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Academic Appointments

2025-2026

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government & International Affairs
Wofford College

Education

2025 *PhD in Political Science, Brown University*

Fields: *Comparative Politics and International Relations*

Dissertation: “*Can Civil Wars Improve Public Goods? Militias, Security, and Rural Governance in Post-Conflict Peru*” | Committee: Richard Snyder (Chair), Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, and Rob Blair

2021 *MA in Political Science, Brown University*

2018 *MA in Political Science, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina)*

2014 *BA in Political Science and International Relations, Universidad de San Andrés (Argentina)*

Research & Teaching Interests: Civil War, Post-Conflict Politics, Authoritarian Regimes, Democratization and Democratic Erosion, Latin America, Qualitative and Mixed Methods.

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2025 “The Wartime Roots of Rural Governance: Militias’ Evolving Roles in Post-Conflict Peru.” *Comparative Political Studies* (FirstView).
- 2024 “A Unified Canon? Latin American Graduate Training in Comparative Politics.” *Latin American Politics and Society*, 67(2), 98-123. Co-authored with I. Fynn and I. Borba.
- 2023 “Democrats’ Mistakes and the Birth of Authoritarian Rule: Ramón S. Castillo and the Fall of Conservative Democracy in Argentina.” *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 55(3), 429-453. Co-authored with IA López.
- 2022 “Conflicto entre Elites y Expansión del Sufragio: Buenos Aires, 1821.” *Miríada: Investigación en Ciencias Sociales*, Vol. 14 - N°18, 15-35.
- 2018 “Diseño Institucional e Inestabilidad Presidencial en Autoritarismos: el Proceso de Reorganización Nacional en Argentina (1976-1983).” *Desarrollo Económico*, Vol. 58 - N°224, 3-24. Co-authored with B. García-Holgado.
- 2017 “Every Breath you Take, I will be Watching you: Contestation and Provincial Control of National Legislators’ Political Careers in Argentina.” *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 26 - N°1, 85-109. Co-authored with T. Bieda.

Working Papers

“Saving Nations? Evangelicalism, Populism, and Democratic Erosion in the Americas.” Co-authored with E. Rios (draft available upon request).

“Strengthening Process Tracing through a Context-Centered Analysis of Evidence.” Co-authored with B. García-Holgado (draft available upon request).

“The Many Forms of Political Violence: A Family Resemblance Approach.” Co-authored with I. Fynn and I. Borba (draft available upon request).

Professional Presentations (brief selection)

2024 “When Explanation Meets Interpretation: Bridging the Gap in Qualitative Methods,” Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware.

“The Wartime Roots of Rural Governance: Militias’ Evolving Roles in Post-Conflict Peru,” *American Political Science Association*.

2023 “A Theory of Militias’ Origins, Mobilization, and Post-Conflict Trajectories: The Case of Los Morochucos, Cangallo (Peru),” *American Political Science Association*.

“Saving Nations? Evangelicalism, Populism, and Democratic Backsliding in the Americas,” *International Political Science Association*.

“Latin American Graduate Training in Comparative Politics: A Unified Canon?,” *Midwest Political Science Association*.

2022 “Democrats’ Mistakes and the Birth of Authoritarian Rule: Ramón Castillo and the Fall of Conservative Democracy in Argentina,” *Latin American Studies Association*.

“¿La Guerra Mejora la Provisión de Bienes Públicos? Milicias Rurales, Gobernanza Local y Seguridad Ciudadana en el Perú Postconflicto,” *Instituto de Estudios Peruanos*, Lima, Perú.

2020 “The Spread of Violence Inside Peru During the Internal Armed Conflict,” *Geographic Information System Institute (GIS)*, Brown University.

2018 “Conflicto entre Elites y Expansión del Sufragio en la Buenos Aires Posrevolucionaria,” *Argentine National Congress of Political Science*, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

2025 *Foundations of World Politics* (x3). In-person, undergraduate-level credit course. Wofford College.

Latin American Politics Through Film and Documentary. In-person, liberal arts seminar. Wofford College.

- 2023 *Political Regimes: Accessing and Exercising Power*. In-person, pre-college level course. Brown University.
- 2021 *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (with E. Rios). Online, undergraduate-level credit course. Brown University.
- Qualitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation*. Online, graduate-level credit course. Government School, Executive Formation in Public Policy, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.

Teaching Assistant

- 2025 *Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Prof. Donghyun Danny Choi, Brown University.
- 2024 *Crime, Punishment, and Politics*. Prof. David Skarbek, Brown University.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Prof. Gemma Dipoppa, Brown University.
- 2023 *Security, Governance, and Development in Africa*. Prof. Rob Blair, Brown University.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Prof. Donghyun Danny Choi, Brown University.
- 2021 *Introduction to International Relations*. Prof. Nina Tannenwald, Brown University.
- 2020 *Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Prof. Linda Cook, Brown University.
- 2019 *Introduction to International Relations*. Prof. Rose McDermott, Brown University.
- 2018 *Law and Society*. Prof. Paola Bergallo, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- Political and Governmental Institutions*. Prof. Catalina Smulovitz, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- 2017 *Law and Society*. Prof. Paola Bergallo, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- Political and Governmental Institutions*. Prof. Catalina Smulovitz, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- 2016 *Political and Governmental Institutions*. Prof. Catalina Smulovitz, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- Latin American Politics and Society*. Prof. Carlos Freytes, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- Latin American Politics and Society*. Prof. Jorge Battaglino, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- Methodology and Research Design*. Prof. Mariana Chudnovsky, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- 2015 *Latin American Politics and Society*. Prof. Carlos Freytes, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.
- The Political Phenomenon*. Prof. Alberto Föhrig, Universidad de San Andrés.
- 2014 *The Political Phenomenon*. Prof. Julián Gadano, Universidad de San Andrés.

Pedagogical Training

- 2025 *Ivy+ Teaching Transformations Summit*, Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Brown University.
Curriculum Developer, Democratic Erosion Consortium (DEC).
- 2023 *Teaching Consultant Program*. Certificate III, Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Brown University.
- 2022 *Course Design*. Certificate II, Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Brown University.
- 2020 *Reflective Teaching*. Certificate I, Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Brown University.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2025 *Head Teaching Consultant* (\$1,700) (declined), Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Brown University.
- 2023 *P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching* (\$350). Political Science Department, Brown University.
Sheridan Teaching Award (\$600). Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Brown University.
- 2022 *Political Science Department Grant Award* (\$3,000) to conduct dissertation fieldwork in Peru. Department of Political Science, Brown University.
- 2020 *Graduate Program in Development (GPD) Fellowship*. Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs, Brown University.
Summer Methods Award (\$4,000). Peacebuilding in Colombia Academic Program at Universidad de Los Andes (cancelled due to Covid-19). Political Science Department, Brown University.
- 2019 *Sarmiento Research Fellowship* (\$1,000). The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University.
- 2017 *Fulbright Scholarship for PhD studies* (declined). National Ministry of Education, Argentina.

Methods Training (brief selection)

- 2021 *Quantitative Methods Sequence*. Political Science Department, Brown University.
GPD: *Mixing Methods Module*. Brown University.
- 2020 GIS Institute: *Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences*. Brown University.
- 2019 GPD: *Ethnography Module*. Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs, Brown University.
Comparative Historical Analysis Course. Sociology Department, Brown University.
- 2017 Winter Methods School: *Case Studies through Process Tracing*. Universidad Católica del Uruguay.

Professional Service

Research: Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies* (x2) and *Desarrollo Económico*.

Teaching: Facilitator of *Reflective Teaching* (Certificate I), Sheridan Center, Brown University.

Fieldwork Experience

Peru (March-December 2022): *Dissertation* fieldwork in Ayacucho.

Peru (June-August 2019): *Preliminary* fieldwork in Lima.

Language Skills: Spanish (native); English (proficient); French (basic); Portuguese (basic).

References

Richard Snyder

Professor, Political Science

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Rob Blair

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