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## EMPLOYMENT

2019-2021, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

2017-2019, Brown University, Providence, RI  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

## EDUCATION

2009-2017, Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI  
Subfields: Comparative Politics, Methodology  
Thesis: “Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro”  
Committee: Scott Straus (Chair), Erica Simmons, Rikhil Bhavnani, Christina Ewig, Ivan Ermakoff  
Recipient: APSA Award for Best Fieldwork (2017)  
SIOE Award for Best Dissertation (2018)

2008-2009, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel  
Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies

2007-2008, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland  
M.Sc. In Nationalism and Ethno-Communal Conflict

2000-2004, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA  
B.A. in English, Comparative Literature, and Spanish  
Magna Cum Laude

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2017, “Criminal Politics: An Integrated Approach to the Study of Organized Crime, Politics, and Violence.” *Perspectives on Politics* 15(4): 967-987.

2016, “Crime and plural orders in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.” Co-authored with Enrique Desmond Arias. *Current Sociology* 65(3): 448-465.

Recipient: Best Article by LASA Defense, Public Security, and Democracy Section

## WORKING PAPERS

“Monopolies of Violence: Criminal Governance in Rio de Janeiro” (Book Project)

“Resident Resistance: Denouncing Organized Crime in Rio de Janeiro”

“Military Occupation and Criminal Governance in Rio de Janeiro”

“Criminalized Democracy: The Electoral Consequences of Gang Territorial Control in Rio de

Janeiro” (with Juan Albarracín)  
“Borders, Bocas, and Bailes: The Social Order of the Drug Trade in Rio de Janeiro.”  
“Social Media and Subnational Protest in Latin America” (with Steven Wilson)  
“Bolsonaro’s Bluster: Twitter and the 2018 Brazilian Presidential Election” (with Steven Wilson and Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca)

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

2017-2019, Watson Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University  
2016-2017, Harry Frank Guggenheim Fellowship  
2015, Mellon Summer Dissertation Fellowship, UW-Madison  
2015, International Institute Summer Fieldwork Fellowship  
2014-2015, Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award  
2013-2014, SSRC, International Dissertation Research Fellowship  
2013-2014, SSRC, Drugs, Security and Democracy in Latin America  
2012-2013, NSF, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant  
2012, 2010 (Summer), Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, UW-Madison  
2011, Tinker Nave Summer Research Grant, UW-Madison  
2008-2009, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Haifa, Israel

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2018, Best Dissertation, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE)  
2017, Best Fieldwork, American Political Science Association (APSA) Comparative Democratization Section  
2017, Best Article, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Defense, Public Security, and Democracy Section  
2016, Mildred Potter Hovland Award for best article written by a Political Science graduate student, UW-Madison  
2016-2017, Letters & Sciences Teaching Fellows Award, UW-Madison  
2012, Joaquim Nabuco Award for best graduate paper on Brazil, UW-Madison  
2012, University Housing Honored Instructor, UW-Madison  
2010-2011, Campus-Wide Teaching Assistant Award, UW-Madison  
2010, Distinguished Student Award, Middlebury College

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS & ACADEMIC OUTPUT**

Forthcoming, “Criminal Violence in Latin America: A review of eight books,” Co-authored with Juan Albarracín. *Latin American Research Review*.  
2019, “Maré de Dentro: Life amid the Militarization of Rio de Janeiro’s Favelas—A photography and film exhibit.” Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Providence, RI, March 5-May 5.  
2019, “Maré de Dentro: Life amid the Militarization of Rio de Janeiro’s Favelas—A photography and film exhibit.” Bard College, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY, February 1-March 1.  
2018, “Life in a War Zone: Putting the military in control of Rio de Janeiro's policing threatens Brazilian democracy,” *US News & World Report*. Published online February 23.  
<https://www.usnews.com/opinion/world-report/articles/2018-02-23/giving-the-military-control-in-rio-threatens-brazilian-democracy>.

- 2018, "Recruitment and Remobilization (Review article)," *Dynamics of Assymetrical Conflict* DOI: 10.1080/17467586.2018.1432870
- 2017, "Book Review: Bruno: Conversations with a Brazilian Drug Dealer," *Latin American Politics and Society* 59(4): 147-149.
- 2016, "Mobilization in the Wake of Rio's Olympics," *Mobilizing Ideas*. Published online August 28. <https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2016/08/29/mobilization-in-the-wake-of-rios-olympics/>
- 2014, "With Brazil in Spotlight, Rio's Favela Pacification Program at a Crossroads," *World Politics Review*. Published online June 9. <http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/13845/with-brazil-in-spotlight-rio-s-favela-pacification-program-at-a-crossroads>.
- 2014, "Rio de Janeiro's BOPE and Police Pacification: Fear and Intimidation in Complexo da Maré," *Anthropoliteia*. Published online June 6. <http://anthropoliteia.net/2014/06/06/rio-de-janeiros-bope-and-police-pacification-fear-and-intimidation-in-complexo-da-mare/>.
- 2013, "The Rio Protests: Who, What, Why and Will They Matter?" *The Monkey Cage*. Published online June 28. <http://themonkeycage.org/2013/06/28/the-rio-protests-who-what-why-and-will-they-matter/>

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Panels/Conferences Organized

- 2019, "Armed Groups and Elections." American Political Science Association Conference, Washington DC, August 29-September 1.
- 2019, "Academia, Activism, and the Ethics of Research Collaboration in Rio's Favelas." Latin American Studies Association Congress, Boston, MA, May 24-27.
- 2019, "Maré de Dentro: Life amid the Militarization of Rio de Janeiro's Favelas." Brown University, Providence, RI, March 5.
- 2019, "Maré de Dentro: Life amid the Militarization of Rio de Janeiro's Favelas." Bard College, Red Hook, NY, February 28.
- 2016, "The Politics of Violence: How and Why Organized Crime is Political." Criminal Actors in the Americas Conference, UW-Madison, April 1.
- 2016, "Perspectives of Ethnography: The Role of Research Collaborators." Latin American Studies Association Congress, New York City, NY, May 27-31.
- 2013, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington DC, May 30-June 1.

### Papers Presented

- 2019, "A History of Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." A Home of My Own: The Shifting Signifiers of Racialized Space in Metropolitan America Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI, February 15.
- 2018, "Criminalized Democracy: The Electoral Consequences of Gang Territorial Control in Rio de Janeiro." American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-Sept. 2.
- 2018, "Resident Resistance: Denouncing Gangs in Rio de Janeiro." Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics, Montreal, QC, June 21-23.
- 2018, "Resident Resistance: Denouncing Gangs in Rio de Janeiro." Latin American Studies Association Congress, Barcelona, ES, May 23-26.
- 2017, "Resident Resistance: A Quantitative Analysis of Gang Denunciations in Rio de Janeiro." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

- 2017, "Borders, Bocas, and Bailes: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." The Governance of the Global Narcotics Trade Workshop, George Mason University, Washington, DC, February 3.
- 2016, "Criminal Politics: An Integrated Approach to Crime, Politics, and Violence." Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, Yale University, December 5.
- 2016, "Resident Resistance: A Quantitative Analysis of Gang Denunciations in Rio de Janeiro." American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.
- 2016, "The Politics of Violence: How and Why Organized Crime is Political." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10.
- 2015, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, PR, May 27-30.
- 2015, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19.
- 2014, "Transformations in Gang Governance: A Case Study." Latin American Studies Association Congress, Chicago, IL, May 21-24.

### **INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

- 2019, "The Origins of Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro," Utrecht University, Utrecht, NL, March 21.
- 2019, Bridging the Gap Workshop, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, February 24-26.
- 2018, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro," UMass Amherst Legal Studies Seminar, Amherst, MA, November 7.
- 2018, "Mapping Criminal Territories in Rio de Janeiro: 2002-2018." Criminal Governance in the Americas, The University of Chicago, October 26.
- 2018, "Borders, Bocas, and Bailes: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." RAND: The Politics of Organized Crime, Arlington, VA, October 15.
- 2018, "Border, Bocas, and Bailes: The Social Order of the Drug Trade in Rio de Janeiro." The Institute for Design and Public Policy: Trafficking Systems Studio, Rhode Island School of Design, February 3.
- 2017, "Borders, Bocas, and Bailes: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." Lunchtime Lecture Series: LACIS, UW-Madison, February 28.
- 2016, "The Violence of Politics and the Politics of the Violence: Toward an Integrated Approach to Organized Violence." Latin American Colloquium, UW-Madison, March 16.
- 2015, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." Comparative Politics Colloquium, UW-Madison, November 12.
- 2015, "Monopolizing Violence: A Theory of Gang Violence in Rio de Janeiro." Latin American Colloquium, UW-Madison, October 30.
- 2015, "Transformations in Gang Governance: A Case Study." Latin American Colloquium, March 25.
- 2013, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." Drugs, Security, and Democracy Fellows Workshop, SSRC and Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Aguascalientes, MX, July 10-13.
- 2012, "The Amphetamine of the People: The Mística of the Movimento dos Trabalhadores Sem Terra." Lunchtime Lecture Series: LACIS, UW-Madison, September 18.
- 2012, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro." Drugs, Security, and Democracy Fellows Workshop, SSRC and Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, CO, July 23-27.

2011, "Monopolies of Violence: Urban Gangs in Brazil." Comparative Politics Colloquium, UW-Madison, September 14.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

2019, *Brazil Unfiltered* with James N. Green, March 26.

<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/brazil-unfiltered/a-look-inside-rios-favelas-aYOQpglrnMi/>

2019, *Trending Globally* with Sarah Beneich-Baldwin, March 17.

<https://soundcloud.com/watsoninstitute/governing-rio-de-janeiros-favelas>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

2019 (Fall), Introduction to Politics

2019 (Fall), State and Society in Latin America

Brown University, Providence, RI

2018 (Fall), The International Politics of Organized Crime

2018 (Spring), The International Politics of Organized Crime

2017 (Fall), Violence, the Drug Trade, and Policing in Rio de Janeiro (Independent Study)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

2017 (Spring), Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations (non-section)

2016 (Summer), Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Human Rights (online)

2015 (Spring), Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Human Rights

2012 (Spring), Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Latin America

2011 (Fall), Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics

2011 (Spring), Teaching Assistant, Comparative Study of Genocide

2010 (Fall), Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Studies

2009 (Fall), Teaching Assistant, African International Relations

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Reviewer for *Perspective on Politics*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Latin American Politics & Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Sociological Forum*, and *Politics & Policy*.

Member of the American Political Science Association (2015-present), Latin American Studies Association (2012-present), and International Studies Association (2019).

2012-2013, Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium, UW-Madison

2011-2013, Founder and Coordinator, Latin American Colloquium, UW-Madison

## **LANGUAGE AND TEACHER TRAINING**

2019, Research/Writing Assignment Workshop, Grinnell, IA

2018, GIS Institute, Brown University, Providence, RI

2012, (Summer), University of Florida, Rio de Janeiro, BR

Portuguese Intensive Language Program

2010, (Summer), Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

Portuguese Intensive Language Program

2008-2009, Haifa University, Haifa, IL  
Hebrew Intensive Language Program

Portuguese: Fluent written and spoken

Spanish: Basic written and spoken

Hebrew: Basic written and spoken

ArcGIS, STATA, Excel