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EMPLOYMENT

2020 (Fall), University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Lecturer in the School of International Relations

2019-2020, 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

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Forthcoming, "The Global Comparative Study of Gangs and other Non-State Armed Groups,"
Oxford Encyclopedia of International Criminology.

2020, "Criminal Violence in Latin America," *Latin American Research Review* 55(2): 397-406
Co-authored with Juan Albarracín.

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.” *Current Sociology* 65(3): 448-465. Co-authored with Enrique Desmond Arias.
Recipient: Best Article by LASA Defense, Public Security, and Democracy Section

Working Papers

“Military Occupation and Criminal Governance in Rio de Janeiro” (R&R at Comparative Political Studies)
“Seeing Like a Gang: How and Why Gangs Govern Rio de Janeiro’s Favelas” (Book Manuscript)
“Criminal Governance in the Time of COVID-19” (with Juan Albarracín)
“Resident Resistance: Denouncing Organized Crime 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

2020, Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society (\$6,000)
2017-2019, Watson Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University
2016-2017, Harry Frank Guggenheim Fellowship (\$20,000)
2015, Mellon Summer Dissertation Fellowship, UW-Madison (\$8,000)
2015, International Institute Summer Fieldwork Fellowship (\$3,000)
2014-2015, Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award (\$64,000)
2013-2014, SSRC, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$14,000)
2013-2014, SSRC, Drugs, Security and Democracy in Latin America (\$14,000)
2012-2013, NSF, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$13,000)
2012, 2010 (Summer), Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, 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 by 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

- 2020, "Criminal Governance in the Time of COVID-19", Urban Violence Research Network, with Juan Albarracín. July 4.
- 2019, "Maré de Dentro: Life in Rio de Janeiro's Favelas." Burling Gallery, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, November 2-February 19.
- 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.
- 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.

EXTERNAL TALKS & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- 2019, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro," Boston University, Research in Comparative Politics Workshop, Boston, MA, November 20.
- 2019, "Monopolies of Violence: Gang Governance in Rio de Janeiro," Iowa State Political Science Department, Ames, IA, November 14.
- 2019, "Career Fair: Landing a Postdoc," American Political Science Association Conference, Washington DC, August 29-September 1.
- 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." 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.
- 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, "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.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2019, Castro, Montserrat G. "Burling exhibit explores life in Brazil's Complexo da Maré," *The Scarlet & Black*. November 7. (<http://www.thesandb.com/article/burling-exhibit-explores-life-in-brazils-complex-da-mare.html>)
- 2019, "A Look Inside Rio's Favelas," on *Brazil Unfiltered* with James N. Green, March 26. (<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/brazil-unfiltered/a-look-inside-rios-favelas-aYOQpgrnMi/>)
- 2019, "Governing Rio de Janeiro's Favelas," on *Trending Globally* with Sarah Beneich-Baldwin, March 17. (<https://soundcloud.com/watsoninstitute/governing-rio-de-janeiros-favelas>)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of St. Andrews, Scotland

2020 (Fall), Organised Crime and Corruption

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

2020 (Spring), Introduction to Political Science

2020 (Spring), Political Violence in the 21st Century

2020 (Spring), The International Politics of Organized Crime

2019 (Fall), Introduction to Political Science

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)

FIELDWORK AND INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Brazil (*37 months total*): 5/2011-6/2011; 6/2012-8/2012; 10/2012-12/2013; 2/2014-2/2015;
9/2015-10/2015; 1/2016-2/2017; 6/2017-7/2017
Israel (*11 months*): 8/2008-7/2009
Ireland (*11 months*): 8/2007-7/2008
Thailand (*8 months*): 9/2004-4/2005
Spain (*5 months*): 7/2002-12/2002

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Perspective on Politics, Comparative Political Studies, World Development, PS: Political Science & Politics, Latin American Politics & Society, Latin American Research Review, Journal of Latin American Studies, Sociological Forum, and Politics & Policy*.
Member of the Latin American Studies Association (2012-present), American Political Science Association (2015-present), International Studies Association (2019-present), Law and Society Association (2019-present), and Peace Science Society (2020-present).
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, Portuguese Intensive Language Program, University of Florida, Rio de Janeiro, RJ
2010, (Summer), Portuguese Intensive Language Program, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
2008-2009, Hebrew Intensive Language Program, Haifa University, Haifa, IL

Portuguese: Fluent written and spoken
Spanish: Basic written and spoken
Hebrew: Basic written and spoken
ArcGIS, STATA, Excel, Tableau