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EMPLOYMENT

Trinity College

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies, 2019-

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph. D., Political Science, November 2019.

M.A., Political Science, November 2015.

Dissertation: “On the Ballots, In the Streets or Under the Table: Explaining Agrarian Elites’ Political Strategies in Latin America”

Committee: Steven Levitsky (chair), Frances Hagopian, Scott Mainwaring, Ben Ross Schneider (MIT)

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

M.A. (Valedictorian), Political Science with a focus on Latin American Politics, July 2012.

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

B. A. (with honors), Sociology, November 2008.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Harvesting Influence: The Political Representation of Agrarian Elites in Latin America.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2020. “The Multilevel Politics of Enforcement: Environmental Institutions in Argentina,” (with Candelaria Garay) *Politics & Society*, 48(1), 3–26.

2019. “Subnational Variation in Forest Protection in the Argentine Chaco Forest,” (with Candelaria Caray) *World Development*, 118, 79-90.

2012. “El Nuevo Liderazgo Sindical en la Argentina Post Neoliberal: el Caso de la Federación de Trabajadores Camioneros,” (with Enzo Benes) *Desarrollo Económico*, Vol. 52 N° 205 (April-Jun 2012), 31-61.

2010. “Moderación Reivindicativa en el Nuevo Contexto Macroeconómico post 2001: El Caso del Sindicato de Comercio,” (with Enzo Benes) *Revista SAAP*, Vol. 4 N°1 (Jul-Dec 2010).

“La CGT Disidente frente a la Crisis y Salida del Régimen Convertible,” *Realidad Económica* N° 250 (Feb-Mar 2010), 75-104.

Book chapters

2020. A Multilevel Approach to Enforcement: Forest Protection in the Argentine Chaco. In D. Brinks, S. Levitsky, & M. Murillo (Eds.), *The Politics of Institutional Weakness in Latin America* (pp. 183-207). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

2019. “Agrarian Elites and Democracy in Latin America after the Third Wave,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*.

2013. “Cuellos no tan Blancos. Los Trabajadores de Supermercados y su Desafío al Viejo Modelo Sindical Mercantil,” in C. Senén González & A. del Bono (Comp.): *Revitalización Sindical en Argentina. Heterogeneidades Sectoriales* (pp. 151-176), PROMETEO-UNLaM, Buenos Aires.

WORKING PAPERS

“Harvesting Influence: Agrarian Elites and Democracy in Brazil” (*Revise & Resubmit, Politics and Society*)

“Explaining Agrarian Elites’ Electoral Investments. Agribusiness and PRO in Contemporary Argentina”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“¿Corre Peligro la democracia Brasileña con Bolsonaro?,” (with Hernán Flom) in *Clarín*, October 30, 2018.

“Sistema Débil, Presidentes Fuertes,” (with Hernán Flom) in *La Nación*, August 18, 2017

“No Estás Solo Buenos Aires,” (with Hernán Flom) in *Bastión Digital*, November 12, 2015.

“Economic Roots for Unstable Regimes,” in *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2013, pp 56-48.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Capstone Seminar INTS: Qualitative Research. Design and Techniques (Trinity College, Spring 2020, Fall 2021)

Comparative Political Economy (Trinity College, Spring 2020)

Latin American Politics (Trinity College, Fall 2019, 2020, 2011)

Global Inequalities (Trinity College, Fall 2019, 2020)

Environmental Politics (Trinity College, Fall 2021)

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Student Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (2017, 2015)

Jens Aubrey Westengard Scholarship, Committee on General Scholarships, Harvard University (2017)

Summer Research Travel Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (2017, 2014)

Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellowship. Committee on General Scholarships, Harvard University (2016)

Pre-dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (2016, 2015, 2014)

Fulbright Ph. D. Scholarship for International Students. Argentine Fulbright Commission (Declined) (2013)

Graduate Studies Fellowship, CONICET (National Council of Research, Argentina) (2011)

TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, Trinity College, Academic year 2011-2022.

AWARDS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

Samuel P. Huntington Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University (2018)

American Political Science Association. Travel grant for the annual meeting (2016)

Torcuato Di Tella University. Invited to be Student Speaker at the Graduation Ceremony. (For having attained the highest GPA among all the University graduate students receiving their diploma that year) (2012)

Argentine Fulbright Commission. Travel Grant and Full Tuition Fellowship: “Young leaders’ seminar at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst” (2011)

Torcuato Di Tella University. Partial Tuition Fellowship, M. A. program (2009-2010)

University of Buenos Aires, School of Social Sciences. Honors Diploma (2008)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks Tuesday Seminar Series, David Rockefeller for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Fall 2017

Brazilian Studies Program Seminar Series, David Rockefeller for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Fall 2017

Conferences Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2015, 2017.
REPAL (Latin American Political Economy Network) Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2021.
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016, 2018, 2020.

SKILLS

Languages Spanish (native speaker), English (bilingual), Portuguese (fluent)
Software packages R, Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX.
Certifications Equity Certificate Program

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Argentina: 7 months (Buenos Aires, Rosario, Salta, Chaco, Santiago del Estero, Formosa); Brazil: 4 months (Brasília, São Paulo, Curitiba, Cuiabá); Chile: two months (Santiago, Valparaiso, Temuco).

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Planning Committee Member: Venture Conference on Women's Leadership (since 2021)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer Journals: Journal of Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Policy, Journal of Arid Environments.
Presses: Oxford University Press.

PROFESSIONAL AFILIATIONS

Latin American Studies Association (since 2011)
American Political Science Association (since 2013)
Latin American Political Economy Network (since 2017)