

# LUCAS DE SOUZA MARTINS

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## EDUCATION

**Temple University**, College of Liberal Arts, Philadelphia (USA) *Since August 2022*  
*PhD Student Fellow in Diplomatic History (U.S.-Latin America Relations)*

Advisor: Dr. Alan McPherson

Selected Courses: “War, Empire and Society”, “The Art of Leadership in the Public Sector”,  
“Alternative Globalization: A View from the Socialist World”

**Georgia State University**, College of Arts & Sciences, Atlanta (USA) *May 2021*  
*Master of Arts in American History (U.S.-Latin America Relations)*

*Thesis Title:* “From 39 to Brasília: the relationship between President Carter and Brazil”

Advisors: Dr. Alex Sayf Cummings and Dr. John T. Way

[https://scholarworks.gsu.edu/history\\_theses/131/](https://scholarworks.gsu.edu/history_theses/131/)

Selected Courses: “Issues & Interpretations in American History”, “U.S. Cities”, “The American Built Environment”, “Seminar in Latin American History”

**Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais**, Belo Horizonte, MG (Brazil) *December 2018*  
*Graduate Degree (Specialist) in People Management*

Selected Courses: “Contemporary People Management”, “Mentorship and Coaching”, “Career Management”, “Labor Legislation”.

**Mackenzie Presbyterian University**, São Paulo, SP (Brazil) *December 2014*  
*Bachelor of Arts in Journalism*

Selected Courses: “Human Rights and Public Policy”, “Journalistic Practice”, “Strategic Communication Management”, “Political Science for Journalists”.

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

**The Carter Center**, Atlanta (USA) & Bogotá, DC (Colombia)

1/2022-6/2022

Americas Program

*Electoral Projects Fellow*

- Was the recipient of the Margaret and Robert Pastor Graduate Assistant Fellowship which is awarded yearly to students with a background in Latin American politics;
- Conducted research, social media mapping, media content analysis, and campaign finance monitoring for projects conducted by the Americas Program on topics such as Latin American elections, government-media relations, transitional justice, and democratic crises;
- Assisted the Carter Center's electoral expert mission for Colombia Presidential Election in Bogotá by providing on-site logistical and research support;
- Produced daily media reports about the presidential elections of Honduras, Venezuela, Colombia, and Brazil.

**Georgia House of Representatives**, Atlanta (USA)

1/2021-5/2022

Office of State Representative Park Cannon (D-58)

*Cultural & International Affairs Aide*

- Assisted Rep. Cannon (RPC), the youngest black legislator in Georgia, with the office's relationship with the local international community and agents (constituents, associations, consulates, chambers of commerce, etc.);
- Introduced Rep. Cannon's to the diplomatic community in the city of Atlanta, and assisted RPC with briefing documents for events promoted by consulates;
- Managed the office's relationship with faith communities (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, etc.) through assistance with events, briefing documents, and social media content (with massive use of Twitter, Instagram, and Canva);
- Created and managed an interview series hosted by Rep. Cannon on Instagram with international, faith and social leaders to promote tradition sharing.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, Brasília (Brazil)

3/2017-1/2019

*Press Officer*

- Served in the cabinet of the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- Managed Brazil's Foreign Minister Aloysio Nunes Ferreira Filho's interview scheduling, and media monitoring (newspapers, radio & TV);
- Joined official delegations in international events such as Mercosur leader's summit and the Eleventh World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference (MC11);

- Visited more than fifteen countries on official trips for the Brazilian government, giving direct assistance to the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**Brazilian Federal Senate**, Brasília, DF (Brazil)

3/2015-3/2017

*Press Officer*

- Served in the cabinet of the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee (CREDN) and Majority Leader Aloysio Nunes Ferreira Filho;
- Provided support for journalists and researchers, managed interview scheduling, and produced media clippings (newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations).

## **VOLUNTEERING**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**, Atlanta (USA)

08/2021-08/2022

International Mission Trip Co-Leader

- Co-led the first mission trip of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 's congregation, to South America (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) in the summer of 2022;
- Set up meetings between the delegation - 15 members of Ebenezer - with local Black social and religious leaders, such as representatives of the *Rio de Janeiro City Hall*, the *Marielle Franco Institute* and *Casa Semente*, an NGO focused on children's after school programs.

**Portuguese Teacher to Spanish-Speaking Refugee Children**, Brasília (Brazil) 07/2021-Present  
Vila Internacional

- NGO founded by Portuguese teachers dedicated to welcoming immigrants in vulnerable conditions through language learning support;
- Teach Portuguese to refugee Spanish-speaking children (ages 7-12) currently based in Brazil.

**Council of Brazilian Citizens in the City of Atlanta**, Atlanta, GA (USA)

11/2020-08/2022

Secretary

- Prepared the meeting's minutes and co-facilitate the council's discussions;
- Assisted the President and Vice-President with the logistics for events (such as the Brazilian Health Day) and the council's institutional relationship with the Brazilian Consulate General and the Brazilian community in the city of Atlanta.

**Fair Count**, Atlanta, GA (USA)  
Engagement Consultant, Portuguese-Speaking Community

03/2020-08/2020

- Founded by the Honorable Stacey Abrams, Fair Count works to build long-term power in communities that have been historically undercounted in the census;
- Promoted and managed a panel discussion with Latinx faith & business leaders, healthcare workers and social activists on the importance of COVID-19 vaccines;
- Co-led initiatives (panels & social media content) toward the community of Portuguese speakers and communities of faith in Georgia regarding the U.S. Census.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

**Georgia State University**, Atlanta (USA)

9/2019-05/2021

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies - Office of Career Services & Alumni Relations  
*Employer Relations & Student Clubs Graduate Assistant*

- Provided resume critiques for undergraduate students in virtual one-on-one meetings;
- Scheduled informational interviews to connect GSU undergraduate students and established professionals (GSU alumni);
- Assisted employers, students and alumni with utilizing database Handshake;
- Supported Director and Assistant Director with planning and logistics for events such as virtual career panels and info sessions on Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and Meet.

**Mayor's Office of International Affairs**, Atlanta (USA)

1/2020-12/2020

City of Atlanta  
*Research & Marketing Intern*

- Supported MOIA's Global Commerce Initiative, which involves researching historical events, trade, and investment trends;
- Researched Atlanta's historical facts to support Marketing and Social Media efforts;
- Supported MOIA's Diplomacy & Protocol initiative by liaising between the Office and Atlanta's Sister Cities around the world and researching historical ties;
- Drafted and published articles related to MOIA's different programs and initiatives.

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**George House Resolution of Commendation and Recognition**, Atlanta (USA) 2/2023

*Issued by Georgia House of Representatives*

Sponsored by Georgia State Representatives Park Cannon (D-58) and Sam Park (D-107), this House Resolution (HR-156) honors Lucas de Souza Martins for his outstanding work and dedication in serving all communities across the State of Georgia.

**Temple University Doctoral Fellowship**, Philadelphia (USA) 9/2022

*Issue by Temple University's Graduate School*

The Graduate School, acting on nominations made by academic departments, awards Future Faculty, Presidential, and University Fellowships on a University-wide competitive basis. They are prestigious awards reserved for the strongest applicants to the university. Fellowships are granted to individuals based upon the recommendation of their department and are dependent upon the strength of the student's credentials. These fellowships are reserved for full-time graduate students and are intended primarily for the support of doctoral students.

**Ebenezer Baptist Church Recognition Award**, Atlanta (USA) 9/2022

*Issued by the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church*

Award presented by the United States Senator Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock (D-GA), Senior Pastor, in recognition of the recipient's dedication and commitment to the Young Adult & Outreach Ministries of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta, GA, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s congregation.

**The Margaret and Robert Pastor Fellowship**, Atlanta (USA) 6/2022

*Issued by the Carter Center*

The Graduate Assistant conducts research for projects conducted by the Americas Program on such topics as elections, government-media relations, transitional justice, and democratic crises in the Western Hemisphere. The Program is particularly interested in graduate students with a background in Latin American politics and democratization, and/or skills in social media mapping, media content analysis programs, campaign finance monitoring, or peace processes and conflict prevention strategies.

**Medal of the Order of Rio Branco**, Brasilia, DF (Brazil) 4/2018

*Issued by the Government of Brazil*

The Order of Rio Branco, named in honor of the Patron of Brazilian diplomacy - Baron of Rio Branco - was instituted in 1963 with the objective of distinguishing meritorious and civic virtues. The Council of the Order is led by Brazil's President, the Grand Master of the Order.

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

Jovem Pan Internacional with Marcelo Favalli, “The presidential candidacy of Governor Ron De Santis”, *Jovem Pan News* (São Paulo, Brazil), 27 May 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR9Y7KAh2x4&t=256s>.

Fernanda Magnotta, “What 23 experts recommend for the foreign policy of Lula in 2023”, *UOL* (São Paulo, Brazil), 06 January 2023, <https://noticias.uol.com.br/colunas/fernanda-magnotta/2023/01/06/o-que-23-especialistas-recomendam-para-a-politica-externa-de-lula-em-2023.htm>.

CNN Arena with Márcio Gomes, “Inflation and crisis are crucial themes among American voters”, *CNN Brazil* (São Paulo, Brazil), 08 November 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf4Xd0oG0nA>.

Leandra Felipe, “By rapidly recognizing Brazil’s independence, the U.S. wanted to get away from Europeans and lead the region”, *Radio France Internationale* (Paris, France), 07 September 2022, <https://www.rfi.fr/br/podcasts/reportagem/20220907-ao-reconhecer-rapidamente-a-independ%C3%Aancia-do-brasil-eua-queriam-afastar-europeus-e-liderar-regi%C3%A3o>.

Eliane Oliveira, “Lack of concrete actions from Brazil’s government worries USA, Norway and Germany”, *O Globo* (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), 19 July 2021, <https://oglobo.globo.com/brasil/meio-ambiente/falta-de-acoes-concretas-do-governo-na-amazonia-ja-preocupa-eua-noruega-alemanha-25114517>.

CNN Manhã with Roberto Nonato, “Trends on Brazil-U.S. relations”, *CNN Brazil Radio* (São Paulo, Brazil), 20 January 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTifiqLXeF4&t=2172s>.

Dinheiro na Conta with Juliana Causin, “The end of Trump’s Era: what happens with Brazil?”, *MyNews* (São Paulo, Brazil), 20 January 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RER6B5gTWI&t=3s>.

Leandra Felipe, “The wave that gave Georgia to Biden”, *O Estado de S. Paulo* (São Paulo, Brazil), 11 January 2021, <https://internacional.estadao.com.br/noticias/geral,mobilizacao-latina-e-negra-levaram-a-virada-democrata-na-georgia,70003576807>.

Bastidores do Poder with Yuri Cavalieri, “The American Democracy is still strong”, *Rádio Bandeirantes* (São Paulo, Brazil), 7 January 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVBTV9IDweg&t=135s>.

Todo Seu with Ronnie Von, “What is your question? Brazilian Elections”, *TV Gazeta* (São Paulo, Brazil), 25 September 2014, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWyBpyin\\_qM&t=12s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWyBpyin_qM&t=12s).

Tribuna Independente with Dalcides Biscalquin, “Understanding the Brazilian political system”, *Rede Vida* (São Paulo, Brazil), 19 August 2014, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NiyGRjOzvs>.

## **TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“The U.S. reactions to the Colombian Constitution”, The James A. Barnes Graduate Conference at Temple University (Philadelphia, USA), 2-3 April 2023.

“The African American Experience and the Brazilian Reality”, Summer Semester Short Undergraduate Course taught at the Brazilian HBCU Zumbi dos Palmares University (São Paulo, Brazil), 3-5 August 2022.

“The African American Experience and the Brazilian Reality”, Spring Break Short Undergraduate Course taught at the Getúlio Vargas Foundation (São Paulo, Brazil), 4-8 April 2022.

“The American democracy in danger”, panel discussion at the Center of Sustainable Development, University of Brasília (Brasília, Brazil), 4 August 2021.

“Straight to the point: Vaccines, COVID-19 and the Brazilian community”, panel discussion at Fair Count (Atlanta, GA), 26 May 2021.

“Celebrating Atlanta's Global Youth Professionals: Global Talent for a Global City”, panel discussion at Atlanta’s Global Studies Center, Georgia State University & Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA), April 2021.

“Better Together: Coalition Building Between African American and Latinx Communities”, panel presentation with Martha Revelo at the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta, GA), 14 April 2021.

“Political journalistic coverage in Brazil and globally”, panel discussion at Communication and Letters Center, Mackenzie Presbyterian University (São Paulo, Brazil), 7 April 2021.

“The U.S. Census and the Brazilian community”, panel discussion at Fair Count (Atlanta, GA), 15 August 2021.

“Political journalism and Brazilian politics”, panel discussion at Ninth of July University (São Paulo, Brasil), 26 May 2020.

## **LANGUAGES**

English

*Full professional proficiency*

Portuguese

*Native or bilingual proficiency*

Spanish

*Professional working proficiency*