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## EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor, August 2015 – present  
Department of Political Science  
John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics  
West Virginia University

Postdoctoral Fellow, September 2014 – May 2015  
Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism  
University of Pennsylvania

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Political Science, 2014  
Vanderbilt University

B.A., Political Science and Spanish, 2008  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## BOOKS

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*Life in the Political Machine: Dominant-Party Enclaves and the Citizens They Produce.*

- With Jonathan Hiskey (Vanderbilt University); forthcoming with Oxford University Press in 2020.

*Protest State: The Rise of Everyday Contention in Latin America.* 2018. Oxford University Press.

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*.

## PEER REVIEWED PAPERS

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"Feminist Mobilization and the Abortion Debate in Latin America: Lessons from Argentina" with Mariela Szwarcberg (Reed College). (Forthcoming at *Politics & Gender*).

"When Grievances Matter: Public Service Protests in Latin America." 2019. (with Kyu Chul Shin). *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública* 8(1): 165-207.

"Severed Linkages: Distorted Accountability in Uneven Regimes." 2017. (with Jonathan Hiskey). *Comparative Political Studies* 51(10): 1314-1350.

"Contentious Engagement: Understanding Protest in Latin American Democracies." 2015. *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 7(3): 3-48.

"Good Democrats, Bad Targets: Democratic Values and Clientelistic Vote Buying." 2015. (with Ryan Carlin). *The Journal of Politics* 77(1): 14-26.

"Subnational Electoral Regimes and Crisis Recovery in Argentina and Mexico." 2011. (with Jonathan Hiskey and Jed Goldberg). *Electoral Studies* 30: 468-480.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Winner’s Consent? Democratic Legitimacy when Illiberal Candidates Win Elections” with Mollie Cohen (University of Georgia), Matthew Layton (Ohio University), and Amy Erica Smith (Iowa State University).

“Revenge of the Democrats: Vote Trafficking, Democratic Attitudes, and Electoral Retaliation” with Ryan Carlin (Georgia State University). (*Under review*).

“The Dawn of the Culture Wars? Demographic Polarization in 2018 Brazilian Presidential Election” with Mollie Cohen (University of Georgia), Matthew Layton (Ohio University), and Amy Erica Smith (Iowa State University). (*Under review*).

“The Color of Clientelism: Skin Tone and Targeted Electoral Incentives” with Ryan Carlin (Georgia State University).

“Contentious Clients? Disentangling the Relationship between Clientelism and Social Protest” with Jorge Mangonnet (Columbia University).

The 2018 Brazilian Panel Election Study with Mollie Cohen (University of Georgia), Matthew Layton (Ohio University), and Amy Erica Smith (Iowa State University).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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“Argentina is about to debate legalizing abortion – despite being a very Catholic country” (with Mariela Szwarcberg). March 6, 2020. *The Monkey Cage*.

“How you think about raising your children says a lot about your political views” (with Mollie Cohen, Marc Hetherington, Matthew Layton, Amy Erica Smith, and Jonathan Weiler). November 29, 2018. *Vox*.

“Did Brazil vote against democracy on Sunday?” (with Mollie Cohen, Matthew Layton, and Amy Erica Smith). October 30, 2018. *Vox*.

“Contentious Engagement: Understanding Recent Social Protest in Latin America.” 2017. *Panoramas*. University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies.

“Response to Argentine Prosecutor’s Death Highlights Polarization and Mistrust of Institutions.” 2015. *AmericasBarometer Topical Brief*. Latin American Public Opinion Project. Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

“Citizen Security, Evaluations of the State, and Policy Preferences.” 2014. (with Matthew Layton, Mariana Rodríguez, and Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga). In *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2014: Democratic Governance across 10 years of the AmericasBarometer*. Edited by Liz Zechmeister. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, USAID.

“Crime and Violence across the Americas.” 2014. (with Nicole Hinton, Daniel Montalvo, Arturo Maldonado, and Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga). In *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2014: Democratic Governance across 10 years of the AmericasBarometer*. Edited by Liz Zechmeister. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, USAID.

“Democracy Progress Report: Political Tolerance in the Americas, 2006-2012.” 2013. (with Jonathan Hiskey and Mariana Rodríguez). *AmericasBarometer Insights Series No. 100*. Latin American Public Opinion Project. Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

“Prosperity and Protest in Brazil: The Wave of the Future in Latin America?” 2013. (with Matthew Layton). *AmericasBarometer Insights Series No. 92*, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

“Equality of Participation in the Americas.” 2012. (with Nicole Hinton and Amy Erica Smith). In *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2012: Towards Equality of Opportunity*. Edited by Mitchell Seligson, Amy Erica Smith, and Liz Zechmeister. Nashville: Vanderbilt University, USAID.

“The Normalization of Protest in Latin America.” 2010. (with Daniel Moreno). *AmericasBarometer Insights Series No. 42*, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University, USAID. ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Walter J. and Gail B. Woolwine Faculty Travel Grant, 2018-2020
- WVU Faculty Development Grant, 2015-2020
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1263807), 2013
- Vanderbilt University School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Enhancement Grant, 2012
- Vanderbilt Center for Latin American Studies Simon Collier Award, 2010 and 2012
- Vanderbilt University School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Award, 2010
- The Sterling Stoudemire Certificate for Excellence in Spanish, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2008

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Review of Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro’s *Curbing Clientelism in Argentina: Politics, Poverty, and Social Policy* (Cambridge University Press) for *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 36(1): 37-38.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Feminism on the Streets: Explaining the Mobilization for Abortion Decriminalization in Argentina” with Mariela Szwarcberg. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. April 2019.

“Winner’s Consent? Democratic Legitimacy when Authoritarianism is on the Ballot” with Mollie Cohen, Matthew Layton, and Amy Erica Smith. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. April 2019.

“When Grievances Matter: Public Service Protests in Latin America” with Kyu Chul Shin. Southern Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.

“Stacking the Deck: Political Participation in Dominant Party Regimes” with Jonathan Hiskey. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Congress, Lima, Peru. May 2017.

“Authoritarian Learning in One-Party Regimes” with Jonathan Hiskey. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

“Clientelistic Vote Buying and Invalid Voting in the Americas” with Ryan Carlin. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. April 2016

“The Cultural Consequences of Uneven Democracy.” Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 2016.

“Severed Linkages: Economic Voting in Uneven Regimes” with Jonathan Hiskey. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

“Democracy without Accountability: Economic Voting in Uneven Regimes” with Jonathan Hiskey. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 2015.

Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Book Workshop: *From Ballots to Blockades: The Normalization of Protest in Latin American Democracies*. May 11, 2015.

“Contentious Engagement: Understanding Protest in an Era of Flawed Democracies.” American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Chicago, Ill. August 2013.

“Better Targets, Worse Democrats: Democratic Values and Party Strategies in Clientelistic Exchange.” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Meeting, Chicago Ill. April 2012. (with Ryan Carlin).

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Courses offered at West Virginia University: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Contentious Politics (undergraduate and graduate levels), Latin American Politics, Comparative Political Behavior (graduate level), Comparative Politics (graduate level).
- Researcher, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP), 2008-2014.
  - Worked on the design and execution of the AmericasBarometer survey instrument, including the creation of the questionnaire and analysis/publication of results, and contributed to impact studies of USAID crime prevention programs in Central America.
- Co-instructor of LAPOP Undergraduate Research Program, 2013-2014.

## FIELDWORK AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- Fieldwork in Argentina, February – June 2018
  - Interviews with subnational political actors for *Life in the Political Machine*.
- Fieldwork in Mexico City, June 2016
  - Research coinciding with gubernatorial elections across seven Mexican states.
- Fieldwork in Argentina, June 2012 – June 2013 (Institutional affiliation: Universidad Torcuato Di Tella)
  - Elite and citizen interviews in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, and San Luis.
- Fieldwork in Argentina, May 2010 – June 2010
  - Archival research in Buenos Aires.
- Institute in Survey Research Techniques – Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 2009
  - Courses completed: Sampling, Analysis of Complex Survey Data, and Questionnaire Design.
- COPA Argentina – *Universidad de Buenos Aires*, May 2007 – August 2007
  - Courses completed in Argentine politics, literature, and advanced Spanish.
- UNC Semester in Sevilla – *EUSA Campus Universitario*, January 2006 – May 2006
  - Courses completed in Spanish literature, history, and language.

## SERVICE

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- Editorial board: *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 2018-present.
- Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Social Movement Studies*, *World Politics*, *The Bulletin of Latin American Research*.
- Member, Chair’s Advisory Committee, West Virginia University, 2016-2017.
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Latin American Public Opinion Project, 2016-present.

- Affiliated Faculty and Advisor, International Studies Program, West Virginia University, 2016-present.
- Affiliated Faculty, Latin American Studies Program, West Virginia University, 2015-present.
- Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vanderbilt University, 2009-2010.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association.

## RESEARCH SKILLS

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- Languages: English, Spanish (fluent reading, writing, speaking).
- Statistical Packages/Programs: STATA, SAS.

## REFERENCES

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