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## APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-23 **Brown University**  
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Program for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- 2023- **Syracuse University**  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

## EDUCATION

- 2022 Harvard University, Cambridge MA  
Ph.D., Department of Government
- 2015 Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA  
M.A., International Policy (International Political Economy)
- 2011 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
B.S., Human and Organizational Development, Spanish

## BOOK PROJECT

- In progress *Machine Gun Politics: Why Politicians Cooperate with Criminal Groups*  
My book project investigates why politicians cooperate with criminal groups. I develop a theory of *criminal clientelism*, arguing that certain politicians strike deals with criminal groups in what can be an successful and low-risk electoral strategy. I use quasi-experimental methods, build a novel dataset, and ethnographic fieldwork to analyze different forms of politician-criminal bargains in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Trudeau, J. "Limiting Aggressive Policing Can Reduce Police and Civilian Violence." **World Development** (in-press).  
– Selected press coverage: [The World](#), [Piauú](#), and [O Dia](#)
- 2022 Bullock, J. & Pellegrino, A. P. "How do Covid-19 Stay-at-Home Restrictions Affect Crime? Evidence from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil." *Economia* 22(3): 147-163.

## WORKING PAPERS

- 2021 "Machine Gun Politics: Why Politicians Cooperate with Criminal Groups."  
– Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Best Conference Paper Award, APSA (2022)  
– Best Paper Award in the Conflict Processes Section, APSA (2021)

- Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper and Presentation, *Public Choice Society*

- 2021 “Organized Crime and Voter Mobilization.” *Under Review*.  
 – Best Paper Award in the Subnational Politics and Society Section, LASA (2020)  
 – Selected press coverage: [Piauú](#), [Pindograma](#)

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 “How Should Lava Jato End?” (with Matthew Stephenson). In *Corruption and the Lava Jato Scandal in Latin America*, Paul Lagunes and Jen Svenjar (eds.), Routledge.

#### NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 “Lições Pandêmicas para Políticas de Segurança Pública Efetivas.” *Nexo Políticas Publicas*. (with Ana Paula Pellegrino).
- 2021 “Policing or perpetuating violence? State-sanctioned milícias and police in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.” [Review of the book *A República das Milícias: Dos Esquadrões da Morte à Era Bolsonaro*, by B. Paes Manso]. *Criminological Encounters*, 4(1), 179-183.
- 2021 “Brazilian police killed 27 people in a single raid this month. That doesn’t make Rio de Janeiro safer.” *The Monkey Cage*, Washington Post.

Policy Briefs: “Resisting Corruption Along Drug Trafficking Routes: An Analysis of Criminal Justice Bodies in Latin America,” “Corruption and Marginalisation,” “Corruption and Unsolicited Proposals: Risks, Accountability, and Best Practices,” “Best Practices in Civilian Oversight and Whistleblower Protection in the Armed Forces,” “Development of Peru’s Asparagus Industry,” “Administrative Decentralization in Peru.”

*My writing on crime and corruption has appeared on the [Global Anticorruption Blog](#).*

#### IN PROGRESS

- “Criminal Clientelism in Comparative Perspective”
- “Who Becomes a Police Officer?” (with Juan Campos and Carlos Schmidt-Padilla)
- “Legibility and Exclusion in Brazil’s Informal Settlements” (with A.P. Pellegrino)
- “The Industrial Organization of Bribery: Evidence from Peru’s Fujimori Regime”

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022 Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Best Conference Paper Award, *American Political Science Association*
- 2022 Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper and Presentation, *Public Choice Society*
- 2021 Conflict Processes Section Best Paper Award, *American Political Science Association*
- 2021 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

2020 Subnational Politics & Society Best Paper Award, *Latin American Studies Association*  
 2020 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
 2019 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Writing Fellowship  
 2019 Finalist in ISI/Esri International ArcGIS Student Competition  
 2018 Jorge Paulo Lemann Traveling Fellowship  
 2013-14 Stanford Humanities and Sciences Fellowship  
 2012 David L. Boren National Security Fellowship  
 2012 Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, Guatemala (declined)  
 2007-2011 Ingram Scholar, Vanderbilt University

## GRANTS

### *External*

2018 Corporación Andino de Fomento (CAF) - Corruption and Prevention Policies in Latin America (\$10,000)

### *Internal*

2021 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Research Grant (\$6000)  
 2021 Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$3000)  
 2020 Harvard Experimental Working Group (\$600)  
 2020 Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative (\$5000)  
 2020 Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$2500)  
 2020 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Cities Initiative (\$5000)  
 2018 Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative (\$5000)  
 2018 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$2000)  
 2017 Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$3000)  
 2017 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$2500)  
 2017 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Cities Initiative (\$2500)  
 2016 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$1900)  
 2014 Stanford Global Studies Perspectives Research Award (\$2000)

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Invited Talks*

2022 CIDE, Programa para el Estudio de la Violencia Research Seminar, February 1, 2022. “Machine Gun Politics: Why Politicians Cooperate with Criminal Groups”.

2021 Harvard University, Brazil Studies Program, March 10, 2021. “Machine [Gun] Politics: Why Politicians Cooperate with Criminal Groups.”

2020 Harvard University (virtual), Symposium on the Political Economy of Development Honoring Robert Bates, October 3, 2020. “Organized Crime and Voter Mobilization.”

2020 Harvard University, Brazil Studies Program, February 19, 2020. “The Growth of the Right in Rio de Janeiro’s Informal Settlements.”

2019 Cabinet of Rio de Janeiro State Deputy Renan Ferreirinha, Professional Development Workshop, May 3, 2019. “Corrupção e Currais Eleitorais.”

## Conferences

- 2022 *AL CAPONE: America Latina Crime and Policy Network 11th Annual Meeting*  
2022 Public Choice Society Annual Meeting  
2022 Latin American Peace Science Society Annual Conference (*virtual*)  
2021 Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Qualitative and Mixed Methods Mini-Conference (*virtual*)  
2021 LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting, *Universidad del Rosario (virtual)*  
2021 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-17), *University of Pennsylvania*  
2021 RIDGE LACEA Workshop on the Economics of Crime (*virtual*)  
2021 Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting (*virtual*)  
2021 Second Annual Conference of REDESAL, (La Red de Estudios Sobre Drogas en América Latina), *Universidad EAFIT (virtual)*  
2021 24th Latin American Social and Public Policy (LASPP) Conference, *University of Pittsburgh (virtual)*  
2021 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, *NYU (virtual)*  
2020 Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Law and Economics Association (*virtual*)  
2020 24 Hour Conference on Global Organized Crime, *GI-TOC (virtual)*  
2019 Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Annual Workshop, *Paris School of Economics*  
2019 Fundação Getúlio Vargas - Rio de Janeiro, Legal and Economic Research Seminar  
2018 Corporación Andino de Fomento (CAF), Seminar on Corruption and Prevention Policies

**Professional meetings:** APSA (2021-22), BRASA (2018), LASA (2016, 2020-21), MPSA (2018, 2021), SEA (2021), SPSA (2016)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior*

- 2020-2021 Departmental Committee member of the Verba Lecture Series  
2019-2020 Departmental Committee member for the Graduate Student Poster Session  
2018-2019 Co-Organizer of Fieldwork Methods and Training Departmental Workshop  
2018-2019 Member of Subcommittee on Teaching and Training - Climate Change Committee  
2016-2017 Departmental Graduate Co-coordinator of the Comparative Politics Speaker Series

## TEACHING

### *As Instructor*

- Spring 2020-2021 **Gov 97: The Politics of Organized Crime (Sophomore Tutorial)**  
Teaching Fellow (Sole Instructor), with Professor Ryan Enos, Harvard University  
– Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Mean score: 5.0/5.0)  
Summer 2018-2021 **Gov P-16120: How Geography Affects Politics**  
Head Instructor, Harvard Pre-College Program

*As Teaching Assistant*

- Fall 2020 **Gov 1292: Politics in Brazil**  
Teaching Fellow, with Professor Frances Hagopian, Harvard University  
– Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Mean score: 4.82/5.0)
- 2018 **API 202-Z: Empirical Methods II** (accelerated section)  
Teaching Fellow, with Professor Gregory Bruich, Harvard Kennedy School
- Spring 2018 **Gov 1290: Comparative Democratization**  
Teaching Fellow, with Professor Steven Levitsky, Harvard University
- Fall 2017 **Gov 2000: Quantitative Methods for Political Science**  
Teaching Fellow, with Professor Xiang Zhou, Harvard University
- Winter 2015 **IPS 206: Applied Statistics for Policy**  
Teaching Assistant, with Professor Bobby Gulotty, Stanford University

FIELD RESEARCH

Brazil (36 months total): 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018-2019

TRAINING

- 2016 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University

SKILLS

Software: ArcGIS, Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata  
Language: Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (advanced)

REFERENCES

**Prof. Steven Levitsky** (chair)  
Professor of Government  
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