

Curriculum Vitae
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025 Professor of Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2020 Associate Professor of Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2015 Assistant Professor of Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino

EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Political Science and International Relations, University of Southern California
Fields: Comparative Politics; International Political Economy; Latin American Politics
- 2008 M.A., Latin American Studies, Georgetown University
- 2005 B.A., Political Science, Universidad de Costa Rica

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2022 *Human Capital versus Basic Income: Ideology and Models of Anti-Poverty Programs in Latin America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Reviewed in: *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *Journal of Latin American Studies*; *Latin American Policy*; *Perspectives in Politics*; *Critical Dialogue*

Journal Articles

- 2025 “Populism Trumps Ideology: Poverty Relief Policy under Mexico’s López Obrador and Brazil’s Bolsonaro.” *Journal of Latin American Studies* (First View).
- 2022 “It’s Not Me, It’s You: Social Affinity, Anti-Solidarity and Support for Redistribution in Latin America.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 64 (3): 1-36.
- 2019 “Debating Trade: The Legislative Politics of Free-Trade Agreements in Latin America.” *Government and Opposition* 54 (2): 336-364.

- 2018 “Neoliberalism with a Human Face?: Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and Latin America’s Left Turn.” *Comparative Politics* 50 (2): 147-169.
- 2017 “Costa Rica: La Tercera No Fue la Vencida, Fracaso de la Reforma Fiscal de Luis Guillermo Solís.” *Revista de Ciencia Política* 37 (2): 389-412.
- 2014 “Rules of Procedure as a Cause of Legislative Paralysis: The Case of Costa Rica, 2002-2010.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 56 (4): 119-142.
- 2014 “Best Practices in Scholar-Practitioner Relations: Insights from the Field of Inter-American Affairs” (with Mariano E. Bertucci and Claudia Fuentes-Julio). *International Studies Perspectives* 15 (1): 54-72.

Book Chapters

- 2025 “Social Policy in Latin America: Two-tiered Welfare Regimes at a Crossroads.” In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*, edited by Claudia N. Avellaneda, Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez, and Nathalie Mendez. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishers (Forthcoming).
- 2019 “Adoption and Evolution of Cash Transfer Programs in Latin America.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*, edited by Harry Vanden and Gary Prevost. New York: Oxford University Press.

Policy Reports

- 2025 “Child Poverty and Cash Transfers: Public Opinion Endorses an Available Solution.” (with Merike Blofield and Juliana Martínez Franzoni), *Policy in Focus* 1, 1: 56-58. World Food Programme/International Policy Centre for Inclusive Development/Institute for Applied Economic Research.
- 2023 “Public Opinion on Cash Transfers for Children and Adolescents in Mexico: Clear Support for Greater Coverage and Adequacy.” (with Merike Blofield and Juliana Martínez Franzoni). Research Brief, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, Universidad de Costa Rica.
- 2021 “Bolivia’s Social Policy Response to Covid-19: Hindered by Political and Economic Crises.” Covid-19 Social Policy Response Series 15/2021, Universität Bremen: CRC 1342.

Book Reviews

- 2025 *Elites, Radicalismo y Democracia: Un Estudio Comparado sobre América Latina*, by Asbel Bohigues, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 44 (1): 51-52..
- 2022 *The Psychology of Poverty Alleviation: Challenges in Developing Countries*, by William Ascher, *Perspectives in Politics*, 20 (4): 1422-1424.

- 2016 *Reflections on Uneven Democracies: The Legacy of Guillermo O'Donnell*, edited by Daniel Brinks, Marcelo Leiras, and Scott Mainwaring, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 57 (5): 365-371.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2022 “Capital Humano vs. Renta Básica: Ideología y Modelos Anti-Pobreza en Latinoamérica.” Universidad de Costa Rica, November
- 2022 “Populist Social Policy: Anti-Poverty Policy under Mexico’s López Obrador and Brazil’s Bolsonaro.” Inland Empire Latinamericanist Group, October
- 2022 “Capital Humano vs. Ingreso Básico: Ideología y Modelos Anti-Pobreza en Latinoamérica.” Colegio de Jalisco, Mexico, August
- 2022 “Populist Social Policy: Anti-Poverty Policy under Mexico’s López Obrador and Brazil’s Bolsonaro.” Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, June
- 2018 “It’s Not Me, It’s You: Social Affinity, Anti-Solidarity and Support for Redistribution in Latin America.” University of California, Riverside, February
- 2015 “Social Policy and Presidential Ideology in Latin America: The Politics of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs.” Georgetown University, February
- 2014 “Social Policy and Presidential Ideology in Latin America: The Politics of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs.” San Jose State University, November
- 2014 “Poverty, Inequality and Redistribution in Latin America.” Chapman University, March

Conference Presentations

- 2024 “Who Supports Universal Income?: Evidence from Seven Latin American Countries.” Congreso Latinoamericano de Renta Básica Universal Incondicional, San José, Costa Rica, July.
- 2023 “Self-Interest vs. Social Affinity: Determinants of Social Spending in Latin America, 2000-2020.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April
- 2022 “Populism and Ideology: Effects of Left- and Right-Wing Populists on Latin American Anti-Poverty Programs.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April
- 2019 “Two-Track Diffusion of CCTs: The Cases of Costa Rica, Bolivia and Argentina.” Tecnológico de Monterrey-University of Southern California Latin America’s Current Challenges Conference, Los Angeles, California, June

- 2017 “Economic Self-Interest, Social Affinity and Social Spending in Latin America.” International Studies Association West Conference, Pasadena, California, September
- 2017 “Neoliberalism with a Human Face?: The Diffusion Cash Transfer Policies during Latin America’s Left Turn.” Challenges for Democracy in Latin America Conference, Los Angeles, California, January
- 2016 “It’s Not Me, It’s You: Social Affinity and Support for Redistribution in Latin America.” American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September
- 2014 “Varieties of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs?: Ideology and the Adoption and Scope of Anti-Poverty Programs in Latin America.” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May
- 2013 “Determinants of Social Spending in Latin America, 1990-2010.” International Studies Association West Conference. Pasadena, California. September
- 2009 “Debating Trade: Latin American Legislatures and Recent Trade Agreements with the United States.” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June
- 2008 “Crisis of Decision-Making in the Costa Rican Legislature.” Mid-Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March

Departmental Talks

- 2018 “Latin America’s Electoral Marathon: Elections in Colombia, Mexico, and Brazil,” California State University, San Bernardino, May
- 2017 “Social Policy in the Era of Globalization: Ideology and Models of Cash Transfer Programs in Latin America” California State University, San Bernardino, May
- 2014 “The Politics of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs in Latin America,” University of Southern California, October
- 2011 “Referendum on Trade: Costa Rica’s Long Journey to CAFTA-DR,” University of Southern California, March

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

Research Experience

- 2012-13 Field research on the politics of anti-poverty programs in Argentina, Bolivia and Costa Rica

2007-08 Researcher, Democratic Governance Program, Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, DC

2004-06 Politics and business editor, *Business Costa Rica*, San José, Costa Rica

2002-04 Politics and business reporter, *The Tico Times*, San José, Costa Rica

Additional Methods Training

2011 Qualitative methods training, Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Syracuse University

2009 Quantitative methods training, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2009

Languages

Spanish: Native reading, writing, and conversation

Portuguese: Reading

TEACHING

California State University, San Bernardino

Undergraduate:

Latin American Politics

International Political Economy

Comparative Politics

Democracy and Dictatorship

International Relations

General Education: Introduction to American Politics

Graduate:

Senior Seminar: Comparative Politics of Latin America

Senior Seminar: Latino Politics in the United States

Graduate Seminar: Politics of Globalization

Loyola Marymount University

Comparative Politics

International Political Economy

Teaching Awards

2014 Teaching Fellow, Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of Southern California

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 Academic Affairs Research Assigned Time Award, Office of the Provost and Vice-President, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2024 Academic Affairs Research Assigned Time Award, Office of the Provost and Vice-President, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2023 Academic Affairs Research Assigned Time Award, Office of the Provost and Vice-President, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2014 Zilpha R. and Joan A. Main Dissertation Completion Fellowship, School of International Relations, University of Southern California
- 2014 Winner, International Relations Essay Competition, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California
- 2013 Dissertation Fellowship, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California
- 2013 Field Research Grant, College of Letters Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California.
- 2012 Gold Family Fellowship, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California
- 2012 Winner (with Mariano E. Bertucci), International Relations Essay Competition, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California
- 2011 Grayson and Judith Manning Fellowship, Office of the Provost, University of Southern California
- 2011 Dissertation Award, Center for International Studies and Centers for International Business Education and Research, University of Southern California
- 2009 Diversity Enhancement Placement Assistance Award, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California

SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

Country Expert (Costa Rica): Varieties of Democracy Project, 2015-present

Country Expert (Costa Rica): Chapel Hill Expert Survey-América Latina, 2024

Contributor: Brightline Watch, 2017-present

Referee: *Anuario del Centro de Investigación y Estudios Políticos; Contexto Internacional; Democracy and Security; Foro Internacional; Global Social Policy; International Journal of Social Welfare; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Latin American Studies; Latin American Politics & Society; Latin American Research Review; Opinião Pública; Political Research Quarterly; Public Administration; Revista de Ciencia Política; Social Policy & Administration; Socio-Economic Review; Socius*

Book Reviewer: *Bulletin of Latin American Research; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Perspectives on Politics*

Manuscript Reviewer: University of Michigan Press; Routledge; W.W. Norton & Company

Departmental and University Service

Board Member, Latin American Studies Minor, California State University, San Bernardino, 2015-present

Internship Coordinator, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2020-present

Member, Curricular Assessment Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2015-present

Member, National Security Studies/International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2019-2020

Member, Constitutional Law/American Politics Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2019-2020

Member, International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2015-2016

Coordinator, Comparative Political Economy Discussion Group, University of Southern California 2009-2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2008-present

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2022-present

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 2008-present