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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, expected 2025

Dissertation: Weaponizing Uncertainty: The Politics of Disappearance in Argentina, Colombia, and Mexico

Committee: Paul Staniland (chair), Susan Stokes, Austin Carson, Benjamin Lessing

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Master of Arts in Political Science, 2021

University of Chicago, Master of Arts in Social Science, 2017

University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude*, 2015

Communication and Public Service (honors) with a minor in Political Science

Benjamin Franklin Scholar 2011-2015

Phi Beta Kappa 2014; Dean's List 2011-2015; Charles Morris Price Prize 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political violence and its legacies, covert action, human rights, repression, counterinsurgency, qualitative methods.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External

2023-2024

USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace (\$20,000).

University of Chicago

2024-2025

Provost Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences (declined; \$5,000).

Pozen Doctoral Fellowship, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights (\$3,000).

Dissertation Support Fellowship, Center for International Social Science Research (\$5,000).

2024

The Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund Grant (\$10,000).

2023

Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award, Center for International Social Science Research (\$4,981).

The Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund Grant (\$10,000).

2022

The Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund Grant (\$10,000).

The Pozen Family Center for Human Rights Research Grant (\$5,000).

The Center for Latin American Studies Mellon Research Travel Fellowship (\$5,000).

2021

The Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund Grant (\$8,457).

Grodzins Prize Lectureship (\$6,000).

2020

The Pozen Family Center for Human Rights Research Grant (\$5,000).

The Center for Latin American Studies Mellon Research Travel Fellowship (\$5,000).

Department of Political Science Bienen Summer Research Award (\$1,800).

2019

Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Field Research Grant (\$4,200).

SELECT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“‘Subversives’ and ‘Delinquents’: Disappearances as a Form of Social Cleansing,” to be presented at the 2024 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 6th, 2024.

“*Habeas (Non) Corpus*: A New Typology of Enforced Disappearance,” presented at the 2024 Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference in Bogotá, Colombia on June 14th, 2024.

“‘Subversives’ and ‘Delinquents’: Disappearances as a Form of Social Cleansing,” presented at the 2024 International Studies Association Annual Conference in San Francisco, California on April 5th, 2024.

“‘Por Algo Será’: Disappearances in Authoritarian Argentina,” presented at the Violence, Instability, and Peace Workshop on March 14th, 2024.

“‘Por Algo Será’: Disappearances in Authoritarian Argentina,” presented at the University of Chicago Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean on February 29th, 2024.

“‘Subversives’ and ‘Delinquents’: A Theory and Typology of Active Disappearance,” presented at the 2024 Latin American Peace Science Society Annual Conference in Bogotá, Colombia on January 18th, 2024.

“‘Por Algo Será’: A Theory and Typology of Disappearance,” presented at the 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting on September 1st, 2023.

“Terror, Uncertainty, and (In)visible Violence: Variation in the Acknowledgement and Exposure of Violence Against Civilians,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Montréal, Canada on March 15th, 2023.

“Terror, Uncertainty, and (In)visible Violence: Variation in the Acknowledgement and Exposure of Violence Against Civilians,” presented at the Latin American Peace Science Society Conference on January 19th, 2023, in Medellín, Colombia.

“Terror, Uncertainty, and (In)visible Violence: Variation in the Acknowledgement and Exposure of Violence Against Civilians,” presented at the University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop on January 4th, 2023.

“Shades of Deniability: The International Relations Implications of Covert Violent Repression,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee on March 31st, 2022.

“Weaponizing Uncertainty: Covert Repression in Authoritarian Argentina,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee on March 28th, 2022.

“*Habeas (Non) Corpus*: The Domestic and International Implications of State Abduction,” presented at the University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop on November 2nd, 2021.

“Covert Violence and Social Paralysis in Authoritarian Argentina,” presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting on September 28th, 2021.

INVITED TALKS

“Argentina’s Last Dictatorship,” given to POLS 336: The Politics of Latin America, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, February 1st, 2024.

LANGUAGES

Spanish – proficiency

French – working proficiency

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for PLSC 22913 Fall Quarter 2022

I graded and held office hours for Professor Patricia Conley’s Practice of Social Science Research course.

Grodzins Prize Lecturer for PLSC 20927 Spring Quarter 2022

As a Grodzins Prize Lecturer, I taught a political science seminar I designed called Individuals, Communities, and Conflict: The Microfoundations of Political Violence. It introduced students to a side of political violence research that is not frequently addressed in-depth in large survey courses, with a particular focus on qualitative research, research ethics, and the psychological impact of taking on this type of academic work.

Teaching Assistant for PLSC 29000 Fall Quarter 2021

I graded, held office hours, and led a weekly lab for Professor Paul Poast’s Introduction to International Relations course.

Teaching Assistant for PLSC 28901 Spring Quarter 2021

I graded, held office hours, and led a weekly discussion section for Professor Monika Nalepa and Professor Michael Albertus’ Introduction to Comparative Politics course.

Teaching Assistant for HIST 26409 Winter Quarter 2020

I graded and held office hours for Professor Brodwyn Fischer’s Revolution, Dictatorship, & Violence in Modern Latin American History course.

SERVICE

Organizer, Political Violence Working Group, University of Chicago 2023-

I run a working group on political violence topics where students and faculty share and get feedback on works in progress.

Discussant

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2023

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago 2020, 2021

Student Representative, Political Science 2019-2021

Dean’s Advisory Council, University of Chicago

Reviewer

International Studies Quarterly

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Argentina: January 2022 to March 2022; March 2023 to May 2023

Colombia: July 2019 to August 2019 (pre-dissertation); January 2023 to March 2023; September 2023 to November 2023; January 2024

Mexico: July 2023 to August 2023; April 2024 to May 2024

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

June 2023

I attended IQMR in June 2023, where I completed the modules “Process Tracing and Bayesian Reasoning,” “Interpretation and History,” and “Ethnographic Methods.” I was one of fifteen people selected from the general open applicant pool to attend the institute.

Advancing Research on Conflict Consortium Summer Program

September 2022

I attended the 2022 edition of the ARC Consortium Summer Program, which is “a week-long residential training for Political Science and International Studies Ph.D. students preparing for research in fragile and violence-affected settings. The course includes rigorous instruction in the practical design and implementation of qualitative and quantitative field methods, intensive discussion of research ethics, and conversations with experts in trauma and psychology. Students also receive training in first aid, data protection and management, risk assessment, and managing IRB protocols.”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Latin American Studies Association

REFERENCES

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