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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor, 2013 – present

Research interests:

Citizen security, crime, violence, human rights, vigilantism, political participation, gender and politics, Latin America (especially Central America), and the United States.

Teaching:

17.878 Qualitative Field Research. PhD seminar, Spring 2014 and Spring 2015.  
17.55J Introduction to Latin America. Undergraduate Lecture, Fall 2014.  
17.850 Graduate Scope and Methods (co-taught with Rich Nielsen). PhD Seminar, Fall 2014.  
17.URG Undergraduate Research, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.

Non-academic leaves of absence:

Fall 2013, Spring 2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018.

EDUCATION

**Yale University, 2006 – 2013**

M.A. in Political Science, May 2009  
M.Phil. in Political Science, December 2009  
Ph.D. in Political Science with Distinction, May 2013

Exam Fields: Comparative politics, international relations, political economy, and methods.

Dissertation: *Order and Violence in Postwar Guatemala*.

Received the American Political Science Association's 2014 Gabriel A. Almond Award  
for the best dissertation in comparative politics.

**Stanford University, 2001 – 2004**

B.A. in History with Distinction, June 2004.

**University of Chicago, 2000 – 2001**

Transferred to Stanford University after one year.

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

Bateson, Regina. 2012. "Crime Victimization and Political Participation." *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 106, No. 3: 570-587. Received the American Political Science Association's 2013 Heinz I. Eulau Prize for the best article in the *APSR* in 2012.

Bateson, Regina. 2017. "The Socialization of Civilians and Militia Members: Evidence from Guatemala." *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 54, No. 5: 634-647.

Bateson, Regina. "The Politics of Vigilantism." Under review.

Bateson, Regina. "When a Dictator Becomes a Democrat." Working paper.

Bateson, Regina. "Strategic Discrimination." Work in progress.

## HONORS & AWARDS (post-graduate)

2016 Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year, MIT

2014 Gabriel A. Almond Award, APSA

2013 Heinz I. Eulau Award, APSA

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2013-2014 SHASS Faculty Research Grant, MIT

2008-2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2011-2012 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University

2009 Leitner Political Economy Research Grant, Yale University

2008 Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies Travel Grant, Yale University

2006-2010 University Fellowship, Yale University

2006-2008 Sterling Prize Fellowship, Yale University

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2019 Intersection: Merging Platforms on the International Stage, Boston University. Boston, MA.

2018 Department of Political Science, Wellesley College. Wellesley, MA.

2018 Department of Political Science, University of New Hampshire. Durham, NH.

2018 Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.

2017 Conference on the State, Violence, and Social Order at the Neubauer Collegium, the University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

2017 Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Rochester. Rochester, NY.

2017 Qualitative Research Colloquium, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ.

2016 Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University. Uppsala, Sweden.

2015 Dean's Speaker Series on Political Violence, SUNY Binghamton. Binghamton, NY.

- 2015 Comparative/American Research Workshop, Boston University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Workshop on Civil Conflict: Bridging Perspectives from IR and Comparative Politics, University of Mississippi. Oxford, MS.
- 2015 School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
- 2015 Comparative Politics Workshop, CUNY; New York, NY.
- 2015 Comparative Politics Workshop, UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
- 2015 Centre de Recherches Internationales, Sciences Po. Paris, France.
- 2015 Conference on Authoritarian Successor Parties, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN.
- 2015 New Perspectives on Social Conflict, sponsored by Beyond Conflict and MIT. Cambridge, MA.
- 2015 The Watson Institute, Brown University. Providence, RI.
- 2014 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 Political Violence Workshop, Government Department, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 Workshop on Socialization and Organized Political Violence, Yale University. New Haven, CT.
- 2014 Centro de Investigación y Docencia (CIDE). Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2013 Seminar on Fieldwork in Difficult Settings, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, BC.
- 2012 Conference on Paramilitaries, Militias, and Civil Defense Forces in Civil Wars, Yale University. New Haven, CT.
- 2011 Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University. New Haven, CT.
- 2009 Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University. New Haven, CT.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 (*upcoming*) American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.
- 2017 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 LASA2015: The XXXIII International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting.
- 2014 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 LASA2013: The XXXI International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association. Washington, DC.
- 2012 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.  
(*Paper accepted; conference cancelled.*)
- 2012 LASA2012: The XXX International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention. San Diego, CA.
- 2010 Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Annual Workshop, Universidad de los Andes. Bogota, Colombia.

- 2010 LASA2010: XXIX International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association. Toronto, ON.
- 2010 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.
- 2010 Conference on Legal Subjectivity, Popular/Community Justice, and Human Rights in Latin America, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CRASH), Cambridge University. Cambridge, UK.
- 2009 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2009 II Congreso Latinoamericano de Opinion Publica, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru (PUCP). Lima, Peru.
- 2009 Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University. New Haven, CT.
- 2008 Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University. New Haven, CT.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Convener**, “First We Marched, Then We Ran,” a conference documenting the experiences of 34 Democrats who ran for the US House of Representatives in 2018.  
<http://firstwemarched.com>

**Panel Organizer**, LASA2013, LASA2012, LASA2010, APSA 2010.

**Reviewer**, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Qualitative Sociology*, and *Latin American Politics and Society*.

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

**MindHandHeart Innovation Fund Grant Recipient, 2016.** Project title: “Sunshine Makes Us Happy.” Worked with MIT’s Office of Campus Planning and the MindHandHeart initiative to improve student wellbeing by placing colorful furniture outside MIT buildings.  
<http://news.mit.edu/2017/scene-at-mit-friendly-furniture-0714>

**Graduate Admissions Committee Member**, MIT Department of Political Science, 2013-2015.

**Mentor**, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University, 2007-2009.

**Junior Faculty Search Committee**, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2008.

**McDougal Public Service Fellow**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University, 2007-2008.

## PUBLIC SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2018 – present	Pro bono expert witness for multiple Guatemalan asylum-seekers
2015-2017	Pro bono consultant for Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
2007-2011	Volunteer Spanish-English interpreter and instructor at JUNTA for Progressive Action, New Haven, CT
2008-2011	Volunteer Spanish-English interpreter for IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services), New Haven, CT

## PROFESSIONAL & POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

### **Candidate for Congress in California's 4<sup>th</sup> District, 2017-2018.**

Mounted a grassroots campaign for Congress in my home district. Managed several staff and recruited nearly 900 volunteers. Raised \$795,000, with a high percentage of in-district contributions, small donations, and contributions from female donors. Endorsed by the region's leading papers, the *Modesto Bee* and the *Sacramento Bee*. Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the top-two primary on June 5, 2018.

### **Election Observer, the Organization of American States, 2011.**

Observed the second round of the Guatemalan presidential election in the department of San Marcos. Traveled independently in rural areas and interviewed local leaders, government officials, and police.

### **Foreign Service Officer, US Department of State, 2004-2006.**

Served as a consular officer at the US Embassy in Guatemala City. Interviewed visa applications, managed visa fraud investigations, performed routine American Citizen Services, and assisted American citizens in crisis.

## MEDIA COVERAGE & OPINION WRITING (related to academic work)

Bateson, Regina. 2019. "Trump's latest populist ruse: cutting aid to Central America." April 4, *WBUR.org*. <https://www.wbur.org/cognoscenti/2019/04/04/trump-immigration-cutting-aid-regina-bateson>

Stokes, Leah. 2018. "Climate Change in My Backyard." *New York Times*, Jan. 11. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/11/opinion/california-floods-mudslides-climate.html>

Breuninger, Kevin. 2018. "Trump says more than 63,000 Americans were killed by illegal immigrants since 9/11. But the math doesn't add up." *CNBC.com*, June 26. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/06/25/trump-says-63000-killed-by-illegal-immigrants-the-math-doesnt-add-up.html>

Bailey, John. 2013. "Victimización y Democracia." *Diario de Tuxpan*, May 27. [https://www.issuu.com/diariodetuxpan\\_issuu/docs/diario\\_de\\_tuxpan\\_29mayo2013/15](https://www.issuu.com/diariodetuxpan_issuu/docs/diario_de_tuxpan_29mayo2013/15)

## LANGUAGES

**Spanish:** Fluent.

**French:** Low intermediate.

**Portuguese:** Some conversational knowledge.

## SOFTWARE

**R**

**Stata**

**ArcGIS** (intermediate)

**Adobe Illustrator**

## AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association

International Studies Association

Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University (2006-2013)

Visiting Researcher: Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Guatemala City (2009-2010)