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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Diplomatic History	2022-2027
College of Liberal Arts, Temple University	Philadelphia, USA

Dissertation Title:

“The Centrist Way to Democracy: Brazil’s Opposition and U.S. Restraint (1973-1985)”

Advisor: Dr. Alan McPherson

M.A. in American History	2019-2021
College of Arts & Sciences, Georgia State University	Atlanta, USA

Thesis:

“From 39 to Brasília: the relationship between President Carter and Brazil (1977-1981)”

Advisor: Dr. Alex Cummings

B.A. in Journalism	2011-2014
Mackenzie Presbyterian University	São Paulo, Brazil

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

U.S. from 1865; U.S. foreign relations; Global history; Cold War; Latin America; Brazil; Colombia.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Temple University	Aug/2022 - Present
Doctoral Fellow & Instructor of Record	Philadelphia, USA

The Carter Center	Jan-Jul/2022
Democracy Program Fellow, Electoral Missions Assistant	Bogotá, Colombia

Georgia State House of Representatives	2021-2022
Internal Affairs Aide, Office of State Representative Park Cannon	Atlanta, USA

Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Itamaraty)	2017-2018
Press Aide to the Foreign Minister	Brasília, Brazil

Brazilian Federal Senate	2015-2017
Press Aide to the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee	Brasília, Brazil

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Brazil-U.S. Relations Research Fellowship Washington Brazil Office	<i>2024-2025</i>
Cold War Archives Research Fellow Wilson Center, Cold War Archives Research (CWAR) Institute	<i>2023-2024</i>
Marvin Wachman Fellowship in Force and Diplomacy Temple University, Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy (CENFAD)	<i>2024-2025</i>
Georgia House Resolution of Commendation and Recognition Georgia State House of Representatives	<i>2023</i>
Margaret and Robert Pastor Graduate Fellowship The Carter Center, Democracy Program	<i>2022</i>
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Ebenezer Baptist Church Recognition Award Global Ministries, Presented by the U.S. Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock	<i>2022</i>
Medal of the Order of Rio Branco Brazilian Government	<i>2018</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Temple University

Instructor of Record, College of Liberal Arts

HIST 859: The Making of American Society - Melting Pot or Culture Wars? (Spring 2025)

HIST 859: The Making of American Society - Melting Pot or Culture Wars (Fall 2024)

HIST 865: The Global Crisis - Power, Politics, and the Making of Our Times (Spring 2024)

ENG 802: Analytical Reading & Writing (Fall 2023)

Villanova University

Adjunct Professor of History

HIST 1150: Modern Brazil (Spring 2025)

HIST 1150: Modern Brazil (Fall 2024)

Community College of Philadelphia

Adjunct Professor of History

HUM 150: Introduction to Latin American Cultures and Civilizations (Fall 2025)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

“Resisting Dictatorship through Centrism and Enforcing Sovereignty towards Washington: the Brazilian Redemocratization Process (1972-1985)”, Latin American Studies Association Conference (LASA), May 27, 2026 (forthcoming). Paris, France.

“The Status of Human Rights in Latin America: A Roundtable on Brazil, Cuba, and Colombia”, Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), Oct. 9, 2025. Washington, DC.

“Pushing Against Uncle Sam: The U.S. Pullbacks in the 1991 Colombian Constitution”, Society for History of American Foreign Relations Conference, Jun. 26, 2025. Arlington, VA.

“The Impact of the 2024 U.S. Elections on Brazil: Political, Economic, and Social Implications”, The Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Oct. 30, 2024. Santa Barbara, CA.

“United Against Foreign Interference: The Brazilian Dictatorship and Its Opposition During Carter’s White House Years.” Latin American Studies Association Conference (LASA), Jun. 14, 2024. Bogotá, Colombia.

“Human Rights and Power: Examining the Tensions between Jimmy Carter’s Presidency and Brazil’s Military Regime.” The Wilson Center Cold War Archives Research Institute. May 25, 2024. Budapest, Hungary.

“What the MDB Diplomacy Teaches About Brazil’s Sovereignty toward the U.S. government.” Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Organization of the American States. September 13, 2023. Washington, DC.

“The United States Reactions to the Colombian Constitution of 1991.” The James A. Barnes Graduate History Conference. March 31, 2023. Philadelphia, PA.

PUBLICATIONS

Master’s Thesis

“From 39 to Brasília: The Relationship Between President Carter and Brazil.” Master’s Thesis, Georgia State University, May 13, 2021. <https://scholarworks.gsu.edu/items/4e0b9cfe-c230-4996-bf24-0e2cb1db556e>

Book Reviews

“A Review of Lula: A People’s President and the Fight for Brazil’s Future”, *ReVista, the Harvard Review of Latin America*, Fall 2025 (forthcoming).

"Book Review: Moral Majorities Across the Americas: Brazil, The United States, and the Creation of the Religious Right", *Strategic Visions* 23, no. 1 (2023).
https://tuljournals.temple.edu/index.php/strategic_visions/article/view/623.

"Book Review: From Revolution to Power in Brazil", *Strategic Visions* 22, no. 1 (2022).

https://tuljournals.temple.edu/index.php/strategic_visions/article/view/623.

Selected Public Scholarship

“The Bolsonaro Verdict Show Brazilian Democracy is Resilient”, *Al Jazeera English*, Sep. 16, 2025.
<https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2025/9/16/the-bolsonaro-verdict-shows-brazilian-democracy-is-resilient>

“Sophistication and Bankruptcy: Will Trump’s provocative rhetoric help advance his truest ends?”, *Current*, January 21, 2025. <https://currentpub.com/2025/01/21/sophistication-and-bankruptcy/>

Selected Press Commentary

“Can officials without a U.S. visa attend the UN General Assembly in NYC?” *CNN Brasil*, Aug. 31, 2025.
<https://www.cnnbrasil.com.br/internacional/autoridades-sem-visto-dos-eua-podem-ir-a-assembleia-da-onu-em-nova-york/>

“Election of Donald Trump in the U.S. Impacts the G20 Summit, Experts Say.” *CNN Brasil*, Nov. 15, 2024.
<https://www.cnnbrasil.com.br/internacional/eleicoes-nos-eua-2024/eleicao-de-donald-trump-nos-eua-trara-imp-actos-para-o-g20-dizem-especialistas/>

“After the G20, Brazil leads BRICS in a New Context.” *O Globo* (largest Brazilian newspaper), Nov. 24, 2024.
<https://oglobo.globo.com/mundo/noticia/2024/11/24/apos-g20-brasil-assume-brics-em-novo-contexto-global.g.html>.

“With the Control of Congress and the Supreme Court, Trump Will Have No Difficulties Imposing Conservative Reforms.” *Radio France Internationale* (podcast), Nov. 7, 2024.
<https://www.rfi.fr/br/podcasts/rfi-convida/20241107-com-controle-do-congresso-e-suprema-corte-trump-n%C3%A3o-ter%C3%A1-dificuldades-para-impor-reformas-conservadoras>

“The U.S. quickly recognized Brazil’s independence in an attempt to exclude European influence and position itself as the region’s leader.” *Radio France Internationale*, Sep. 7, 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>

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Temple University

Conference Chair, James A. Barnes Graduate History Conference (2024-2025)

The largest graduate history conference in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic, gathering 100+ participants from across the U.S. and over 10 countries—including China, India, and Singapore. Raised \$10,000 in sponsorships from on-campus and off-campus partners—the highest level of funding in the conference’s history.

Committee Member, James A. Barnes Graduate History Conference (2023-2024)

Graduate Coordinator, Latin American Studies Society (2023-2024)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Portuguese (native), Spanish (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations - SHAFR

Latin American Studies Association - LASA

Brazilian Studies Association - BRASA

Brazilian Historians in the United States - BRAHUS