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Current Appointments:

Associate Professor of Political Science, Temple University (as of July 1, 2016)
Graduate Chair (DGS), Department of Political Science (as of July 1, 2018)
Affiliated Faculty, Global Studies Program (as of July 1, 2019)

Previous Appointments:

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Temple University (Sept. 2009 – June 2016)
Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies,
Harvard University, 2012-13
Lecturer, Department of Politics & Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 2008-2009
Assistant Professor of Politics (tenure-track) Bates College, 2006-2008

Education

Ph.D. (2006) and A.M. (2003) Harvard University Department of Government
M.A. (1998) Georgetown University Center for Latin American Studies, with distinction
B.A. (1995) Haverford College, Department of Growth & Structure of Cities

Additional Training:

Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, 2005
Graduate Coursework, Universidad Católica de Chile, Summer 1998

Publications and Research in Progress

Book

(2015) *State Building in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press) Paperback 2016.

Edited Volume

(2019) *Politics After Violence: Legacies of the Shining Path Conflict in Peru* University of Texas Press (co-edited with Alberto Vergara) Spanish translation under contract with Universidad del Pacífico Press, Peru.

Peer reviewed journal articles

(2020) 'Shadow Cases in Comparative Research' *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* (accepted and forthcoming in Fall 2020 issue)
(2020) 'The Indigenous Inheritance: Critical Antecedents and State-Building in Latin America and Southeast Asia' (with Dan Slater) *Social Science History* vol 44 #2 pp. 251-274.
(2017) 'The Bolivarian Education Reform in Context' (*Journal of Latin American Studies*, vol.49 #4 (November) pp. 885-916. (with Jared Abbott & Matthias vom Hau)

- *Lightly revised version published as vom Hau, Abbott, and Soifer (2018) ‘Inculcating Populist Nationalism? Education and Ideological Change in Venezuela’ in *Populist Nationalism in Europe and the Americas*, edited by Fernando López-Alves and Diane Johnson, Routledge Press, Chapter 14.
- (2017) ‘Capturing subnational variation in state capacity: a survey-based approach’ *American Behavioral Scientist*, vol. 61 #8 (July) pp. 887-907 (with Juan Pablo Luna)
- (2016) ‘Regionalism, Ethnic Diversity, and Variation in Public Good Provision by National States’ *Comparative Political Studies* vol.49 #10 (September) pp.1341-71.
- (2013) ‘State Power and the Redistributive Threat’ *Studies in Comparative International Development* vol.48 #1 (March) pp.1-22. (erratum published in vol.51 #4 pp.530-538)
- (2012) ‘The Causal Logic of Critical Junctures’ *Comparative Political Studies* vol.45 #12 (December), pp.1572-1597. [earlier version published as Committee on Concepts and Methods Working Paper, Political Methodology Series #24, 2010]
- *Recipient of the 2013 **Alexander George Award** from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of APSA for “the best article or book chapter developing or applying qualitative methods in the preceding calendar year.”
- (2012) ‘Measuring State Capacity in Contemporary Latin America’ *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol.32 #3 (November-December) pp.585-598.
- (2009) ‘The Sources of Infrastructural Power: Evidence from 19th Century Chilean Education’ *Latin American Research Review* vol.44 #2, pp.158-180
- (2008) ‘State Infrastructural Power: Conceptualization and Measurement in Empirical Analysis’ *Studies in Comparative International Development* vol.43 #3-4 pp.231-251 (November)
- (2008) (with Matthias vom Hau) ‘Unpacking the ‘Strength’ of the State: The Utility of State Infrastructural Power’ *Studies in Comparative International Development* vol.43 #3-4 pp.219-230 (November)

Book chapters and other publications

- (forthcoming, 2020) ‘Comparative Methods and Process Tracing’ (with Andrew Bennett and Tasha Fairfield) *Perspectives on Politics* as part of a symposium on the Qualitative Transparency Deliberations. APSA Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Qualitative Transparency Deliberations, Working Group Final Reports, Report III.1 Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3333405>
- (2019) ‘Units of Analysis in Subnational Research’ (chapter 3 in *Inside Countries: Subnational Research in Comparative Politics* edited by Agustina Giraudy, Eduardo Moncada, and Richard Snyder (Cambridge University Press) pp.92-112
- (2019) ‘Introduction: Leaving the Path Behind’ (with Alberto Vergara) in *Politics After Violence: Legacies of the Shining Path Conflict in Peru* (Texas Press) pp.1-16
- (2019) ‘The Internal armed conflict and state capacity’ (with Everett A. Vieira III – graduate student co-author) Chapter 4 in *Politics After Violence: Legacies of the Shining Path Conflict in Peru* (Texas Press) pp. 109-131
- (2018) vom Hau, Abbott, and Soifer (2018) ‘Inculcating Populist Nationalism? Education and Ideological Change in Venezuela’ in *Populist Nationalism in Europe and the Americas*, edited by Fernando López-Alves and Diane Johnson, Routledge Press, Chapter 14. (Revised version of JLAS article listed above)
- (2017) ‘New Scholarship on Peru’s Internal Conflict: A Review Essay’ *Latin American Politics and Society* vol.59 #1 (Spring) pp.143-153.

- (2016) 'The Development of State Capacity' in Falleti, Fioretos, and Sheingate, eds. *Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism* Chapter Ten pp.181-194.
- (2013) 'Elite Preferences, Administrative Institutions, and Educational Development During Peru's Aristocratic Republic 1895-1919' in Miguel Centeno and Agustín Ferraro, eds. *State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Republics of the Possible* (Cambridge University Press) Chapter Twelve pp.247-269. (Active citation version available at <http://doi.org/10.5064/F6NP22C9>)
- (2009) 'The Redistributive Threat: State Power and the Effect of Inequality on Democracy' Brooks World Poverty Institute Working Paper #93.

Manuscripts in review process

The Drug Trade and State Violence in Internal Conflicts: Evidence from Peru' (with Angelica Durán-Martínez) (submitted, August 2020)

Reviews and other short publications

- (2018) Review of Handlin State Crisis in Fragile Democracies in *Latin American Politics & Society* vol.60 #3 (August) pp.122-124
- (2017) Review of Hough & Grier The Long Process of Development in *Journal of Latin American Studies* vol.49 #2 (May) pp.386-9.
- (2017) Review of Kurt Weyland's Making Waves: Democratic Contention in Europe and Latin America in *Journal of Latin American Studies* vol.49 #1 (February) pp.195-7.
- (2016) Review of Fairfield Private Wealth and Public Revenue in Latin America in *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 14 #2 (June) pp.538-40.
- (2015) 'Surveying State Capacity' (with Juan Pablo Luna) (*LAPOP Insights* #119, July)
- (2014) Review of Schneider State Building and Tax Regimes in Central America in *Journal of Politics* vol.76 #2 (April).
- (2012) Review of Dargent Demócratas Precarios in *Apuntes* (Lima, Peru) vol.71 pp.256-258.
- (2012) 'The Expectations States Create: How State Capacity Shapes the Scope of Politics' in *LASA Forum* vol.43 #4, pp.27-29, part of a forum on 'Stateness in Latin America'
- (2011) Review of Slater Ordering Power in *Comparative Political Studies* vol.44 #9, September, pp.1303-1307.
- (2010) 'What to Read on State-Building' Published Online at Foreign Affairs (February) <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/features/readinglists/what-to-read-on-state-building-0>
- (2007) Review of Snyder Politics After Neoliberalism in *Political Studies Review* vol.5 #3, September, pp.437-8.

Work in Progress

- 'The mechanisms of state legibility: evidence from DHS surveys' (with Luís García, graduate student co-author) – paper presented at APSA 2020.
- 'The MAUP as a threat to inference in political science' (with Melissa Rogers and Dong Wook Lee) – paper presented at APSA 2020.
- 'Are state building efforts effective? Evidence from Chilean school provision' (with Federico Tiberti) paper presented at APSA 2020.
- 'Fiscal and information capacity in Latin America' with Matthias vom Hau and Jose Alejandro Peres Cajía (paper for UNU-WIDER collection on 'Fiscal States in Developing Economies) Draft to be completed by early 2021.

Units of Analysis (book manuscript) 5 chapters drafted and presented to various audiences.
Surveying State Capacity (with Juan Pablo Luna) (book manuscript) 4 chapters drafted and presented at various workshops and invited talks.
Why State Strength and Weakness Persist – book manuscript with five chapters drafted.
The Military as Institution and Organization: Evidence from Chile (data cleaning in progress)

Presentations

Invited Talks and Workshops:

2020-21 (including scheduled): UCLA (book workshop), Princeton (Qualitative Methods Colloquium), Temple LAS (roundtable on Philip Berryman book).
2019-20: LSE (book workshop), Tulane (book workshop) Colgate (book workshop).
2018-19: Northwestern, Duke, Princeton, Johns Hopkins (book workshop).
2017-18: Princeton (CP seminar), Syracuse (IQMR), Stanford (book workshop), Cornell (book workshop), SUNY Albany, La Católica (Chile), Harvard.
2016-17: MIT, Yale, La Católica (Peru), Trinity College (book workshop), La Católica (Peru) (book workshop), Southwest Mixed Methods Research Workshop (discussant).
2015-16: UW-Madison (via Skype), Penn, Princeton (Qualitative Research Seminar), Harvard (WCFIA).
2014-15: Asociación Chilena de Ciencia Política (keynote address), Syracuse (IQMR), Harvard (book workshop), Political Instability Task Force Winter Workshop, Trinity College.
2013-14: New Mexico, The College of New Jersey, Stanford (CDDRL), La Católica (Chile), Harvard (book workshop), Harvard Academy, Stanford (Governance project), ESID/Johns Hopkins SAIS.
2012-13 and earlier: La Católica (Peru), Harvard, Michigan, Brown, LAPOP, SUNY Stonybrook, Oxford, Dartmouth, Princeton (PLAS), Columbia, Syracuse (IQMR), Harvard (Radcliffe), La Católica (Chile), CFR, Harvard (WCFIA) (book workshop).

Selected Professional Association Conferences: (P=paper presented, D=discussant, C=chair)
APSA 2020 (Px3) APSA 2018 (Px2, C, roundtable), 2017 (P) 2016 (Px2) 2014 (Px2, D/C), 2013 (D/Cx2), 2011 (Px2), 2010 (P, D), 2009 (P, D/C), 2008 (Px2), 2007 (P), 2006 (P)
LASA 2015 (D), 2013 (P, D), 2012 (P), 2010 (P), 2004 (P), 2001 (P)
REPAL 2019 (D), 2018 (P, C), 2015 (author-meets-critics panel on my book)
MPSA 2020 (P – cancelled for COVID), 2009 (P, D), 2008 (P, D)
ASA 2013 (D)

Professional Service

Service to the Academic Community

External Tenure and Promotion Reviews: 2018 (2), 2020.

Invited discussant for book workshops:

Steve Levitsky & Lucan Way *Competitive Authoritarianism* (Cambridge UP)
Melani Cammett & Lauren Morriss MacLean, eds. *The Politics of Non-state Social Welfare* (Cornell UP)
Juan Pablo Luna *Segmented Representation: Political Party Strategies in Unequal Democracies* (Oxford UP)

Alisha Holland *Forbearance as Redistribution: the Politics of Informal Welfare in Latin America* (Cambridge UP)
Reo Matsuzaki *Statebuilding by Imposition: Resistance and Control in Colonial Taiwan and the Philippines* (Cornell UP)
Gustavo Flores-Macías *Elite Pacts and Security Taxation in Latin America*
Eduardo Dargent et al, eds. *Resource Booms and Institutional Pathways: The Case of Peru* (Palgrave Press)
Emily Clough *Learning and Latitude for the State: How NGOs shape public service provision in India*
Juan Fernando Ibarra *Paths out of Patrimonialism*
Sebastián Mazucca *State Formation in Latin America* (Yale UP)
Tasha Fairfield & Andrew Charman *Social Inquiry and Bayesian Inference: Rethinking qualitative research* (Cambridge UP)
Rachel Schwartz *Institutional Legacies of Civil War in Central America*
Veronica Herrera *Slow Harms and Citizen Action: Environmental Degradation and Policy Change in Latin American Cities*

Manuscript reviews: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID) Working Paper Series, European Political Science Review, Global Policy, Governance, International Migration Review, International Organization, International Political Science Review, International Theory, Journal of Latin American Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Perspectives on Politics, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, Political Studies, Polity, Public Administration, Revista de Ciencia Política (Chile), Socio-Economic Review, Sociological Methods & Research, Sociological Theory, Studies in Comparative International Development, Third World Quarterly, Third World Thematics, World Development, and World Politics.*

Proposal and book reviews for presses: Cambridge, Polity, Princeton, University of Michigan, and Yale.

Grant application reviewer for: NSF, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, FONDECYT (Chilean NSF)

Member, Research evaluation advisory group, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, 2014-
Senior honors thesis outside examiner for: Bates College, 2009 & 2012, Ursinus College, 2014.

Service to Professional Associations

Nominating Committee for QMMR section of APSA, 2021-22

Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Prize Committee, APSA section on Politics & History, 2019

Chair of Giovanni Sartori Book Prize Committee, QMMR section of APSA, 2017.

APSA Qualitative Transparency Deliberations Working Group on Process Tracing and Comparative Case Study Research, 2016-17

Section Chair, Comparative Politics and International Relations Poster Sections, MPSA 2013.

Alexander George Article/Book Chapter Award Committee, QMMR section of APSA, 2012.

Bryce Wood Best Book Award Committee, Latin American Studies Association, 2010.

Track Co-chair, QMMR section of APSA, 2008.

Service to Temple University

Elected member, Graduate Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2018-2021. Chair of committee 2019-2020.

Affiliated Faculty, Global Studies Program, 2019-

CARAS Grant mentor for Alexis Lauver, Summer 2020

Second Reader, Senior Honors Thesis, Cassandra Emmons (defended December 2013; winner of the 2014 Temple University Library Prize)

Member, Temple Japan Semester Scholarship Committee, 2011

Member, Steering Committee, Program in Latin American Studies, 2009-2011

Service to the Temple University Political Science Department

Graduate Chair (DGS), July 2018 – June 2021

Search committees: Fall 2019 (CP), 2016 (CP), 2013 (REP), 2011 (CP)

Field Coordinator, Comparative Politics, 2015-2017

Member, Graduate Program Committee, 2010-2011, 2015-2017

Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, 2009-2010, 2014-2015

Member, Sabbatical and Merit Committee (elected), 2011-2012, 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Graduate Student Workshop 2010-2014

Graduate student advising, Temple University: (*=chair/principal advisor)

Current students

*Sean Harris (dissertation in progress)

Walter James (dissertation in progress)

*Ian Matthews (dissertation in progress)

Sevdenur Koru (dissertation in progress)

*John Hess (prospectus in progress)

*Jared Pentz (prospectus in progress)

*Félix Puémape (coursework stage)

*Luis Garcia (coursework stage)

Former students with initial placement information:

*Jared Abbott (MA) completed PhD at Harvard 2020

*Amanda M. Alvarez (PhD 2019) Research Associate, OGC Global

*Joel Blaxland (PhD 2018) Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, Western New Mexico University

*Nicolaos Catsis (PhD 2014) Visiting Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Wilson College

Ed Larsen (MA) Assessment Specialist, ETS

Alyona Sokolova (PhD 2016)

Ashish Vaidya (PhD 2015)

*Everett A. Vieira III (PhD 2018) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, California State University – Fresno

Dissertation Committees outside Temple

Former students:

Laura García Montoya, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2020.
Nicolas Guillén Velasquez, University of Miami, Department of International Studies, 2018.
Antoine Maillet, Pontificia Univ. Católica de Chile, Department of Political Science, 2013.

Outside Examination Service:

Rodrigo Medel, Pontificia Univ. Católica de Chile, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Qualitative Methods (graduate)

Prospectus Workshop (graduate)

The State in Comparative Politics (undergraduate, MPP, and graduate)

Comparative Politics Core Seminar (graduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate lecture)

Comparative Politics in Latin America (undergraduate lecture)

Social Revolutions: Causes and Consequences (undergraduate seminar and capstone)

Cocaine and Society in the Americas (undergraduate seminar)

Inequality, Violence, and Democracy in Contemporary Latin America (undergraduate seminar)

Competitive Research Funding Obtained

External

Research Team Member, ‘Ethnic Policies and Development: A Comparative Analysis of the Cases of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile’ (PIs Matthias vom Hau, IBEI and Guillermo Wilde – Universidad de San Martín, Argentina) Funded for €52,000 from the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain. Renewed 2016-18 for an additional €44,000

Internal

Temple University Summer Research Award 2019 (\$7,000)

Temple University Faculty Senate Seed Money Grant 2012-13 (\$8,300)

Bates College Schmutz Family Faculty Development Fund 2007 (\$7,500)

Awards and Fellowships

2013 Alexander George Best Article Award, Qualitative and Mixed Methods section of APSA, for ‘The Causal Logic of Critical Junctures’

Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (2012-13) (competitive year-long funded fellowship)

Visiting Scholar, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University (2012-13)

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2005-2006)

U.S. Department of Education FLAS Fellowship for Dissertation Research (2002-3, 2003-4)

Committee on Undergraduate Education Teaching Award, Harvard University (2002, 2005)