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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 2026-present.

Associate Professor of Political Science, West Virginia University, 2021-2026.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, West Virginia University, 2015-2021.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism, University of Pennsylvania, 2014-2015.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2014.

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

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

BOOKS

Mobilizing for Abortion Rights in Latin America. 2024. Cambridge University Press.

- With Mariela Szwarcberg Daby (Reed College).

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

- With Jonathan Hiskey (Vanderbilt University).
- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*.

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

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*.

PAPERS

“Rejecting Authoritarianism: When Threats to Democracy Shape Values.” (with Mollie Cohen, Matthew Layton, and Amy Erica Smith). 2026. Forthcoming in *Political Psychology*.

“Clientelism, Corruption and Gender.” (with Mariela Szwarcberg Daby). 2024. In *Gender and Corruption in Democracies: A Handbook*, eds. Tiffany Barnes and Emily Beaulieu. Edward Elgar Publishing.

“Winners’ Consent? Democratic Legitimacy When Illiberal Candidates Win Elections.” 2023. (with Mollie Cohen, Matthew Layton, and Amy Erica Smith). *American Journal of Political Science*: 67(2): 261-276.

“When Clientelism Backfires: Vote Buying, Democratic Attitudes, and Electoral Retaliation in Latin America.” (with Ryan Carlin). 2022. *Political Research Quarterly* 75(3): 766-781.

“Feminist Mobilization and the Abortion Debate in Latin America: Lessons from Argentina.” (with Mariela Szwarcberg Daby). 2022. *Politics & Gender* 18(2): 359-393.

“Demographic Polarization and the Rise of the Far Right: Brazil’s 2018 Presidential Election.” (with Mollie Cohen, Matthew Layton, and Amy Erica Smith). 2021. *Research and Politics* January-March: 1-7.

“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.

SYMPOSIA

“The Politics of Abortion in the Americas.” 2025. (with Mariela Szwarcberg Daby). *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Local Sources of Democratic Vulnerability in the Americas with Jonathan Hiskey (Vanderbilt University).

- “Local Elections and Democratic Commitment: Evidence from Argentina” (Under review).

We Are Water: Mobilizing the Masses for Environmental Justice in Argentina (supported by Fulbright Scholar Award, 2024-2025).

- “‘Our Water is Worth More than Gold’: Framing Environmental Protection in Argentina’s Mining Provinces” (In preparation).

When Democracy is on the Ballot: How Authoritarian Candidates Shape Citizen Attitudes with Mollie Cohen (Purdue University), Matthew Layton (Ohio University), and Amy Erica Smith (Iowa State University).

- “The Efficacy Cycle: How Elections Shape Perceptions of Citizen Influence and Government Responsiveness in Latin America” (Under review).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Brazil’s president is rallying his base — so that he can expand his power” (with Mollie Cohen Matthew Layton, and Amy Erica Smith). May 11, 2021. *The Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*.

“Argentina legalized abortion. Here’s how it happened and what it means for Latin America” (with Taylor Boas, Amy Erica Smith, and Mariela Daby Szwarcberg). January 18, 2021. *The Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*.

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

“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). Pp. 3-28 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). Pp. 73-118 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). Pp. 75-118 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*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award (Argentina), 2024-2025
- WV Humanities Fellowship, 2023
- Carnegie Fellows Program, West Virginia University Junior Fellow Nominee, 2021
- WVU Eberly College Outstanding Researcher Award, 2020-2021
- Walter J. and Gail B. Woolwine Faculty Travel Grant, 2018-2022
- WVU Faculty Travel Grant, 2015-2020
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1263807), 2013
- Vanderbilt University School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation 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

Review of Carew Boulding and Claudio Holzner's *Voice and Inequality: Poverty and Political Participation in Latin American Democracies* (Oxford University Press), *Mobilization*.

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

“‘Our Water is Worth More than Gold’: Framing Environmental Protection in Argentina’s Mining Provinces.” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. April 2026.

“The Politics of Abortion in the Americas” with Mariela Szwarcberg Daby. Presented at the Latin American Studies Annual Congress in San Francisco, CA. May 2025.

“Winning is Everything: Local Elections and Democratic Commitment in Argentina” with Jonathan Hiskey and Connolly Baxter. Presented at the WAPOR Latin America Congress in Florianopolis, Brazil. April 2025.

“La batalla sobre derechos de aborto en América Latina” with Mariela Szwarcberg Daby. Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress. May 2024.

“Mobilizing for Abortion Rights in Latin America” with Mariela Szwarcberg Daby. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec. October 2022.

“Winner-Loser Dynamics in the Uneven Democracies of Argentina and Mexico” with Jonathan Hiskey. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. October 2021.

“Informal Inequalities: Gender, Machine Politics, and Representation in Argentina” with Mariela Daby Szwarcberg. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. October 2021.

“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 Daby 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” with Ryan Carlin. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago Ill. April 2012.

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

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

“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” with Jonathan Hiskey. 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.

INVITED TALKS

- Universidad Nacional de Cuyo (2025); Vanderbilt University (2024); Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (2021); University of Pittsburgh (2021); Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill (2021); 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

- Dissertation Committees:
 - Jarret Deaton (2026-present); Connolly Baxter (2024-present); Khrystyna Pelchar (2024-present); Adeola Abilawon (2024-present); Mayowa Oluro (Chair; 2023-present); Rocío Cruz (FLACSO; Co-Chair; 2023-present); Ali Ahsan (2021-present); Dipak Kumar Biswas (2021-present); Adam Alworaiti (Chair; 2019-present); Ani Tepnadze (2025); Nazar Boyko (2025); Kyu Chul Shin (2021); Maxwell Nimako (2023); Kyle Rogers (2018-present); Samuel Darkwa (2019); Coty Martin (2019).
- Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, West Virginia University: 2023-2024, 2018-2019).
- Study Abroad Program in Argentina and Uruguay, 2020 (canceled due to pandemic).
- 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, Vanderbilt University, 2013-2014.

FIELDWORK AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Fieldwork and International Experience
 - Argentina: 2010, 2012-2013, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2025; 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

- WVU Political Science Faculty Evaluation Committee. 2023, 2024, 2026.
- WVU Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee. 2023-present.
- WVU Political Science Comparative Comprehensive Exam Committee. 2015-present.
- Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. 2022-2024.
- Section Head – Political Behavior, 2021 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- Editorial board: *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 2018-2022.
- APSA Centennial Center Research Grant Committee (2020).
- SPSA Malcolm Jewel Award Committee (2019).
- Journal article reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *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*, *Oxford University Press*.
- WVU Political Science Department Leadership Committee, 2016-2019.
- 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, 2015-2023.
- Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vanderbilt University, 2009-2010.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

RESEARCH SKILLS

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request.