving Nations? Evangelicalism, Populism, and Democratic Backsliding in the Americas.” Co-authored with E. Rios (draft available).
- “When Explanation Meets Interpretation: Bridging the Gap in Qualitative Methods.” Co-authored with B. García-Holgado (draft available).

## **Professional Presentations (selection)**

- “The Wartime Roots of Rural Governance: Militias’ Evolving Roles in Post-Conflict Peru.” *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, 2024.
- “A Theory of Militias’ Origins, Mobilization, and Post-Conflict Trajectories: The Case of Los Morochucos, Cangallo (Peru).” APSA, 2023.
- “Saving Nations? Evangelicalism, Populism, and Democratic Backsliding in the Americas.” *International Political Science Association*, 2023.
- “Latin American Graduate Training in Comparative Politics: A Unified Canon?” *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2023.
- “Democrats’ Mistakes and the Birth of Authoritarian Rule: Ramón Castillo and the Fall of Conservative Democracy in Argentina.” *Latin American Studies Association*, 2022.
- “¿La Guerra Mejora la Provisión de Bienes Públicos? Milicias Rurales, Gobernanza Local y Seguridad Ciudadana en el Perú Postconflicto.” *Instituto de Estudios Peruanos*, Lima, Perú, 2022.
- “The Spread of Violence inside Peru during the Internal Armed Conflict.” *Geographic Information System Institute (GIS)*, Brown University, 2020.
- “Conflicto entre Elites y Expansión del Sufragio en la Buenos Aires Posrevolucionaria. *Argentine National Congress of Political Science*, Buenos Aires, 2017.
- “Every Breath you Take, I will be Watching you: Contestation and Provincial Control of National Legislators’ Political Careers in Argentina.” *Legislative Studies Group Congress – Latin American Association of Political Science*, Santiago de Chile, 2016.

## **Teaching**

### **Instructor of Record**

- *Political Regimes: Accessing and Exercising Power*. In-person, pre-college level course. Brown University, 2023.
- *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (with E. Rios). Online, undergraduate-level credit course. Brown University, 2021.
- *Qualitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation*. Online, graduate-level credit course. Government School, Executive Formation in Public Policy, UTDT, 2021.

### **Pedagogical Training**

- *Teaching Consultant Program*. Certificate III, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University, 2023.
- *Course Design*. Certificate II, Sheridan Center, Brown University, 2023.
- *Reflective Teaching*. Certificate I, Sheridan Center, Brown University, 2020.

### **Teaching Assistant**

- *Crime, Punishment, and Politics*. Professor David Skarbek, Brown University, 2024.
- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Professor Gemma Dipoppa, Brown University, 2024.
- *Security, Governance, and Development in Africa*. Professor Rob Blair, Brown University, 2023.
- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Professor Donghyun Danny Choi, Brown University, 2023.
- *Introduction to International Relations*. Professor Nina Tannenwald, Brown University, 2021.
- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Professor Linda Cook, Brown University, 2020.
- *Introduction to International Relations*. Professor Rose McDermott, Brown University, 2019.
- *Law and Society*. Professor Paola Bergallo, UTDT, 2018.
- *Political and Governmental Institutions*. Professor Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT, 2018.
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- *Political and Governmental Institutions*. Professor Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT, 2017.
- *Political and Governmental Institutions*. Professor Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT, 2016.
- *Latin American Politics and Society*. Professor Carlos Freytes, UTDT, 2016.
- *Latin American Politics and Society*. Professor Jorge Battaglino, UTDT, 2016.
- *Methodology and Research Design*. Professor Mariana Chudnovsky, UTDT, 2016.
- *Latin American Politics and Society*. Professor Carlos Freytes, UTDT, 2015.
- *The Political Phenomenon*. Professor Alberto Föhrig, UdeSA, 2015.
- *The Political Phenomenon*. Professor Julián Gadano, UdeSA, 2015.

### **Research Assistant Positions**

- Research assistant (R.A.) to Professor Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Brown University, 2019.
- R.A. to Provost Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT, 2016-2018.
- R.A. to Professor Alberto Föhrig, UdeSA, 2014-2015.

### **Fellowships and Awards**

- *P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching* (\$350). Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2023.
- *Sheridan Teaching Award* (\$600). Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University, 2023.

- *Political Science Department Grant Award* (\$3,000) to conduct dissertation fieldwork in Peru. Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2022.
- *Graduate Program in Development (GPD) Fellowship*. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 2020.
- *Summer Methods Award* (\$4,000) to attend to the Peacebuilding in Colombia Academic Program at Universidad de Los Andes in Bogota (cancelled due to Covid-19). Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2020.
- *Sarmiento Research Fellowship* (\$1,000). The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University, 2019.
- *Fulbright Scholarship for PhD studies* (declined). National Ministry of Education, Argentina, 2017.

### **Methods Courses**

- GPD: *Mixing Methods Module*. Brown University, 2020.
- GIS Institute: *Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences*. Brown University, 2020.
- GPD: *Ethnography Module*. Brown University, 2019.
- Winter Methods School: *Case Studies through Process Tracing*. Universidad Católica del Uruguay, 2017.

### **Professional Service**

- *Research*: Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies* and *Desarrollo Económico*.
- *Teaching*: Facilitator of *Reflective Teaching* (Certificate I), Sheridan Center, Brown University.

### **Fieldwork Experience**

- Nine months of dissertation fieldwork in Ayacucho, Peru, 2022.
- Three weeks of preliminary fieldwork in Lima, Peru, 2019.

**Languages:** Spanish (native); English (proficient); French (basic).

### **References**

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