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**Current Appointment:**

Associate Professor of Political Science, Temple University (as of July 1, 2016)

**Previous Appointments:**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Temple University (Sept. 2009 – June 2016)

Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2012-13

Lecturer, Department of Politics & Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 2008-2009

Assistant Professor of Politics (tenure-track) Bates College, 2006-2008

**Education**

Ph.D. (2006) and A.M. (2003) Harvard University Department of Government

M.A. (1998) Georgetown University Center for Latin American Studies, with distinction

B.A. (1995) Haverford College, Department of Growth & Structure of Cities

**Additional Training:**

Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, 2005

Graduate Coursework, Universidad Católica de Chile, Summer 1998

**Publications and Research in Progress**

**Book**

(2015) *State Building in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press) Paperback October 2016.

Reviewed in: *Current History* February 2016

*Revista: Harvard Review of Latin America* Spring 2016

*Historica* (Lima) December 2016

**Peer reviewed journal articles**

(forthcoming) ‘The Bolivarian Education Reform in Context’ (accepted, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, December 2016) (with Jared Abbott & Matthias vom Hau)

(2016) ‘Regionalism, Ethnic Diversity, and Variation in Public Good Provision by National States’ *Comparative Political Studies* vol.49 #10 (September) pp.1341-71.

(2013) ‘State Power and the Redistributive Threat’ *Studies in Comparative International Development* vol.48 #1 (March) pp.1-22. [earlier version published as ‘The Redistributive Threat: State Power and the Effect of Inequality on Democracy’ Brooks World Poverty Institute Working Paper #93, 2009] (erratum published in vol.51 #4 pp.530-538)

(2012) ‘The Causal Logic of Critical Junctures’ *Comparative Political Studies* vol.45 #12 (December), pp.1572-1597. [earlier version published as Committee on Concepts and Methods Working Paper, Political Methodology Series #24, 2010]

\*Recipient of the 2013 **Alexander George Award** from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of APSA for “the best article or book chapter developing or applying qualitative methods in the preceding calendar year.”

(2012) ‘Measuring State Capacity in Contemporary Latin America’ *Revista de Ciencia Política* special issue on ‘States and Challengers in Contemporary Latin America’ vol.32 #3 (November-December) pp.585-598.

(2009) ‘The Sources of Infrastructural Power: Evidence from 19th Century Chilean Education’ *Latin American Research Review* vol.44 #2, pp.158-180

(2008) ‘State Infrastructural Power: Conceptualization and Measurement in Empirical Analysis’ *Studies in Comparative International Development* vol.43 #3-4 pp.231-251 (November)

(2008) (with Matthias vom Hau) ‘Unpacking the ‘Strength’ of the State: The Utility of State Infrastructural Power’ *Studies in Comparative International Development* vol.43 #3-4 pp.219-230 (November)

**Book chapters and other publications**

(forthcoming, 2017) ‘New Scholarship on Peru’s Internal Conflict: A Review Essay’ *Latin American Politics and Society* (scheduled for Spring 2017 issue)

(2016) ‘The Development of State Capacity’ in Falleti, Fioretos, and Sheingate, eds. *Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism* Chapter Ten pp.181-194.

(2013) ‘Elite Preferences, Administrative Institutions, and Educational Development During Peru’s Aristocratic Republic 1895-1919’ in Miguel Centeno and Agustín Ferraro, eds. *State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Republics of the Possible* (Cambridge University Press) Chapter Twelve pp.247-269. (Active Citation version available at [http://doi.org/10.5064/F6NP22C9](http://doi.org/10.5064/F6NP22C9" \t "_blank))

**Manuscripts in review process**

‘Choosing the unit of analysis in subnational comparison’ (chapter in edited volume *Subnational Research in Comparative Politics* submitted to Cambridge University Press)

The Indigenous Inheritance: Critical Antecedents and State-Building in Latin America and Southeast Asia (with Dan Slater) (submitted, November 2016)

**Reviews and other short publications**

(forthcoming, 2017) Review of Hough & Grier The Long Process of Development for *Journal of Latin American Studies* vol.49 #2 (May)

(forthcoming, 2017) Review of Kurt Weyland’s Making Waves: Democratic Contention in Europe and Latin America for *Journal of Latin American Studies* vol.49 #1 (February)

(2016) Review of Tasha Fairfield’s Private Wealth and Public Revenue in Latin America in *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 14 #2 (June) pp.538-40.

(2015) ‘Surveying State Capacity’ (with Juan Pablo Luna) (*LAPOP Insights* #119, July)

(2014) Review of Aaron Schneider’s State Building and Tax Regimes in Central America in *Journal of Politics* vol.76 #2 (April).

(2012) Review of Eduardo Dargent’s Demócratas Precarios in *Apuntes* (Lima, Peru) vol.71 pp.256-258.

(2012) ‘The Expectations States Create: How State Capacity Shapes the Scope of Politics’ invited contribution to a forum on ‘Stateness in Latin America’ (*LASA Forum* vol.43 #4, pp.27-29)

(2011) Review of Dan Slater’s Ordering Power in *Comparative Political Studies* (vol.44 #9, September, pp.1303-1307)

(2010) ‘What to Read on State-Building’ Published Online at Foreign Affairs (February) http://www.foreignaffairs.com/features/readinglists/what-to-read-on-state-building-0

(2007) Review of Richard Snyder’s Politics After Neoliberalism in *Political Studies Review* (vol.5 #3, September, pp.437-8)

**Research in progress**

*Legacies of Conflict: The Effects of the Shining Path conflict on Peruvian Politics* (book co-edited with Alberto Vergara) Manuscript under advance contract with University of Texas Press with scheduled submission spring 2017. Includes two co-authored chapters: ‘The Sendero Conflict and the State Coercive Apparatus in Peru’ (with Everett A. Vieira III – graduate student co-author) and ‘Introduction: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives’ (with Alberto Vergara)

Models of Shadow Cases in Comparative Politics (presented at IQMR workshop, June 2015)

Measuring Insurgent Control and its Effects: Evidence from Peru (draft)

How do resources affect internal conflict? Evidence from Peru (with Angelica Duran-Martínez) (paper presented at APSA 2016)

Surveying State Capacity (with Juan Pablo Luna) (draft presented at APSA 2015; extension presented at APSA 2016)

Historical origins, socio-economic conditions, and state capacity: district level variation in Chile and Peru (with Juan Pablo Luna) (survey in progress, December 2016)

*Why State Strength and Weakness Persist* (book manuscript in progress –five chapters drafted)

**Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

Invited Talks:

MIT, Comparative Politics Speaker Series (scheduled, March 2017)

Yale University, Latin American Studies Speaker Series (scheduled, February 2017)

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Department of Social Sciences, August 2016 (two talks)

UW-Madison Workshop on History and Politics (via Skype) April 2016

University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop, November 2015

Princeton University, Qualitative Research Seminar, November 2015

Vanderbilt University, LAPOP Working Group (via Skype), January 2015

Trinity College, Department of Political Science, October 2014

Asociación Chilena de Ciencia Política (keynote address), October 2014

University of New Mexico, Department of Political Science, April 2014

The College of New Jersey, Department of Political Science, February 2014

Stanford University, CDDRL, February 2014

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Instituto de Ciencia Política, December 2013

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, School of Government, April 2013

Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, November 2012

Brown University, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, March 2012

University of Michigan, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, November 2011

SUNY Stonybrook, Initiative in Historical Social Sciences, October 2011

Oxford University, St. Antony’s College, March 2011

Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding, January 2009

Princeton University, Program in Latin American Studies, September 2008

Columbia University, Department of Political Science, February 2008

Invited Conference Participation: (paper presented unless other role specified)

Discussant, Trinity College CT, book conference on Reo Matsuzaki’s *Brokering the State* (scheduled, March 2017)

Discussant, Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, October 2016

Discussant, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, book conference on Dargent et al. *Resource Booms and Institutional Pathways: The Case of Peru*,August 2016

Discussant, Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Conference on Institutional Weakness in Latin America, May 2016

IQMR Authors’ Workshop, Syracuse University, June 2015

Discussant, The Society of Fellows, Harvard University, book conference on Alisha Holland’s *Forbearance as Redistribution: The Informal Welfare State*, March 2015

Political Instability Task Force Winter Conference, February 2015

Discussant, DRCLAS, Harvard University, book conference on Alberto Vergara’s *Conflicto Regional en Bolivia y Perú: Un Análisis Histórico Comparado*, March 2014

Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, conference on Subnational Comparative Analysis, March 2014

Stanford Governance Project workshop on Measuring State Quality, March 2014

Effective States and Inclusive Development workshop on Measuring State Capacity, Washington DC, November 2013

Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, conference on Ethnic Mobilization and State Development, October 2013

Discussant, Watson Institute, Brown University, conference on Federalism and Inequality in the Global South, May 2013

Watson Institute, Brown University, conference on Subnational Research in Comparative Perspective, May 2013

LAPOP workshop on Measuring State Capacity, Miami, February 2013

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, conference on Building State Capacity: The Other Side of Political Development, May 2012

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Instituto de Ciencia Política, conference on Stateness and State Institutions in Latin America, March 2012

Discussant, Council on Foreign Relations, book conference on Shannon O’Neil’s *Two Nations Indivisible: Mexico, the United States, and the Road Ahead*, January 2012

Discussant, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, conference on Politics of non-state welfare provision, May 2009

Discussant, Harvard University book conference on Steven Levitsky & Lucan Way’s *Competitive Authoritarianism*, April 2007

Professional Association Conferences: (P=paper presented, D=discussant, C=chair)

APSA 2016 (Px2) 2014 (Px2, D/C), 2013 (D/Cx2), 2011 (Px2), 2010 (P,D), 2009 (P, D/C), 2008 (Px2), 2007 (P), 2006 (P)

LASA 2015 (D), 2013 (P,D), 2012 (P), 2010 (P), 2004 (P), 2001 (P)

REPAL 2015 (author-meets-critics panel on my book)

MPSA 2009 (P,D), 2008 (P,D)

ASA 2013 (D)

Earlier Presentations: Grupo LatinoAmericano de Mujeres de Princeton (2009), Society for Latin American Studies, UK (2007), Southwestern Political Science Association (2006), Chile Day, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2005), Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (2005), David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (2005; 2001), Northeastern Political Science Association (2004), Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies (2003)

**Professional Service**

Service to the Academic Community

Manuscript reviews for: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Global Policy, Governance, International Organization, International Migration Review*, *Journal of Latin American Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Latin American Politics and Society,* *Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies,* *Public Administration, Revista de Ciencia Política (Chile), Sociological Methods & Research, Sociological Theory, Studies in Comparative International Development, Third World Quarterly, World Politics*.

Book proposal and manuscript reviews for: Polity Press, University of Michigan Press

Member, Political Instability Task Force, 2014-

Member, Research evaluation advisory group, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, 2014-

Grant application reviewer for: Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research

Senior honors thesis outside examiner for: Bates College, 2009 & 2012, Ursinus College, 2014.

Visiting fellowship application reviews for: DRCLAS, Harvard University, 2013.

Service to Professional Associations

Chair, Giovanni Sartori Book Prize Committee, APSA section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2017

Member, Qualitative Transparency Deliberations Working Group on Process Tracing and Comparative Case Study Research, 2016-17

Section Chair, Comparative Politics and International Relations Poster Sections, MPSA 2013.

Member, Alexander George Article/Book Chapter Award Committee, APSA section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2012.

Member, Bryce Wood Best Book Award Committee, Latin American Studies Association, 2010.

Track Co-chair, APSA Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2008.

Service to Temple University

Second Reader, Senior Honors Thesis, Cassandra Emmons (defended December 2013; winner of the 2014 Temple University Library Prize)

Member, Temple Japan Semester Scholarship Committee, 2011

Member, Steering Committee, Program in Latin American Studies, 2009-2011

Service to the Temple University Political Science Department

Chair, CP Search Committee, Fall 2016

Field Coordinator, Comparative Politics, 2015-16, 2016-17

Organizer, Comparative Politics Day, 2015, 2016

Member, Chair Search Committee, Spring 2016

Member, Graduate Program Committee, 2010-2011, 2015-2016

Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, 2009-2010, 2014-2015

Member, Sabbatical and Merit Committee (elected), 2011-2012, 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Member, Graduate Exam Committee in Comparative Politics, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016 (Chair)

Member, Race & Ethnic Politics Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2013

Member, Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2011

Coordinator, Comparative Politics Graduate Student Workshop 2010-2014

Graduate student advising, Temple University: (\*=chair/principal advisor)

*Current students*

\*Amanda Alvarez (dissertation in progress)

\*Joel Blaxland (prospectus in progress)

Christopher Faraci (dissertation in progress)

\*Ian Matthews (prospectus in progress)

Mahfuzall Meherzad (dissertation in progress)

\*Everett A. Vieira III (dissertation in progress)

*Former students with placement information:*

\*Jared Abbott (MA) enrolled in PhD program at Harvard University Department of Government.

\*Nicolaos Catsis (PhD 2014) Visiting Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Wilson College.

Ed Larsen (MA) Assessment Specialist, ETS.

\*Alyona Sokolova (PhD defense January 2016) on job market.

Ashish Vaidya (PhD defense May 2015) on job market.

Graduate students advised outside Temple

Antoine Maillet (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) – PhD, December 2013, Assistant Professor, Institute of Public Policy, Universidad de Chile (since 2014)

Roody Reserve (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) – dissertation in progress, Assistant Professor and Director of MA Program in Political Science, Universidad Centroamericana, El Salvador (since 2014)

Nicolas Guillén Velasquez (University of Miami, Department of International Studies) – dissertation in progress (since 2016)

**Teaching Experience**

Qualitative Methods (graduate)

The State in Comparative Politics (undergraduate, MPP, and graduate)

Comparative Politics Core Seminar (graduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate)

Comparative Politics in Latin America (undergraduate)

Social Revolutions: Causes and Consequences (undergraduate seminar and capstone)

Cocaine and Society in the Americas (undergraduate seminar)

**Research Funding Obtained**

*External*

Research Team Member, ‘Ethnic Policies and Development: A Comparative Analysis of the Cases of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile’ (PIs Matthias vom Hau, IBEI-Barcelona and Guillermo Wilde – Universidad de San Martín, Argentina) Funded for **€**52,000 from the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain. Renewed 2016-18 for an additional **€**44,000

*Internal*

Temple University Faculty Senate Seed Money Grant (competitive) ‘Social Ties, Coordination, and Military Coups in Latin America (2012-13) Funded for $8,300.

Bates College Schmutz Family Faculty Development Fund (competitive) (December 2007) Funded for $7,500.

**Awards and Fellowships**

2013 Alexander George Best Article Award, Qualitative and Mixed Methods section of APSA, for ‘The Causal Logic of Critical Junctures’

Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (2012-13) (competitive year-long funded fellowship)

Visiting Scholar, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Watson Institute, Brown University (2012-13)

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2005-2006)

U.S. Department of Education FLAS Fellowship for Dissertation Research (2002-3, 2003-4)

Committee on Undergraduate Education Teaching Award, Harvard University (2002, 2005)