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Academic Appointments

Vanderbilt University

Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of Political Science, 2026–present
Professor of Political Science, 2024–present
Director, Center for Global Democracy and LAPOP Lab, 2024–present
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2016–2024
Associate Director, LAPOP Lab, 2016–2024

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2013–2016

Juan March Institute (Spain)

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2012–2013

University of Notre Dame

Postdoctoral Fellow, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Fall 2011

Visiting Appointments and Residential Fellowships

Distinguished Scholar, Institute for Advanced Studies, Tel-Aviv University (Spring 2026)
Nina Maria Gorrissen Fellow in History, American Academy in Berlin (Spring 2024)
Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Fall 2023)
Visiting Professor, Torcuato Di Tella University, Argentina (Summer 2015, Summer 2023)
Visiting Scholar, University of Geneva (Spring 2020)

Education

Ph.D. Politics, Princeton University, 2011
M.A. Politics, Princeton University, 2008
M.A. Social Science, University of Chicago, 2005
B.A. Political Science and History (Honors), Columbia University, 2002

Publications

Books

1. *Keeping Workers Off the Ballot: How Democracy Undermines Working-Class Representation* (with Nicholas Carnes). Princeton: Princeton University Press, forthcoming in 2026.
2. *Unequal Democracies: Public Policy, Responsiveness, and Redistribution in an Era of Rising Economic Inequality* (edited with Jonas Pontusson). SSRC Anxieties of Democracy Series. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2024.

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science*, *Revista SAAP*, *Swiss Political Science Review*

3. *Campaigns and Voters in Developing Democracies: Argentina in Comparative Perspective* (edited with Virginia Oliveros and Luis Schiumerini). Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Series. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2019.

Reviewed in *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *POSTData*, *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*, and *Revista SAAP*

4. *Party Brands in Crisis: Partisanship, Brand Dilution, and the Breakdown of Political Parties in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Gabriel A. Almond Award, APSA (2012)

Juan Linz Prize, Comparative Democratization section, APSA (2012)

Reviewed in *Government and Opposition*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*

Special Issues

1. *Understanding Unequal Representation* (edited with Brian Burgoon, Jonas Pontusson, and Wouter Schakel), special issue of *European Journal of Political Research* 61(2), 2022.
2. *Political Parties and Uncertainty in Developing Democracies* (edited with Rachel Beatty Riedl), special issue of *Comparative Political Studies* 46(11), 2013.

Articles

1. "Using Mixed Methods to Better Sample Migrant Populations: Surveying the Venezuelan Diaspora in Colombia and Peru" (with Maria Fernanda Boidi, J. Daniel Montalvo, Alexander Tripp, and Robert Vidigal), *Survey Practice* (forthcoming).
2. "Comparing Two Common Approaches to Within-Household Sampling: A Field Experiment in Costa Rica" (with J. Daniel Montalvo, Mitchell A. Seligson, Elizabeth J. Zechmeister, and Kirill Zhirkov), *Survey Methodology* 52(1): (2026).
3. "Are There Social Class Gaps in Nascent Political Ambition? Survey Evidence from the Americas" (with Nicholas Carnes), *Journal of Politics* 87(4): 1533–1545 (2025).
4. "Weak Parties and the Inequality Trap in Latin America," *Oxford Open Economics* 4(Supplement): i585–i594 (2025).
5. "The Global Legislators Database: The Personal Backgrounds of National Legislators in the World's Democracies" (with Nicholas Carnes, Joshua Ferrer, Miriam Golden, Esme Lillywhite, and Eugenia Nazrullaeva), *British Journal of Political Science* 55: e27 (2025).

6. "Corruption and Political Support: The Case of Peru's *Vacuna-gate* Scandal" (with Oscar Castorena, Adam D. Wolsky, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 11(1): 52–63 (2024).
7. "Public Opinion on Lethal Violence against Women in Mexico: A Mismatch Between Preferences and Expectations of Justice" (with Daniela T. Barba Sánchez and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública* 12(1): 93–158 (2023).
Braun Award, WAPOR Latin America (2024)
8. "Unequal Policy Responsiveness in Spain" (with Alejandro Tirado Castro), *Socio-Economic Review* 21(3): 1697–1720 (2023).
9. "How Worried Should We Be? The Implications of Fabricated Survey Data for Political Science" (with Oscar Castorena, Mollie J. Cohen, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 35(2): 1–9 (2023).
10. "The Economic Backgrounds of Politicians" (with Nicholas Carnes), *Annual Review of Political Science* 26: 253–270 (2023).
11. "Online Surveys in Latin America" (with Oscar Castorena, Maita Schade, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), *PS: Political Science & Politics* 56(2): 273–280 (2023).
12. "Survey Mode Effects in a Developing Country: Comparing Phone and Face-to-Face Surveys in Costa Rica" (with Adam D. Wolsky), *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública* 11(2): 109–132 (2022).
13. "Understanding Unequal Representation" (with Brian Burgoon, Jonas Pontusson, and Wouter Schakel), *European Journal of Political Research* 61(2): 297–303 (2022).
14. "Why Are the Affluent Better Represented Around the World?" (with Zach Warner), *European Journal of Political Research* 61(1): 67–85 (2022).
15. "Affluence and Congruence: Unequal Representation Around the World" (with Zach Warner), *Journal of Politics* 84(1): 276–290 (2022).
Lawrence Longley Award, Representation and Electoral Systems section, APSA (2023)
16. "When Do Voters Sanction Corrupt Politicians?" (with Marko Klašnja and Joshua Tucker), *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 8(2): 161–171 (2021).
17. "The Early COVID-19 Pandemic and Democratic Attitudes" (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), *PLOS One* (2021).
18. "The White Working Class and the 2016 Election" (with Nicholas Carnes), *Perspectives on Politics* 19(1): 55–72 (2021).
19. "Messaging Mistrust in Latin America" (with Mariana V. Ramírez Bustamante and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), *Journal of Democracy* 31(3): 160–171 (2020).
20. "Maximizing Benefits from Survey-Based Research" (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51(3): 563–565 (2018).
21. "Advances in Survey Methods for the Developing World" (with Kristin Michelitch), *Annual Review of Political Science* 21: 195–214 (2018).
22. "The Legacy of Political Violence across Generations" (with Leonid Peisakhin), *American Journal of Political Science* 61(4): 836–851 (2017).

- Gregory Leubbert Article Award, Comparative Politics section, APSA (2018)
Listed in "Must-Read Scholarship on Political Violence From 2017," *Political Violence @ a Glance*
23. "A New Measure of Congruence: The Earth Mover's Distance" (with Lucía Selios and Zach Warner), *Political Analysis* 25(1): 95–113 (2017).
 24. "Do Voters Dislike Working-Class Candidates? Voter Biases and the Descriptive Underrepresentation of the Working Class" (with Nicholas Carnes), *American Political Science Review* 110(4): 832–844 (2016).
 25. "The End of the Kirchner Era," *Journal of Democracy* 27(2): 35–49 (2016).
 26. "What Good is a College Degree? Education and Leader Quality Reconsidered" (with Nicholas Carnes), *Journal of Politics* 78(1): 35–49 (2016).
 27. "Party Polarization and Mass Partisanship: A Comparative Perspective," *Political Behavior* 37(2): 331–356 (2015).
GESIS Klingemann Prize, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (2015)
 28. "Rethinking the Comparative Perspective on Class and Representation: Evidence from Latin America" (with Nicholas Carnes), *American Journal of Political Science* 59(1): 1–18 (2015).
Sage Paper Award, Comparative Politics section, APSA (2013)
 29. "Brand Dilution and the Breakdown of Political Parties in Latin America," *World Politics* 66(4): 561–602 (2014).
Reprinted in Spanish as "La dilución de marca y el colapso de los partidos políticos en América Latina," in *Representación política en América Latina: Partidos políticos, elecciones y reglas*, ed. Fernando Tuesta Soldevilla, Lima: Jurado Nacional Electoral, pp. 33–71 (2016).
Jack Walker Award, Political Organizations and Parties section, APSA (2016)
Alexander L. George Article Award, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section, APSA (2015)
 30. "Political Parties and Uncertainty in Developing Democracies" (with Rachel Beatty Riedl), *Comparative Political Studies* 46(11): 1339–1365 (2013).
 31. "Party Brands and Partisanship: Theory with Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Argentina," *American Journal of Political Science* 57(1): 49–64 (2013).
Best Paper Award, Political Institutions section, LASA (2012)
 32. "The Structure of Inequality and the Politics of Redistribution" (with Jonas Pontusson), *American Political Science Review* 105(2): 316–336 (2011).
Honorable Mention, Sage Paper Award, Comparative Politics section, APSA (2011)
 33. "Who Votes for *chavismo*? Class Voting in Hugo Chávez's Venezuela," *Latin American Research Review* 45(1): 7–32 (2010).
 34. "Democracy, Interrupted: Regime Change and Partisanship in Twentieth-Century Argentina" (with Susan C. Stokes), *Electoral Studies* 29(1): 91–104 (2010).
 35. "The Social Bases of Political Parties in Argentina, 1912–2003" (with Susan C. Stokes), *Latin American Research Review* 44(1): 58–87 (2009).
Reprinted in Spanish as "Las bases sociales de los partidos políticos en Argentina, 1912–2003," *Desarrollo Económico* 48(192): 515–542 (2009).
 36. "Towards a New Articulation of Alternative Development: Lessons from Coca Supply Reduction in Bolivia," *Development Policy Review* 22(4): 405–421 (2004).
 37. "Memory Vanished, Absent, and Confined: The Countermemorial Project in 1980s and 1990s Germany," *History & Memory* 15(2): 130–164 (2003).

Book Chapters

1. "The Kids Are Alright: Political Generations, Authoritarian Legacies, and Democratic Attitudes in Latin America," in *The Social Underpinnings of Political Discontent in Latin America*, edited by Gabriel Kessler and M. Victoria Murillo. New York: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming in 2026).
2. "The Political Puzzle of Rising Inequality" (with Jonas Pontusson), in *Unequal Democracies: Public Policy, Responsiveness, and Redistribution in an Era of Rising Economic Inequality*, edited by Noam Lupu and Jonas Pontusson. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1–25 (2024).
3. "Working-Class Officeholding in the OECD" (with Nicholas Carnes), in *Unequal Democracies: Public Policy, Responsiveness, and Redistribution in an Era of Rising Economic Inequality*, edited by Noam Lupu and Jonas Pontusson. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 177–195 (2024).
4. "What Do Voters Think About the Descriptive Underrepresentation of the Working Class?" (with Nicholas Carnes), in *Contested Representation: Challenges, Shortcomings and Reforms*, edited by Claudia Landwehr, Thomas Saalfeld, and Armin Schäfer. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 165–183 (2022).
5. "Toward a Theory of Campaigns and Voters in Developing Democracies" (with Virginia Oliveros and Luis Schiumerini), in *Campaigns and Voters in Developing Democracies: Argentina in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Noam Lupu, Virginia Oliveros, and Luis Schiumerini. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 1–27 (2019).
6. "Why Does Wealth Affect Vote Choice?" in *Campaigns and Voters in Developing Democracies: Argentina in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Noam Lupu, Virginia Oliveros, and Luis Schiumerini. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 72–88 (2019).
7. "Party Brands, Partisan Erosion, and Party Breakdown," in *Latin American Party Systems: Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse*, edited by Scott Mainwaring. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 359–379 (2018).
8. "Mass-Elite Congruence and Representation in Argentina" (with Zach Warner), in *Malaise in Representation in Latin American Countries: Chile, Argentina, Uruguay*, edited by Alfredo Joignant, Mauricio Morales, and Claudio Fuentes. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 281–302 (2017).
9. "Building Party Brands in Argentina and Brazil," in *Challenges of Party-Building in Latin America*, edited by Jorge Domínguez, Steven Levitsky, James Loxton, and Brandon Van Dyck. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 76–99 (2016).
10. "Partisanship in Latin America," in *The Latin American Voter: Pursuing Representation and Accountability in Challenging Contexts*, edited by Ryan E. Carlin, Matthew M. Singer, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 226–245 (2015).
11. "Political Parties and Party Systems," in *Routledge Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*, edited by Jennifer Gandhi and Rubén Ruiz-Rufino. London: Routledge, pp. 128–144 (2015).

Publications in Spanish

1. "¿Está la juventud menos comprometida con la democracia?" [Are Young People Less Committed to Democracy?], in *Lecciones contra la incertidumbre en política II: Análisis político para entender la realidad actual*, ed. Martín D'Alessandro and Gustavo Dufour, Buenos Aires: Eudeba, pp. 135–139 (2025).
2. "La opinión pública y la democracia peruana en la mirada del Barómetro de las Américas" [Public Opinion and Peruvian Democracy through the Lens of the AmericasBarometer] (with Julio F. Carrión and Patricia Zárate), *Elecciones* 23(27): 231–258 (2024).

3. “Derecha y Democracia en América Latina” [The Right and Democracy in Latin America] (with Virginia Oliveros and Luis Schiumerini), *Población y Sociedad* 28(2): 80–100 (2021).
4. “Nacionalización e institucionalización de partidos en la Argentina del siglo XX” [Nationalization and Party Institutionalization in Twentieth-Century Argentina], in *Sistemas de partidos en América Latina: Causas y consecuencias de su equilibrio inestable*, ed. Mariano Torcal, Buenos Aires: Siglo XXI, pp. 183–202 (2015).

Datasets

1. 2023 Argentine Election Study (with Virginia Oliveros and Luis Schiumerini).
2. Global Legislators Database (with Nicholas Carnes, Miriam Golden, and Eugenia Nazrullaeva). 2022. Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award, Comparative Politics section, APSA (2025)
3. 2019 Argentine Panel Election Study (with Virginia Oliveros and Luis Schiumerini).
4. 2015 Argentine Panel Election Study (with Carlos Gervasoni, Virginia Oliveros, and Luis Schiumerini).

Essays and Reviews

1. Review of Huber, Evelyne, and John D. Stephens, *Challenging Inequality: Variation across Postindustrial Societies*, University of Chicago Press, *Perspectives on Politics* 23(3): 1166–1167 (2025), with Jonas Pontusson.
2. Review of Smilde, David, Verónica Zubillaga, and Rebecca Hanson (eds.), *The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: Revolution, Crime, and Policing during Chavismo*, University of Pittsburgh Press, *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 43(2): 206–207 (2024).
3. Review of Panizza, Francisco E., B. Guy Peters, and Conrado Ramos Larruburu (eds.), *The Politics of Patronage Appointments in Latin American Central Administrations*, University of Pittsburgh Press, *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America*, November 25 (2023).
4. Review of Andrews-Lee, Caitlin, *The Emergence and Revival of Charismatic Movements: Argentine Peronism and Venezuelan Chavismo*, Cambridge University Press, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 53(2): 372–373 (2022).
5. Review of Campello, Daniella, and Cesar Zucco, *The Volatility Curse: Exogenous Shocks and Representation in Resource-Rich Democracies*, Cambridge University Press, *Perspectives on Politics* 19(3): 1025–1027 (2021).
6. “Civil Wars and Their Aftermath,” *Latin American Research Review* 55(4): 829–838 (2020).
7. Review of Hilgers, Tina, and Laura Macdonald (eds.), *Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean: Subnational Structures, Institutions, and Clientelistic Networks*, Cambridge University Press, *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 39(4): 548–549 (2020).
8. Review of Garay, Candelaria, *Social Policy Expansion in Latin America*, Cambridge University Press, *Perspectives on Politics* 16(4): 1198–1199 (2018).
9. Review of Masket, Seth E., *The Inevitable Party: Why Attempts to Kill the Party System Fail and How they Weaken Democracy*, Oxford University Press, *Perspectives on Politics* 15(3): 836–837 (2017).

10. Review of Weitz-Shapiro, Rebecca, *Curbing Clientelism in Argentina: Politics, Poverty, and Social Policy*, Cambridge University Press, *Latin American Politics and Society* 57(3): 163–166 (2015).
11. “Class and Representation in Latin America,” *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(2): 229–236 (2015).
12. Review of Moser, Robert G., and Ethan Scheiner, *Electoral Systems and Political Context: How the Effects of Rules Vary Across New and Established Democracies*, Cambridge University Press, *Political Science Quarterly* 128(4): 794–795 (2013).
13. “The 2011 general elections in Peru,” *Electoral Studies* 31(3): 621–624 (2012).
14. Review of Kitschelt, Herbert, Kirk Hawkins, Juan Pablo Luna, Guillermo Rosas, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister, *Latin American Party Systems*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Political Studies* 44(12): 1700–1703 (2011).
15. “The 2009 legislative elections in Argentina,” *Electoral Studies* 29(1): 174–177 (2010).

Research Reports

1. *A Seat at the Table for Workers: What Keeps Working-Class Americans Out of Elected Office, and What Can We Do About It?* (with Nicholas Carnes). Forthcoming. Cambridge, MA: American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
2. “Reflections on *Unequal Democracies* and Where We Go from Here” (with Jonas Pontusson), *Democracy & Autocracy Newsletter* 22(3): 5–9 (2024).
3. *Pulse of Democracy* (edited with Mariana Rodríguez, Carole J. Wilson, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister). Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2023.
4. *Pulse of Democracy* (edited with Mariana Rodríguez and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister). Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2021.
5. “Are We Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals? Using AmericasBarometer Data to Measure Progress in the Americas” (with Mariana V. Ramírez Bustamante and Laura M. Sellers). *Insights Report*. Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2020.
6. *Pulse of Democracy* (edited with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister). Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2019.
7. “Social Media and Political Attitudes” (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister and Mariana V. Ramírez Bustamante), in *Pulse of Democracy*, edited by Elizabeth J. Zechmeister and Noam Lupu. Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2019.
8. *The Effect of Corruption on Political Behavior in the Peruvian Amazon: Impact Evaluation of Informational Campaigns to Increase Awareness of Corruption in Politics*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Agency for International Development, 2018.
9. “Democracy and Governance in the Americas: Key Findings from LAPOP’s AmericasBarometer” (with Mollie J. Cohen and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister). *Insights Report*. Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2017.
10. *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2016/17: A Comparative Study of Governance and Democracy* (edited with Mollie J. Cohen and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister). Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2017.
11. “Corruption in the Americas,” in *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2016/17: A Comparative Study of Governance and Democracy*, edited by Mollie J. Cohen, Noam Lupu, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. Nashville, TN: LAPOP, 2017.

12. "European Political Parties in the Wake of Crisis: Lessons from Latin America," *APSA-CP Newsletter*, Fall 2013, pp. 7–8.
13. "How Government by the Privileged Distorts Democracies" (with Nicholas Carnes), *Key Findings*, Scholars Strategy Network, July 2013.

Research in Progress

1. "Reciprocity and Public Support for Anti-Democratic Behavior" (with Eli Rau and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister). Under review.
 Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award, Democracy & Autocracy section, APSA (2025)
2. "Integration and Emigration Dynamics within the Venezuelan Diaspora" (with Boyoon Lee, Alexander Tripp, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister). Under review.
3. "Public Opinion on Returnees: An Experimental Approach to Assessing Stigma" (with Oscar Castorena, Boyoon Lee, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister).
4. "Affective Partisan Polarization with Weak Parties: Evidence from a Decade of Polarization in Argentina" (with Virginia Oliveros and Luis Schiumerini).
5. "Oil Windfalls and a Conditional Political Resource Curse: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Brazil" (with Rikhil R. Bhavnani and Guilherme N. Fasolin).
6. "Applying Adaptive Cluster Sampling to Study Hard-to-Reach Migrant Populations" (with Lucas Borba, J. Daniel Montalvo, Robert Vidigal, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister).
7. "Poll Workers and the Effects of Facilitative Political Participation."
8. "The Political Consequences of Criminal Violence: Applying MRP to Mexican Survey Data" (with Joshua D. Clinton and Claire Q. Evans).
9. *Children of Violence: Victims in the Shadow of Conflict* (with Leonid Peisakhin).
10. "The Electoral Roots of the Third Way" (with Didi Kuo).
11. "Who Participates in Deliberative Democracy (and Does it Matter)? An Analysis of Lisbon's Citizens' Assembly" (with Nicholas Carnes, Mariana Duarte, and Jorge Fernandes).

Keynote Lectures

4th Congress on Democracy and Human Rights in Latin America, Sergio Arboleda University, 2026

8th GESIS Political Science Research Roundtable, University of Mannheim, 2024

VII Latin American Political Methods Meeting (LAPolMeth), 2023

IV Latin American Political Methods Meeting (LAPolMeth), 2020

73rd Annual Conference of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) and 9th Congress of WAPOR Latin America, 2020

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

2026: AAPOR, Emory, EPSS, Haifa, Hebrew, ISA, LASA, MPSA, Notre Dame, NYUAD-EUI, Rice, Sciences Po Bordeaux, Tel Aviv

2025: APSA, Gothenburg, IADB, IPSA, ITAM, MPSA, Notre Dame, Pew, Princeton, UNSAM, Uppsala, WAPOR Latin America, Waseda, Yale

2024: AEI, APSA, Ben Gurion, EPSA, EUI, Foreign Service Institute, Harvard, IC3JM, Lund, Mainz, Michigan, OAS, WZB

2023: Boston, Catholic University of Chile, Chicago, Columbia, Department of State, Di Tella, Duke/UNC, Geneva, Harvard, LASA, Los Andes, LSE, Oxford, SAAP, Toronto, UCSD

2022: AAPOR, APSA, Berkeley, Department of State, EPSA, Harvard, Hebrew, IADB, IC3JM, ISA, LASA, National Defense University, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stanford, UNU-WIDER

2021: APSA, CIDE, EPSA, Geneva, LASA, NALAS, REPAL, Tulane, USC

2020: APSA, BigSurv20, Di Tella, FGV, Fundaungo, Geneva, ONPE Peru, Oxford, WAPOR Latin America

2019: Aarhus, Amsterdam, Columbia, Facebook, FGV-SP, Geneva, IDEA International, LASA, NCSL, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Princeton, Rice, SSRC, UFMG, UNB, Yale

2018: AMECIP, APSA, IC3JM, Catholic University of Chile, ECLAC, Geneva, Harvard, Hebrew, International Conference on Governance, Crime, and Justice Statistics, MWEPS, Montreal, NYUAD, Reed, SeLAB, Stanford, WashU, WhatsApp, World Bank

2017: Aarhus, APSA, Costa Rica, EPSA, FIU, Hebrew, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, LASA, NYUAD, OECD, Yale

2016: APSA, Di Tella, Illinois, MIT, MPSA, SUNY-Buffalo, University of the Republic of Uruguay, WAPOR Latin America, Yale

2015: APSA, Catholic University of Chile, CIDE, Di Tella, Diego Portales, ETH-Zurich, Geneva, ITAM, Oxford, Princeton, Vanderbilt

2014: APSA, Chicago, Di Tella, Duke/UNC, EPSA, FLACSO-ISA Joint Conference, Harvard, IC3JM, LASA, Lund, MPSA, Notre Dame, Peruvian Congress of Electoral Studies, UT-Austin, Vanderbilt

2013: APSA, EPSA, Hebrew, Hertie, MPSA, Princeton, Salamanca, Vanderbilt

2012: Autonomous University of Barcelona, Catholic University of Chile, Columbia, Di Tella, Harvard, LASA, MPSA, Oxford, Salamanca, UCSD, University of the Republic of Uruguay, Vanderbilt, Yale

2011: APSA, Chicago, FGV-Rio, Juan March, Notre Dame, Northwestern, NYU, Oxford, SPSA, Tulane

2010: APSA, CGU, Graduate Institute of Geneva, LASA, MPSA, Rochester, Wisconsin

2009: APSA, Catholic University of Córdoba, MPSA, Oxford, SAAP, San Andrés

2008: CES, CIDOB Foundation, MPSA, Yale

2007: LASA, MPSA, Yale

2006: Di Tella

Honors and Awards

Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award (with Nicholas Carnes, Miriam Golden, and Eugenia Nazrul-laeva), Comparative Politics section, APSA (2025) – *awarded to the Global Legislators Database for the best dataset in comparative politics*

Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award (with Eli Rau and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), Democracy & Autocracy section, APSA (2025) – *for best paper on the comparative study of democracy, autocracy and/or regime change presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*

Braun Award (with Daniela T. Barba Sánchez and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), WAPOR Latin America (2024) – *for best article published in Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública in the previous year*

Lawrence Longley Award (with Zach Warner), Representation and Electoral Systems section, APSA (2023) – *for best article on representation and electoral systems published in the previous year*

Theda Skocpol Prize for Emerging Scholars, Comparative Politics section, APSA (2021) – *awarded to a scholar up to ten years post-PhD whose work has made impactful empirical, theoretical and/or methodological contributions to the study of comparative politics*

Emerging Scholar Award, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section, APSA (2021) – *recognizes a top scholar in the field who is within 10 years of the PhD*

Gregory Leubbert Article Award (with Leonid Peisakhin), Comparative Politics Section, APSA (2018) – *for best article in comparative politics published in the previous two years*

Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award (with Mitchell Seligson and Elizabeth Zechmeister), Comparative Politics section, APSA (2018) – *awarded to LAPOP's AmericasBarometer for the best dataset in comparative politics*

Jack Walker Award, Political Organizations and Parties section, APSA (2016) – *awarded to the best article published in the previous two years on political organizations and parties*

Alexander L. George Article Award, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section, APSA (2015) – *awarded to an article or chapter published in the previous year that demonstrates excellence in the development or application of qualitative methods*

GESIS Klingemann Prize, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (2015) – *for best scholarship published or finalized in the prior calendar year that uses CSES data*

Emerging Scholar Award, Political Organizations and Parties section, APSA (2014) – *awarded annually to a scholar within five years of receiving a Ph.D.*

Sage Paper Award (with Nicholas Carnes), Comparative Politics section, APSA (2013) – *for best paper in comparative politics scheduled to be presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*

Trice Faculty Scholar, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2013–2016)

Gabriel A. Almond Award, APSA (2012) – *for best dissertation in comparative politics completed in the previous two years*

Juan Linz Prize, Comparative Democratization section, APSA (2012) – *for best dissertation in the study of democracy completed in the previous two years*

Best Paper Award, Political Institutions section, LASA (2012) – *for best paper on Latin American politics presented at the 2010 International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*

Honorable Mention, Sage Paper Award (with Jonas Pontusson), Comparative Politics section, APSA (2011) – *for best paper in comparative politics presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*

Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship, Princeton University (2010–11) – *awarded annually to one advanced PhD student in social sciences showing exceptional promise*

Patricia Lynn Baker Prize, University of Chicago (2005) – *for best graduate student paper addressing social inequality*

Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2004)

Charles Hayden Memorial Scholarship, Columbia University (1998–99)

Grants

Center for Global Democracy external grants include Inter-American Development Bank, National Science Foundation, and others (\$1.2M in 2025)

Democracy Indicators Monitoring Survey 4, USAID \$12.5M (2024-2029)

Seeding Success Grant, Vanderbilt University, \$117,000 (2024)

Democracy Indicators Monitoring Survey 3 (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), USAID \$10M (2019-2024)

LAPOP Lab external grants (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister) include Inter-American Development Bank, USAID, World Bank, and others (\$1M in 2018, \$200K in 2019, \$750K in 2020, \$15K in 2021, \$2M in 2023)

Scaling Success Grant (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), Vanderbilt University \$60,000 (2023)

Research Award for Social Science and Misinformation (with Alberto Simpser and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister), WhatsApp \$50,000 (2018)

Global Engagement and Research Micro-Grant, Vanderbilt University (2018)

Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Seed Grant, Vanderbilt University (2017)

Graduate School Fall Research Competition Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2013, 2014, 2015)

LACIS Nave Faculty Publication Supplement, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014)

Graduate Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University (Spring 2009, Fall 2009)

Graduate Research Grant, Princeton Laboratory for Experimental Social Science, Princeton University (2009)

Summer Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (2007, 2009, 2010)

Summer Research Grant, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

Teaching

Graduate: Causal Inference and Experimental Methods, Comparative Political Behavior, Comparative Political Parties, Comparative Politics, Political Violence, Survey Research Methods

Undergraduate: Comparative Political Parties, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, Public Opinion and Democracy

Short courses: Experimental Methods, Political Parties in Latin America, Survey Research Methods

Professional Service

Vanderbilt University

Department:

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2016–17, 2017–18, 2018–19, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23

Emerging Scholars Program Steering Committee, 2018–19 (chair)

Graduate Committee, 2024–25

Hiring Priorities Committee, 2016–17

Nominations Committee, 2017–18

Placement Director, 2020–21

Review Committee, 2016–17 (x2), 2020–21 (chair), 2021–22, 2022–23, 2025–26 (x3, chair)

Search Committee, 2017–18, 2018–19 (chair), 2021–22, 2022–23 (chair), 2025–26

Working Group on Politics, Race, and Student Engagement, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23

Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies:

Bridge Program Executive Committee, 2019–20

Selection Committee, 2018–19

Summer Awards Committee, 2021–22

College of Arts and Science:

Junior Advisory Review Committee, 2017–18

University:

Discovery Grant Review Subcommittee, 2016–17, 2017–18 (chair), 2018–19

Editorial Committee, Vanderbilt University Press, 2026–29

Internal Awards Review Committee, 2022–23, 2023–24

LSO Review Committee, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24

Research IT Working Group, 2016–17, 2017–18

Research IT Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018–19, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23

Scaling Success Grant Review, 2021–22

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium, 2015–16

Coordinator, Political Economy Colloquium, 2014–15, 2015–16

Coordinator, Experimental Politics Workshop, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16

American Political Science Association

Robert A. Dahl Award Committee, 2024–25

Class and Inequality section

Executive Committee, 2021–23

Nominating Committee (chair), 2021–23

Comparative Politics section

Luebbert Book Prize Committee, 2022

Luebbert Article Prize Committee (chair), 2019

Sage Paper Award Committee (chair), 2014

Democracy & Autocracy section

Juan Linz Dissertation Award Committee, 2019

Juan Linz Dissertation Award Committee, 2014

Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior section

Chair, Early Career Fellowship, 2022–23

Executive Council, 2021–23

Nominations Committee, 2021–23

Warren Miller Prize Committee (chair), 2020

Political Organizations and Parties section

President-Elect, 2025–26

Virginia Gray Graduate Student Research Award Committee (chair), 2026

Leon D. Epstein Outstanding Book Award Committee (chair), 2025

Executive Council, 2024–26

Best Paper Award Committee (chair), 2018

Executive Council, 2017–19

Representation and Electoral Systems section

George H. Hallett Award Committee (chair), 2023

International Political Science Association

Board Member, Comparative Public Opinion (RC17), 2025–29

Midwest Political Science Association

Kellogg/Notre Dame Award Committee (chair), 2026
Best Paper Award Committee, 2024
Best Paper in Political Behavior Award Committee, 2023
Nominations Committee for the Election of Officers, 2021
Section Chair, Latin American and Caribbean Politics, 2013

Latin American Studies Association

Track Co-Chair, Political Institutions section, 2022
Best Paper Award Committee, Political Institutions section, 2013

WAPOR Latin America

Academic Council, XI Congress, 2025

Invited Discussant

American Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025
European Political Science Association: 2014, 2017, 2021, 2024
European Political Science Society: 2026
Historical Political Economy Workshop: 2020
International Studies Association: 2022
Midwest Political Science Association: 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2026
Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science: 2019, 2020
Latin American Studies Association: 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2021
Montreal Workshop on Voting Experiments: 2014
Online Peace Science Colloquium: 2022
Southeast Latin American Behavior Conference: 2017
Southern Working Group in Empirical Political Science: 2020
Yale-UB Historical Political Economy Workshop: 2024
Book workshops: Lucia Motolinia and Marko Klačnja (Wash U, 2025); Aytuğ Şaşmaz (Bryn Mawr, 2024); Francesca Jensenius and Pradeep Chhibber (Oslo, 2024); Eli Rau (Vanderbilt, 2023); Didi Kuo (Stanford, 2022); Cameron Sells (Tulane, 2022); Mathias Poertner (Texas A&M, 2020); Sarah Z. Daly (Columbia, 2019); Luis Schiumerini (Oxford, 2017); Scott Mainwaring (Notre Dame, 2015)

Conferences Organized

Guarding the Guardrails of Democracy (with Erica Chenoweth, Rachel Beatty Riedl, and Dan Slater), Harvard University, 2026

Frontiers in Representation: Citizen Assemblies, Deliberative Mini-Publics, and Participatory Democracy (with Nicholas Carnes), Vanderbilt University, 2026

The Guardrails of Democracy (with Rachel Beatty Riedl, Kori Schake, and Dan Slater), American Enterprise Institute, 2026

Democracy: From Erosion to Resilience (with Rachel Beatty Riedl and Dan Slater), Vanderbilt University, 2025

Democracy and Policy: Reimagining a Global Democratic Future (with Rachel Beatty Riedl and Dan Slater), Brookings Institution, 2025

Representation, Democracy, and the Economic Backgrounds of Politicians (with Nicholas Carnes), Vanderbilt University, 2024, 2025

Unequal Democracies: Public Policy, Responsiveness, and Redistribution in an Era of Rising Economic Inequality (with Jonas Pontusson), Vanderbilt University, 2021

Unequal Representation and its Underlying Mechanisms (with Brian Burgoon, Jonas Pontusson, and Wouter Schakel), University of Amsterdam, 2019

Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (with Tariq Thachil), Vanderbilt University, 2019

Campaigns and Voters in Developing Democracies: Argentina in Comparative Perspective (with Virginia Oliveros and Luis Schiumerini), Tulane University, 2016

Parties and Partisans: Explaining Continuity and Change in Party Systems, Juan March Institute, 2013

Political Parties and Uncertainty in New Democracies (with Rachel Beatty Riedl), Princeton University, 2011

Political Parties in the Developing World (with Rachel Beatty Riedl), Princeton University, 2010

Board Memberships

Module 7 Planning Committee, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems, 2023–present

International Network for the Comparative Analysis of Social Inequalities, 2023–present

Scientific Advisory Board, Democratizing Politics (ERC project; PI Jennifer Oser), 2023–present

Scientific Council, Démocratiser la Politique, 2023–present

Advisory Board, OECD Survey on Drivers of Trust in Public Institutions, 2022–present

Argentina Coordinator, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems, 2014–present

Scientific Advisory Board, Unequal Democracies (ERC project; PI Jonas Pontusson), 2018–2023

Leader, Tennessee Chapter, Scholars Strategy Network, 2020–2023

Leader, Madison Chapter, Scholars Strategy Network, 2014–2016

Journal Service

Editorial Team

Academic Editor, *PLOS One*, 2020–2023

Editorial Boards

Perspectives on Politics, 2025–present

Advances in Political Psychology, 2020–2024

American Journal of Political Science, 2016–2019

Journal of Politics, 2017–2018

Political Behavior, 2017–2018

Advisory Boards

Política y Gobierno, 2019–present

Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública, 2021–present

Reviews

Journals: *African Affairs*; *América Latina Hoy*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Brazilian Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *Colombia Internacional*; *Comparative European Politics*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; *Democratization*; *The Economic Journal*; *Economics and Politics*; *Electoral Studies*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *European Political Science Review*; *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*; *Field Methods*; *Frontiers in Political Science*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *International Organization*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*; *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Historical Political Economy*; *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Politics in Latin America*; *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*; *Kellogg Institute Working Paper Series*; *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*; *Latin American Politics and Society*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Nature Communications*; *Nature Human Behaviour*; *Party Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *PLOS One*; *Política y Gobierno*; *Political Analysis*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Psychology*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Political Studies*; *Politics & Gender*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *POSTData*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Public Choice*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Research and Politics*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Revista de Ciencia Política*; *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*; *Scientific Data*; *Security Studies*; *Social Problems*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Social Science Research*; *Socio-Economic Review*; *Space and Culture*; *Studies in Comparative International Development*; *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*; *West European Politics*; *World Politics*

Books: Cambridge, Oxford, Princeton, Routledge

Funding: APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants, APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grants, Dutch Research Council, European Research Council, FONDECYT Chile, Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS, Israel Science Foundation, National Science Foundation, Nuffield College Academic Fund, Russell Sage Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences

External Reviews: Princeton Survey Research Center (chair)

Consulting

International Election Observer, Peru (2026)

Expert witness on Venezuela in political asylum case (2015, 2021)

Freedom House (2017–2018)

Fundaungo, El Salvador (2018–2019)

USAID/NORC (2014–2018)

Non-Academic Positions

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C., 2003–2004

Analyst, Silver Oak Solutions, New York, 2002–2003

Other

Languages: Native fluency in Spanish and Hebrew, intermediate Portuguese

Field Research Experience: Argentina, Brazil, Cambodia, Crimea, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela

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