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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

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Comparative political behavior; contentious politics (protest and social movements); institutional context and behavior; subnational politics; political machines; clientelism; voting behavior; democratic attitudes.

## BOOKS

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*Life in the Political Machine: Dominant-Party Enclaves and the Citizens They Produce*. 2020. Oxford University Press.

- With Jonathan Hiskey (Vanderbilt University).

*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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“When Clientelism Backfires: Vote Buying, Democratic Attitudes, and Electoral Retaliation in Latin America” with Ryan Carlin (Georgia State University). (Revise & Resubmit at *Political Research Quarterly*).

“Demographic Polarization and the Rise of the Far Right: Brazil’s 2018 Presidential Election” with Mollie Cohen (University of Georgia), Matthew Layton (Ohio University), and Amy Erica Smith (Iowa State University). (Forthcoming at *Research & Politics*).

“Feminist Mobilization and the Abortion Debate in Latin America: Lessons from Argentina” with Mariela Daby Szwarcberg. (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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“Winners’ 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). (Under review at *American Journal of Political Science*).

“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).

“Entrenched Inequalities: Gender, Machine Politics, and Representation in Argentina” with Mariela Daby Szwarcberg (Reed College).

## 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 Rodriguez). *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](#))

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- Walter J. and Gail B. Woolwine Faculty Travel Grant, 2018-2020
- WVU Faculty Travel 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), *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 36(1): 37-38.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Political Efficacy and the Perceived Effectiveness of Political Action in Brazil’s 2018 Presidential Election” with Mollie Cohen, Matthew Layton, and Amy Erica Smith. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. April 2020.

“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.

“Winners’ 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 (SPSA) 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, 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” with Jonathan Hiskey. 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) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. August 2013.

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

“From the Bottom Up: Accounting for Subnational Variation in Latin American Politics.” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. April 2011. (with Brian Faughnan).

“The Normalization of Contentious Politics: Explaining Protest Participation in Latin America.” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2010. (with Daniel Moreno).

“The Politics of Protest Participation in Argentina.” Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, April 2010.

“Economic Crisis and Recovery in Uneven Regimes.” The Network of Regional European Political Science Scholars Conference: The Politics of Economic Crisis in Europe and Beyond. Texas A&M, May 1-2, 2009. (with Jonathan Hiskey).

“Authoritarian Enclaves and Economic Development in a Neoliberal World.” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2-6, 2009. (with Jonathan Hiskey).

#### INVITED TALKS

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- Reed College (2019); University of Georgia (2017); University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign (2017); University of Pennsylvania (2015); Mississippi State University (2014); Harvard Initiative for Latin American Relations (HILAR) Conference in Mexico City (2014); Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (2013).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Dissertation Committees:
  - Adam Alworaiti (2019-present); Nazar Boyko (2018-present); Kyu Chul Shin (2017-present); Maxwell Nimako (2018-present); Kyle Rogers (2018-present); Samuel Darkwa (2019); Coty Martin (2019).
- Senior Capstone Projects:
  - Imari Gates (2020); Bradley Brown (2018); Aaron Robinson (2017); Mason Born (2017); Alex Reimer (2016); Munkhtushig Bayarbat (2016); Tony Painter (2016).
- 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).
- Co-instructor of LAPOP Undergraduate Research Program, 2013-2014.

## FIELDWORK AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- Fieldwork and International Experience
  - Argentina: 2010, 2012-2013, 2018, 2019; Mexico: 2014, 2016
- Institute in Survey Research Techniques – Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 2009
  - Courses completed: Sampling, Analysis of Complex Survey Data, and Questionnaire Design.
- 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.
- COPA Argentina – *Universidad de Buenos Aires*, 2007
  - Courses completed in Argentine politics, literature, and advanced Spanish.
- UNC Semester in Sevilla – *EUSA Campus Universitario*, 2006
  - Courses completed in Spanish literature, history, and language.

## SERVICE

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- Section Head – Political Behavior, 2021 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- Editorial board: *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 2018-present.
- APSA Centennial Center Research Grant Committee (2020)
- SPSA Malcolm Jewel Award Committee (2019)
- Book reviewer: Oxford University Press.
- Journal article 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*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Social Movement Studies*, *World Politics*, *The Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *Journal of Youth Studies*, *Social Forces*, *Mobilization*, *Legislative Studies*

*Quarterly.*

- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Latin American Public Opinion Project, 2016-present.
- Member, Chair's Advisory Committee, West Virginia University, 2016-2017.
- 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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Available upon request.