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## EMPLOYMENT

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2020-Present, University of St. Andrews, Scotland  
Lecturer, School of International Relations  
Affiliated Faculty, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

2019-2020, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department

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

## EDUCATION

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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, Israel  
Certificate, Peace and Conflict Studies

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

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Project

“How Gangs Govern” (Book Manuscript under contract with Cambridge University Press)

## Edited Volume

2021, *Maré from the Inside: Art, Culture, and Politics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*. Edited with Desirée Poets and Max Stephenson Jr. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Publishing.  
Portuguese volume: *Maré de Dentro: Arte, Cultura e Política no Rio de Janeiro, Brasil*.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

Forthcoming, “The Logic of Criminal Territorial Control: Military Intervention in Rio de Janeiro” (Conditional Accept at Comparative Political Studies)

2021, “The Global Comparative Study of Gangs and Other Non-State Armed Groups,” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Oxford University Press.

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

## Works-in-Progress

“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)

“Criminal Governance along the Drug Trade” (with Juan Albarracín and Laura Blume)

“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

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2020, Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society (\$6,000)

2019, Institute for Global Engagement, Grinnell College (\$7,000)

2019, Art at Watson Fund, Watson Institute, Brown University (\$3,000)

2016-2017, Henry 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 Scholarship, Haifa, Israel

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- 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

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS & ACADEMIC OUTPUT**

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- 2021, “Maré from the Inside: Art, Culture, and Politics in Rio de Janeiro’s Favelas,” Carol M. Newman Library, Virginia Tech University, April-September.
- 2020, “Criminal Governance in the Time of COVID-19,” Urban Violence Research Network, with Juan Albarracín. Published online July 4. <https://urbanviolence.org/criminal-governance-in-the-time-of-covid-19/>.
- 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,” Bertelsmann Campus Center, 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* 11(2): 121-122.
- 2017, “Bruno: Conversations with a Brazilian Drug Dealer (Review article),” *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**

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### **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**

- 2021, "Resident Resistance: Denouncing Organized Crime in Rio de Janeiro," and "Criminalized Democracy: The Electoral Consequences of Gang Territorial Control in Rio de Janeiro," International Studies Association, Virtual, April 6-9.
- 2020, "The Logic of Criminal Territorial Control: Military Intervention in Rio de Janeiro," American Political Science Association, Virtual, September 10-13.
- 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, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4; Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10.
- 2015, Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, PR, May 27-30; Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19.
- 2014, Latin American Studies Association Congress, Chicago, IL, May 21-24.

## **EXTERNAL TALKS & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

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- 2021, “Criminal Governance in the COVID-19 Era,” University of Nevada, Reno, Second Tuesdays Webinar Series (virtual), February 9.
- 2020, “Criminality and Conflict Workshop,” Peace Science Society (virtual), November 9-10.
- 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**

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- 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-aYOQpgrlnMi/>)
- 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**

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University of St. Andrews, Scotland

2021 (Spring), The Politics of Violence and Resistance in Latin America

2020 (Fall), Organised Crime and Corruption

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

2020 (Spring), Introduction to Political Science

2020 (Spring), Political Violence in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## **FIELDWORK AND INTERNATIONAL STUDY**

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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**

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Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*,  
*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**

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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

Portuguese: Fluent written and spoken

Spanish: Basic written and spoken

ArcGIS, STATA, Excel, Tableau