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EMPLOYMENT

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

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

Book Project

“How Gangs Govern” (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*.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- 2021, “The Logic of Criminal Territorial Control: Military Intervention in Rio de Janeiro.” *Comparative Political Studies* (OnlineFirst).
- 2021, “The Global Comparative Study of Gangs and Other Non-State Armed Groups.” In E. Erez & P. Ibarra (Eds.). *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

- 2021, Departmental Diversity Grant, ASPECT, Virginia Tech University (\$10,000)
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 (\$20,000)

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

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & ACADEMIC OUTPUT

- 2021, "Celebrating Brazilian Favelas," University of St Andrews Research Blog. Published online June 10. <https://research.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/2021/06/10/celebrating-brazilian-favelas/>.
- 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

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

- 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

- 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.listenotes.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

2022 (Spring), Armed Governance (Graduate)
2022 (Spring), Organised Crime and Corruption
2021 (Fall), Research methods (Graduate)
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 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

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; 1/2017-2/2017; 6/2018-7/2018

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 *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, *Violence: An International Journal*, *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

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