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Education

2018-2025 (expected)

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

Dissertation: “Can Civil Wars Improve Public Goods? Militias, Security, 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 War, Post-Conflict Politics, Authoritarian Regimes, Democratization and Democratic Backsliding, Latin America, Qualitative Methods.

Peer Reviewed Articles

2024 “The Wartime Roots of Rural Governance: Militias’ Evolving Roles in Post-Conflict Peru.” *Job Market Paper*, Revise and Resubmit at *Comparative Political Studies*.

“A Unified Canon? Latin American Graduate Training in Comparative Politics.” Forthcoming, *Latin American Politics and Society*. Co-authored with I. Fynn and I. Borba.

2023 “Democrats’ Mistakes and the Birth of Authoritarian Rule: Ramón S. Castillo and the Fall of Conservative Democracy in Argentina.” *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 55(3), 429-453. Co-authored with IA López.

2022 “Conflicto entre Elites y Expansión del Sufragio: Buenos Aires, 1821.” *Miríada: Investigación en Ciencias Sociales*, Vol. 14 - N°18, 15-35.

2018 “Diseño Institucional e Inestabilidad Presidencial en Autoritarismos: el Proceso de Reorganización Nacional en Argentina (1976-1983).” *Desarrollo Económico*, Vol. 58 - N°224, 3-24. Co-authored with B. García-Holgado.

2017 “Every Breath you Take, I will be Watching you: Contestation and Provincial Control of National Legislators’ Political Careers in Argentina.” *Revista Uruguay de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 26 - N°1, 85-109. Co-authored with T. Bieda.

Working Papers

“Saving Nations? Evangelicalism, Populism, and Democratic Backsliding in the Americas.” Co-authored with E. Rios (draft available upon request).

“When Explanation Meets Interpretation: Bridging the Gap in Qualitative Methods.” Co-authored with B. García-Holgado (draft available upon request).

Professional Presentations (brief selection)

- 2024 “The Wartime Roots of Rural Governance: Militias’ Evolving Roles in Post-Conflict Peru,” *American Political Science Association (APSA)*.
- 2023 “A Theory of Militias’ Origins, Mobilization, and Post-Conflict Trajectories: The Case of Los Morochucos, Cangallo (Peru),” APSA.
- “Saving Nations? Evangelicalism, Populism, and Democratic Backsliding in the Americas,” *International Political Science Association*.
- “Latin American Graduate Training in Comparative Politics: A Unified Canon?,” *Midwest Political Science Association*.
- 2022 “Democrats’ Mistakes and the Birth of Authoritarian Rule: Ramón Castillo and the Fall of Conservative Democracy in Argentina,” *Latin American Studies Association*.
- “¿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*.
- 2020 “The Spread of Violence inside Peru during the Internal Armed Conflict,” *Geographic Information System Institute (GIS), Brown University*.
- 2018 “Conflicto entre Elites y Expansión del Sufragio en la Buenos Aires Posrevolucionaria,” *Argentine National Congress of Political Science, Buenos Aires*.
- 2016 “Every Breath you Take, I will be Watching you: Contestation and Provincial Control of National Legislators’ Political Careers in Argentina,” *Legislative Studies Congress – Latin American Association of Political Science, Santiago de Chile*.

Teaching

Instructor of Record

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

Teaching Assistant

- 2024 *Crime, Punishment, and Politics*. Professor David Skarbek, Brown University.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Professor Gemma Dipoppa, Brown University.
- 2023 *Security, Governance, and Development in Africa*. Professor Rob Blair, Brown University.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Professor Donghyun Danny Choi, Brown University.

- 2021 *Introduction to International Relations*. Professor Nina Tannenwald, Brown University.
- 2020 *Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Professor Linda Cook, Brown University.
- 2019 *Introduction to International Relations*. Professor Rose McDermott, Brown University.
- 2018 *Law and Society*. Professor Paola Bergallo, UTDT.
Political and Governmental Institutions. Professor Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT.
- 2017 *Law and Society*. Professor Paola Bergallo, UTDT.
Political and Governmental Institutions. Professor Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT.
- 2016 *Political and Governmental Institutions*. Professor Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT.
Latin American Politics and Society. Professor Carlos Freytes, UTDT.
Latin American Politics and Society. Professor Jorge Battaglino, UTDT.
Methodology and Research Design. Professor Mariana Chudnovsky, UTDT.
- 2015 *Latin American Politics and Society*. Professor Carlos Freytes, UTDT.
The Political Phenomenon. Professor Alberto Föhrig, UdeSA.
- 2014 *The Political Phenomenon*. Professor Julián Gadano, UdeSA.

Pedagogical Training

- 2024 *Curriculum Developer Research Assistant*. Democratic Erosion Consortium (DEC).
- 2023 *Teaching Consultant Program*. Certificate III, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University.
Course Design. Certificate II, Sheridan Center, Brown University.
- 2020 *Reflective Teaching*. Certificate I, Sheridan Center, Brown University.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2023 *P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching* (\$350). Department of Political Science, Brown University.
Sheridan Teaching Award (\$600). Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University.
- 2022 *Political Science Department Grant Award* (\$3,000) to conduct dissertation fieldwork in Peru. Department of Political Science, Brown University.
- 2020 *Graduate Program in Development (GPD) Fellowship*. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

Summer Methods Award (\$4,000). Peacebuilding in Colombia Academic Program at Universidad de Los Andes (cancelled due to Covid-19). Political Science Department, Brown University.

2019 *Sarmiento Research Fellowship* (\$1,000). The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University.

2017 *Fulbright Scholarship for PhD studies* (declined). National Ministry of Education, Argentina.

Research Assistant Positions

2019 Research assistant (R.A.) to Professor Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Brown University.

2016-2018 R.A. to Provost Catalina Smulovitz, UTDT.

2014-2015 R.A. to Professor Alberto Föhrig, UdeSA.

Methods Training (brief selection)

2021 *Quantitative Methods Sequence*. Political Science Department, Brown University.

GPD: *Mixing Methods Module*. Brown University.

2020 GIS Institute: *Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences*. Brown University.

2019 GPD: *Ethnography Module*. Brown University.

Comparative Historical Analysis Course. Sociology Department, Brown University.

2017 Winter Methods School: *Case Studies through Process Tracing*. Universidad Católica del Uruguay.

Professional Service

Research: Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies* (x2) and *Desarrollo Económico*.

Teaching: Facilitator of *Reflective Teaching* (Certificate I), Sheridan Center, Brown University.

Fieldwork Experience

Peru (March-December 2022): *Dissertation* fieldwork in Ayacucho.

Peru (June-July 2019): *Preliminary* fieldwork in Lima.

Language Skills: Spanish (native); English (proficient); French (basic).

References

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