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Academic Employment

Assistant Professor of Political Science (Tenure-Track), University of Kansas, 2022 - current.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Kansas, 2020-2022.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Reed College, 2019-2020.

Education

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2019

Graduate Certificate in Latin American Social and Public Policy, University of Pittsburgh.

M.A. Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

B.A. Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Exchange Student, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2022. "How Does Clarity of Alternatives Affect the Electoral Fortune of Corrupt Politicians?" *Electoral Studies* 77: 102476.

2022. "Who Does the Caring? Gender Disparities in COVID-19 Attitudes and Behaviors." *Politics & Gender*, 1-29. With Giancarlo Visconti and Miguel Carreras.

2021. "Does Issue Framing Shape Support for COVID-19 Lockdown Measures?" *Research & Politics*, 8(2). With Giancarlo Visconti and Miguel Carreras.

2021. "Choosing the Lesser Evil: Forecasting Presidential Elections in Peru" *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinion Publica*: 1-26. With Moises Arce.

2021. "A Tale of Two Pandemics: Economic Inequality and Support for Containment Measures" *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 13(3): 358-375. With Giancarlo Visconti and Miguel Carreras.

2020. "Accepting or Resisting? Citizen Responses to Corruption Across Varying Levels of Competence and Corruption Prevalence." *Political Studies*, 68(3), 653–670.

2018. "Do Corrupt Politicians Mobilize or Demobilize Voters? A Vignette Experiment in Colombia." *Latin American Politics and Society*: 60 (3), 77-95. With Miguel Carreras.

2016. "Ecuador: Democracy After Nine Years of Rafael Correa's Citizen's Revolution." *Revista de Ciencia Política:* 36 (1), pp. 347-365. With Santiago Llanos-Escobar.

Books and Book Chapters

2021 "The politics of building anti-corruption institutions: The case of anti-corruption agencies in Peru." In *The Politics of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Latin America*, pp. 71-91. Routledge, 2021. With Joseph Pozsgai.

2017. "Portfolio Allocation and Cabinet Design Strategies in Peru." In: Martinez-Gallardo, Cecilia and Marcelo Camerlo (eds.) *Government Formation and Minister Turnover in Presidential Cabinets: Comparative Analysis in the Americas*. Routledge, 2017. With Miguel Carreras.

2016. *Voces del Cambio en el Sector No Estatal Cubano*. Iberoamericana, 2016. With Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Roberto Veiga Gonzalez, Lenier Gonzalez Mederos, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. Translated in English as: *Voices of Change in Cuba from the Non-State Sector*. University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018.

Under Review

"How to Get Away With Corruption? Blame Avoidance Strategies in Electoral Campaigns." With Nara Pavão. (*under review*)

Work in Progress

"Scandals, Clientelism, and their Effects on Political Representation." (working paper)

"Sources of Centrifugal Political Ambition in Latin America." (working paper)

"Citizens' Evaluation of Bureaucratic Corruption in Paraguay" (*working paper*) With Giancarlo Visconti and Miguel Carreras.

Other Publications

2018. "Accepting or Resisting Corruption? Responses to Corruption and Competence in Highly Corrupt Environments" *University of Gothenburg, QoG Working Paper Series* 2018:10, November 2018.

2012. "Elecciones en los Estados Unidos: Actores, reglas y estrategias." [U.S. Elections: Actors, rules, and strategies.] *Revista Argumentos*, year 6, No. 5, 2012. With John Polga-Hecimovich.

2010. "Radiografía a la política en las regiones: tendencias a partir de la evidencia de tres procesos electorales (2002, 2006, 2010)." *Revista Argumentos*, year 4, No. 5, 2010.

2010. "Peru: La dinámica neo-dualista de una democracia sin sistema de partidos." In: Cameron, Maxwell and Juan Pablo Luna (eds.) *Democracia en la Región Andina: Diversidad y Desafíos*. Lima: IEP, 2010. With Martín Tanaka.

2009. "Think tanks and political parties in Peru: Institutional weakness and informal networks." In: Mendizabal, Enrique and Kristen Sample (eds.): *Dime a quien escuchas... Think* *tanks and political parties in Latin America*. Lima: IDEA International, 2009. With Martín Tanaka and Rodrigo Barrenechea.

2008. "El neo-dualismo de la política peruana." [Neo-dualism of Peruvian politics.] *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 28, No. 1, 2008: 347-365. With Martín Tanaka.

2007. "Perú: entre los sobresaltos electorales y la agenda pendiente de la exclusión." [Peru: between electoral shocks and the pending agenda of exclusion.] *Revista de Ciencia Política*, . 27, 2007: 235-247. With Martín Tanaka.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2021, 2020 (cancelled), 2012.

Latin American Studies Association, Congress: 2021, 2020, 2017, 2014, 2013.

International Studies Association, Annual Meeting: 2021.

Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting: 2021.

Latin American Political Methodology Association, Annual Meeting: 2018.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2020 Principal Investigator, National Council of Science and Technology, Government of Paraguay, Research Grant, "Corruption and Democracy" (\$70,000)

- 2019 Stillman Drake Fund, Faculty Development (Reed College, Dean of the Faculty)
- 2018 Latin American PolMeth Best Poster Award, Society of Political Methodology
- 2017 Long-Term Research Grant, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 2016 Andrew Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2016 Travel Grant for the 2016 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association

2016 Edward and Marian Lieberman Political Science Dissertation Award, University of Pittsburgh

- 2015 Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2015 Research Grant, International Studies Fund, University Center for International Studies
- 2014 Fieldwork Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Government
- 2013 Fieldwork Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2012 Alfredo and Luz Maria Gutierrez Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2012 Fieldwork Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies
- 2011 Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

- 2010 British Chevening Scholarship, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2008 Summer School Scholarship, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

Research Affiliations

Global Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.

2018-2019, Research Assistant

German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA). Hamburg, Germany.

2017-2018, Visiting Researcher

Universidad de Los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.

Spring 2016, Visiting Researcher

Additional Academic Training

Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences. Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis (2020)

Writing Questions for Surveys. Michigan Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques (2020)

Text Analytics. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (2015)

Introduction to Hierarchical Linear Models. University of Pittsburgh School of Education (2015)

Institute of Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR). Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University (2015)

Seminar on Democracy and Public Policy. The London School of Economics and the Hansard Research Scholars Program (2010)

Summer School on Applied Research Methods in Political Science. Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex (2008)

Teaching Experience

University of Kansas

Instructor, POLS 151 Introduction to Comparative Politics - Honors (Fall 2020)

Instructor, POLS 465 Corruption, Scandals, and Crisis (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)

Instructor, POLS 669 Representation and Accountability in Developing Democracies (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Instructor, POLS 659 Political Dynamics of Latin America (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Reed College

Instructor, POL 331 Quantitative Methodology for Political Science (Spring 2020)

Instructor, POL 335 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2020)

Instructor, POL 323 Elections, Parties, and Voters in Developing Democracies (Fall 2019)

Instructor, POL 325 Comparative Study of Political Corruption (Fall 2019)

University of Pittsburgh

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 2015)

Teaching assistant for Professor Andrew Lotz, Political Theory (2015)

Teaching assistant for Professor Barry Ames, Latin American Politics (2014, 2013)

Teaching assistant for Professor Guy Peters, Introduction to Comparative Politics (2014)

Service

Organizer, panel entitled "Corruption in Latin America and Beyond", American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September, 2022.

Discussant, panel titled "Subnational Politics in Latin America," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA), April, 2021.

Discussant, panel titled "Experiments on Voters and Corruption," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September, 2020.

Chair, panel titled "Candidate Evaluations and the Constraints of Race, Place, and History," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September, 2020.

Discussant, panel titled "Unpacking Immigration and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September, 2020.

Chair, panel titled "Clientelism and Electoral Campaigns in Latin America Revisited," International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 13-16, 2020.

Discussant, panel titled "Anti-corruption reforms, systems and tools: rhetoric vs. reality," International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), May 13-16, 2020.

Organizer, panel entitled "Corruption and Political Accountability: Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Designs", International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Barcelona, 2018 (with Nara Pavao).

Co-coordinator, Conference: "Reforming Communism: Cuba in Comparative Perspective", University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

Reviewer for: Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, Latin American Research Review, Revista de Ciencia Política, Political Research Quarterly, Latin American Politics and Society, Politics and Governance, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Government and Opposition.

Work Experience

Supreme Court of Justice, Lima, Peru	2011
Electoral Reform Services, London, UK	2010
Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, Lima, Peru	2005-2010
Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Lima, Peru	2002-2003

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), International Studies Association (ISA), Latin American Political Science Association (ALACIP), Political Methodology (PolMeth), Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

Skills

Software

Proficient in statistical analysis (R and Stata)

Proficient in qualitative analysis (MaxQDA)

Basic use of Python for web scraping and text mining

Languages

English (fluent), Spanish (native), French (intermediate)