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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, General Faculty (Teaching Track), Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia, 2019–Present.

Democracy Postdoctoral Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2018–2019.

Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2017–2018.

Quin Morton Predoctoral Teaching Fellow, Princeton University, 2015–2017.

Visiting Researcher, University of São Paulo, 2015.

Education

PhD, Politics and Social Policy, Princeton University, 2017.

MA, Politics, Princeton University, 2013.

BA, Political Science and History, University of Vermont, 2009.

General Course (Year Abroad), London School of Economics, 2007–2008.

Publications

Linkage Switches in Local Elections: Evidence from the Workers' Party in Brazil. *Comparative Political Studies* 53(1), 109–143, 2020. (Link)

Shared Class as an Electoral Heuristic in Brazil's Local Elections. *Kellogg Institute Working Paper Series* 432, 2019 (single-blind peer review). (Link)

The Data Never Speaks for Itself. In Wilkins, A.I. and Shaw, K.E. (Eds.) *The Pocket Instructor: Writing*, Princeton University Press, 2024.

Working Papers

Visibility and Local Electoral Accountability

Size and Participatory Democracy: Evidence from Brazil's Health Councils

A New Dataset: Disability Voting Rights in Latin America (with Annie Zetkulic and Hannah Carter)

Faculty Perspectives on Student Belonging in Large-Enrollment Courses (with Prince Afriyie and Collin Quigley)

Grants, Honors, & Awards

Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Virginia, 2023-2025.

All-University Teaching Award, University of Virginia, 2023.

Principal Investigator for "Hoos Learn Together: Increasing Sense of Belonging in Large-Enrollment Courses" (with Prince Afriyie), *President and Provost's Fund for Institutionally Related Research*, University of Virginia, 2022-2025.

Student Council Teaching Award, University of Virginia, 2022.

Local Equity and Democracy (LEAD) Working Group (with Gabi Kruks-Wisner), Karsh Institute of Democracy, University of Virginia, 2022-2024.

Excellence in Teaching Award, Batten School, University of Virginia, 2021.

Ignite Scholar, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Virginia, 2019.

Susan Clarke Young Scholars' Award, APSA Urban Politics Section, 2018.

Faculty Fellow in Service and Civic Engagement, Princeton University, 2016–2017.

Graduate Teaching Award, Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni, 2016.

Dissertation Research Grants, Bobst Center for Peace and Global Justice, Princeton University, 2015 and 2016.

Dissertation Research Grant, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, 2015.

Global Health Challenge Research Grant, Center for Health & Wellbeing, Princeton University, 2015.

Summer Travel Grants, Program in Latin American Studies and Program in International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, 2011, 2013, and 2014.

Graduate Fellowship, Joint Degree Program in Social Policy, Princeton University, 2011–2015.

Lassen Fellowship for Latin American Studies, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, 2010–2011.

Best Undergraduate Thesis in Political Science, Pi Sigma Alpha (National Prize), 2009.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022.

Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium (SeLAB), 2019.

Latin American Political Economy Network (REPAL), 2016 and 2019.

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2014, 2016, and 2017.

Political Economy of Latin America (PELA), 2017.

Comparative and International Political Economy of the Emergent Nations, Fundação Getúlio Vargas-EBAPE, 2015.

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 2014, 2023.

INVITED TALKS

Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia, 2022.

Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University, 2021.

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2019.

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2019.

TEACHING

Introduction to Public Policy, University of Virginia, 2019-Present.

Institutional and Political Context of Public Policy, University of Virginia, 2023-Present.

Data Visualization in R, University of Virginia, 2020-Present.

Politics of Development, University of Virginia, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Comparative Policy History, University of Virginia, 2019-2022.

Designing Democratic Innovations, University of Virginia, 2020.

Protest!, Princeton University, 2015-2017.

Skills &
Training

Languages: English (native), Portuguese (advanced), Spanish (reading).

Additional research training: Middlebury Summer Language School, 2009; Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), 2013.

Pedagogical training: Courses through the Center for Teaching Excellence at the University of Virginia, the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning at Princeton, the Princeton Writing Program, and the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at Notre Dame.

Service

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Brazilian Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Latin American Politics & Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Policy Sciences*, *Political Geography*, *World Politics*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Princeton University Press*, *CQ Press*.

Board of Governors, The Colonnade Club, University of Virginia, 2023-Present.

Co-organizer, Teaching Brownbag Series, Batten School, University of Virginia, 2019-Present.

Council Member, Representation and Electoral Systems Section, APSA, 2021-2023.

Mentor, Harrison Undergraduate Research Award, University of Virginia, 2022.

Mentor, USOAR Program, University of Virginia, 2020-Present.

Engagement

Co-Organizer, LEAD Speaker Series, Karsh Institute of Democracy, Spring 2024.

Co-Moderator, 5th Congressional District Democratic Primary Debate, 2020.

Moderator, Democracies in Crisis Panel, University of Virginia, 2020.

Moderator, Charlottesville City Council Debate sponsored by University of Virginia Student Council, 2019.