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## **Academic Employment**

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

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

### Education

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

Dissertation: Challenging Impunity: Electoral Accountability for Corruption in Latin America

Committee: Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, Scott Morgenstern, Steven Finkel, Victoria Shineman, and Steven Levitsky (Harvard).

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

"Who Does the Caring? Gender Disparities in COVID-19 Attitudes and Behaviors." *Politics & Gender.* With Giancarlo Visconti and Miguel Carreras. (*Forthcoming*)

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

"Choosing the Lesser Evil: Forecasting Presidential Elections in Peru" Revista Latinoamericana de Opinion Publica. With Moises Arce. (Forthcoming)

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**

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**

"Does Issue Framing Shape Support for COVID-19 Lockdown Measures?" With Giancarlo Visconti and Miguel Carreras. (revise & resubmit)

"How Does Clarity of Alternatives Affect the Electoral Fortune of Corrupt Politicians." (revise & resubmit)

"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)

"The Politics of Building Anticorruption Institutions" With Joseph Pozsgai. (working paper)

"Citizens' Evaluation of Bureaucratic Corruption in Paraguay" 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.

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

"How to Get Away With Corruption? Blame Avoidance Strategies in Electoral Campaigns." With Nara Pavão. Paper to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 14-18, 2021.

"Corruption and Democratic Representation." Roundtable participation at the International Studies Association (ISA), April 5-9, 2021.

"Economic Vulnerability and Support for Quarantine Measures" With Giancarlo Visconti and Miguel Carreras. Paper to be presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), January 6-9, 2021.

"How Does Clarity of Alternatives Affect the Electoral Fortune of Corrupt Politicians." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA), September 2020; International Studies Association (ISA), April 2021 (forthcoming).

"Electoral Accountability in Fluid Party Systems: Experimental Evidence from Latin America." Poster presented at the Latin American Political Methodology Meeting, Bogotá, Nov 8-9, 2018. \* Best Poster Award from the Latin American PolMeth meeting.

"Corruption, Clientelism, and their Effects on Political Representation: Comparative Analysis of Chile and Colombia." With Felipe Botero. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA), Boston, MA Aug 30-Sep 2, 2018.

"Scandals, Clientelism, and their Effects on Political Representation: Comparative Analysis of Chile and Colombia." With Felipe Botero. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA), San Francisco, CA Aug 31-Sep 3, 2017.

"Conditional Corruption Costs." Paper presented at the XXIX Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Lima, Peru May 21 - 24, 2017.

"The Heterogeneous Effect of Corruption: Experimental Evidence from Peru." Paper presented at the Visions in Methodology (VIM), Davis, CA May 16 - 18, 2016, and at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference (APSA), Philadelphia, PA September 1-4, 2016.

"What Motivates Politicians to Build Legislative Careers?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington, DC August 28 - 31, 2014.

"New Cabinet Dynamics in the Aftermath of Party System Collapse." With Miguel Carreras. Paper presented at the XXVIII Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Chicago, IL May 21 - 24, 2014.

"Party Nationalization and Decentralization: The Impact of Party Nationalization on Public Spending." Paper presented at the XXVII Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA), May 30-June 1, 2013, Washington D.C.

"Why Do Some Legislators Not Seek Reelection? Legislative Political Ambition in Latin America." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA), April 2012, Chicago.

## 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 (Fall 2020)

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

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

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

#### 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)

## **Advising Experience**

### BA thesis supervision as chair of the committee at Reed College

Sagan Green-Horner. Wealth Tax Passage Comparison Between Britain and Sweden. May 2020.

Victoria Woods. In the Shadows of the Manhattan Project: A Critical Study of Superfund's Legacy. May 2020.

## BA thesis supervision as member of the committee at Reed College

Ashley San Miguel. Using Gender to Rethink the Quality of Democracy on a Subnational Level: A Reworking of O'Donnell's Zone Theory. May 2020.

Nat Rubin. Competitiveness in District Attorney Elections. May 2020.

Christian Hahnemann. Voter Turnout in the Scandinavian Context. May 2020.

## Service

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, Electoral Studies, Latin American Research Review, Revista de Ciencia Política, Political Research Quarterly, 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

## Media Appearances and Interviews

*RPP Noticias*, "Elecciones en EE.UU.: Así funciona el sistema electoral que definirá la presidencia entre Trump y Biden" [Elections in the US: This is how the electoral system that will define the presidency between Trump and Biden works], November 3, 2020.

Political Studies Association Blog, "When Voters Challenge Impunity." By Sofia B. Vera, October 19, 2019.

Deutsche Welle, DW, "Expresidentes en Banquillo. Como Afecta el Caso Odebrecht a los Países en America Latina?" [Former Presidents on Trial. How Does the Odebrecht Case Affect Latin American Countries?], July 5, 2018.

Proetica, Perdonamos los Peruanos la Corrupcion? [Do Peruvians Tolerate Corruption?] February 2, 2018.

*Deutsche Welle, DW,* Rafael Correa, Buscado Como un Criminal. [Rafael Correa, Wanted as a Criminal.] July 4, 2018.

*Deutsche Welle, DW,* Peru: Die Demokratie steht auf dem Spiel. [Peru: Democracy is at Stake in Peru] December 18, 2017.

# **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)