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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, August 2015 – present
Department of Political Science
West Virginia University

Postdoctoral Fellow, September 2014 – May 2015
Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism
University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, 2014
Vanderbilt University

- Concentrations:
 - Comparative Politics (High Pass on qualifying exam)
 - Interests: Political behavior, democratic institutions and representation, subnational politics, contentious politics, clientelism and vote buying, political economy
 - American Politics
- Dissertation: *From Ballots to Blockades: The Normalization of Protest in Latin American Democracies*
 - Committee: Jonathan Hiskey (Co-chair), Mitchell Seligson (Co-chair), Elizabeth Zechmeister, and Tulia Falleti (University of Pennsylvania)

M.A., Political Science, 2011
Vanderbilt University

B.A., Political Science and Spanish, 2008 (with distinction)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

AWARDS AND HONORS

- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1263807), 2013
- Vanderbilt University School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Enhancement Grant, 2012
- Vanderbilt Center for Latin American Studies Simon Collier Award, 2010 and 2012
- Vanderbilt University School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Award, 2010
- Award to attend the Summer Institute in Survey Research at the University of Michigan, 2010
- The Sterling Stoudemire Certificate for Excellence in Spanish, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2008

ARTICLES

"Contentious Engagement: Understanding Protest in Latin American Democracies." Forthcoming at *Journal of Politics in Latin America*.

"Good Democrats, Bad Targets: Democratic Values and Clientelistic Vote Buying." 2015. (with Ryan Carlin). *Journal of Politics* 77(1): 14-26.

"Subnational Electoral Regimes and Crisis Recovery in Argentina and Mexico." 2011. (with Jonathan Hiskey and Jed Goldberg). *Electoral Studies* 30: 468-480.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Response to Argentine Prosecutor’s Death Highlights Polarization and Mistrust of Institutions.” 2015. *AmericasBarometer Topical Brief*. Latin American Public Opinion Project. Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

- Reproduced in *Infolatam* on February 16, 2015

“Citizen Security, Evaluations of the State, and Policy Preferences.” 2014. (with Matthew Layton, Mariana Rodríguez, and Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga). In *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2014: Democratic Governance across 10 years of the AmericasBarometer*. Edited by Liz Zechmeister. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, USAID.

“Crime and Violence across the Americas.” 2014. (with Nicole Hinton, Daniel Montalvo, Arturo Maldonado, and Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga). In *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2014: Democratic Governance across 10 years of the AmericasBarometer*. Edited by Liz Zechmeister. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, USAID.

“Democracy Progress Report: Political Tolerance in the Americas, 2006-2012.” 2013. (with Jonathan Hiskey and Mariana Rodríguez). *AmericasBarometer Insights Series No. 100*. Latin American Public Opinion Project. Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

“Prosperity and Protest in Brazil: The Wave of the Future in Latin America?” 2013. (with Matthew Layton). *AmericasBarometer Insights Series No. 92*, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

“Equality of Participation in the Americas.” 2012. (with Nicole Hinton and Amy Erica Smith). In *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2012: Towards Equality of Opportunity*. Edited by Mitchell Seligson, Amy Erica Smith, and Liz Zechmeister. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, USAID.

“The Normalization of Protest in Latin America.” 2010. (with Daniel Moreno). *AmericasBarometer Insights Series No. 42*, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro’s *Curbing Clientelism in Argentina: Politics, Poverty, and Social Policy* for *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, forthcoming.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Contentious Democracy: The Rise of the Protest State in Latin America

- Presented at the Penn DCC Book Workshop, May 2015

Abstract: What explains the recent surge of contentious political participation in Latin America? Moreover, why is social protest a normal, almost routine component of the participatory “repertoire” in certain Latin American democracies, but not others? This book manuscript contends that this often-sharp variation is the result of differences in political institutions and recent trends in citizen engagement across emerging democratic systems. Specifically, ineffective institutions coupled with engaged democratic citizenries precipitate more radical modes of political participation, as governments’ ability to deliver on citizens’ expectations of democracy fails to match the mobilization capacity of increasingly organized, politically active democrats. Drawing on cross-national surveys from Latin America and qualitative and quantitative sub-national data from Argentina, I test this explanation against other leading theories in the contentious politics literature, offering one of the first comprehensive multilevel, mixed-methods studies of the political determinants of protest participation across and within developing regimes.

Working Papers:

"Economic and Institutional Sources of Local Participation" with Tulia Falletti.

"Democracy without Accountability: Economic Voting in Uneven Regimes" with Jonathan Hiskey.

"Clientelistic Vote Buying and Invalid Voting in the Americas" with Ryan Carlin and Luis Schiumerini.

"Who Protests in Latin America? Individual-Level Determinants of Protest in the Region's Developing Democracies" with Daniel Moreno.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Severed Linkages: Economic Voting in Uneven Regimes" with Jonathan Hiskey. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

"Democracy without Accountability: Economic Voting in Uneven Regimes" with Jonathan Hiskey. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 2015.

Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Book Workshop: *From Ballots to Blockades: The Normalization of Protest in Latin American Democracies*. May 11, 2015.

"Contentious Engagement: Understanding Protest in an Era of Flawed Democracies." American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Chicago, Ill. August 2013.

"Better Targets, Worse Democrats: Democratic Values and Party Strategies in Clientelistic Exchange." Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Meeting, Chicago Ill. April 2012. (with Ryan Carlin).

"*Malditos Yanquis?* Blame Attribution and Economic Crisis in Latin America." MPSA Meeting. Chicago, Ill. April 2012. (with Mariana Rodríguez and Jonathan Hiskey).

"Contentious Clients: Disentangling the Relationship between Clientelism and Social Protest." APSA Meeting. Seattle, WA. September 2011. (with Jorge Mangonnet).

"From the Bottom Up: Accounting for Subnational Variation in Latin American Politics." MPSA Meeting, Chicago, Ill. April 2011. (with Brian Faughnan).

"The Normalization of Contentious Politics: Explaining Protest Participation in Latin America." Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2010. (with Daniel Moreno).

"The Politics of Protest Participation in Argentina." Western Political Science Association (WPSA) meeting in San Francisco, CA, April 2010.

"Economic Crisis and Recovery in Uneven Regimes." The Network of Regional European Political Science Scholars Conference: The Politics of Economic Crisis in Europe and Beyond. Texas A&M, May 1-2, 2009. (with Jonathan Hiskey).

"Authoritarian Enclaves and Economic Development in a Neoliberal World." MPSA meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2-6, 2009. (with Jonathan Hiskey).

INVITED TALKS

Invited panelist on "New Forms of Political Engagement" at the Harvard Initiative for Latin American Relations (HILAR) Conference in Mexico City, Mexico, March 15-16, 2014.

"Ballots and Blockades: The Normalization of Protest in Latin America." Given at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 23, 2013.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Courses offered at West Virginia University: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Contentious Politics, Comparative Political Behavior (graduate level)
- Researcher, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP), 2008-2014
 - Worked on the design and execution of the AmericasBarometer survey instrument, including the creation of the questionnaire and analysis/publication of results, and contributed to impact studies of USAID crime prevention programs in Central America
- Co-instructor of LAPOP Undergraduate Research Program, 2013-2014
- Instructor for Introduction to Comparative Politics, Vanderbilt University, 2012
- Research and teaching assistant (Introduction to American Politics) for Dr. John Geer, 2010-2011
- Research and teaching assistant (Politics of Mexico) for Dr. Elizabeth Zechmeister, 2008-2009

FIELDWORK AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Fieldwork in Argentina, June 2012 – June 2013 (Institutional affiliation: Universidad Torcuato Di Tella)
 - Elite and citizen interviews in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, and San Luis
- Fieldwork in Argentina, May 2010 – June 2010
 - Archival research in Buenos Aires
- Fieldwork in Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and Belize, June – July 2008
- Institute in Survey Research Techniques – Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 2009
 - Courses completed: Survey Sampling, Analysis of Complex Survey Data, and Questionnaire Design
- COPA Argentina – *Universidad de Buenos Aires*, May-August 2007
 - Courses completed in Argentine politics, literature, and advanced Spanish
- UNC Semester in Sevilla – *EUSA Campus Universitario*, January-May 2006
 - Courses completed in Spanish literature, history, and language

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

- Co-chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vanderbilt University, 2009-2010.
- Translator, Centro Latino (Carrboro, NC), 2007-2008
- English teacher, Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP), UNC, 2006-2008

RESEARCH SKILLS

- Languages: English, Spanish (fluent reading, writing, speaking)
- Statistical Packages/Programs: STATA, SAS

REFERENCES

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