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Academic Appointments	Princeton University	Fall 2024- Spring 2025
	Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice	
	University of Southern California (USC)	<i>Starting Fall 2025</i>
	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations	
Education	Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.	2024
	Dissertation: Political-Economic Polarization	
	Committee: Jude Hays (chair), Michaël Aklin, Max Goplerud, and Erica Owen	
	M.A. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.	2021
	Master in Public Policy, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.	2019
	Diploma of Specialization in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.	2017
	B.A. in Accounting, Universidad de la República.	2015
Publications	“Elections, Right-wing Populism, and Political-Economic Polarization: The Role of Institutions and Political Outsiders.” 2024 <i>Conditionally accepted at the Journal of Politics</i>	
	“Social Media vs. Surveys: A New Scalable Approach to Understanding Political Discourse” with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama. 2024 <i>Forthcoming at Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>	
	“Engaged Robots, and Disengaged Workers: Automation and Political Apathy.” 2024 <i>Forthcoming at Economics & Politics</i>	
	“Moral and Economic Dimensions of Ideology” with Scott Morgenstern, Elias Chavarria, and Chen Chuang. 2024 <i>Forthcoming at Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>	
	“Legislators’ Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in Latin America.” with Scott Morgenstern. 2023 <i>Latin America Research Review</i> .	
Research	Under Review	
	“The Threat of Automation and Public Support for Environmental Regulation” with Michaël Aklin and Liam Beiser-McGrath.	
	“Engaging Diversity: An Inclusive Approach to Undergraduate Mentorship in Mobilization and Political Economy” with Chie Togami, Mariely Lopez-Santana, Tania Ramirez, Fernando Tormos-Aponte, and Mayra Velez-Serrano (R&R at PS: Political Science & Politics)	
	“When France Sneezes, Does Europe Catch Cold? The Dynamics of Temporal and Spatial Diffusion of Political Protests” with Jeffrey Nonnemacher	
	Working Papers	
	“The Path from Automation to Right-Wing Populism.”	
	“Who Influences Whom? Analyzing the Interplay of Mainstream and Outsider Parties in Social Media Campaigns.”	

“Love of Variety? Heterogeneous Responses to Foreign Goods in the Marketplace” with Jude Hays.

“Multi-Level Models with Spatial and Temporal Dependence” with Jude Hays.

“Immigration Shocks and Politicians’ Rhetoric: Evidence from The Venezuelan Migration Crisis” with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama.

“Unevenly Distribution of Minimum Wage Effects Across Firms: Does Firms’ Size Matters?.”

Selected Works in Progress

“Techno-Optimists and Pessimists: Exploring the Perceptions and Policy Preferences in the Technological Era.”

“Automation of Production in a Global Context: Implications for the Global South” with Carles Boix.

“You Can’t Stop It If You Can’t See It: Introducing a New Scalable System to Measure Populist Narratives at Higher Resolution” with Michael Colaresi and Bree Bang-Jensen.

“Campaign Contributions and Economic Inequality in the US” with Jude Hays.

Software `tscsdep`: Tools for analyzing country-year time-series-cross-sectional data with spatial and temporal dependence. Available on [Github](#) [STADL](#) with Jude Hays, Scott Cook, and Robert Franzese.

Selected Research Grants	Princeton University	2024 - 2025
	Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellow	2023 - 2024
	National Science Foundation	
	PolMeth XL	2023
	Mobilization and Political Economy Summer Research Program	2023
	EITM Summer School	2022
	Georgia Tech’s Center for European Studies - Jean Monnet, Erasmus+	2023
	American Political Science Association	
	Political Economy Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Workshop & APSA Travel Grants	2023
Formal Theory Section Grant	2022	

Teaching & Mentoring	University of Southern California	
	<i>Advanced Methodology: Text as Data</i> (G)	Fall 2025
	<i>Introduction to Data Analysis</i> (U)	Fall 2025
	<i>The Politics of International Trade</i> (U)	Spring 2026

Mobilization and Political Economy, NSF REU

<i>Instructor</i>	Summer 2023
Focus on placing students from underrepresented backgrounds in graduate programs.	
<i>Mentor</i>	Summer 2023
Supervised 4 students’ research projects and provided general professionalization advice on the Ph.D. application process.	

University of Pittsburgh

Instructor of Record

Summer 2022

Research Methods in Political Science (U)

Teaching Assistant

Research Methods in Political Science (U). Instructor: Jude Hays Spring 2022

Research Methods in Political Science (U). Instructor: Max Goplerud Fall 2021

Mentor

Undergraduate Research Assistant (4 students). 2022-2024

Support on application to grad school and undergraduate research conferences
(Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference at Michigan and MPSA)

First-year grad students (6 mentees). 2022-2024

Universidad de la República

Teaching Assistant

Labor law and social security (U) 2014-2019

Accounting Concepts, General Accounting I, II and III (U) 2015-2017

Integral training space housing cooperatives (U) 2018-2019

Administration and management of organizations (U) 2016-2017

Mentor

Teaching Assistant supporting 60+ first-generation undergraduates. 2013-2016

Training

Achievement in Pedagogy Badge, University of Pittsburgh. 2021-2022

Faculty Development Practicum on University Teaching, University of Pittsburgh.
Fall 2021

Faculty Development Course, Universidad de la Republica. Spring 2016

Presentations

†: conference presentation §: research workshop/invited talks

UPenn - Junior Scholars in International Relations Conference[§], ISA[†], MPSA[†] 2025

Princeton University- Niehaus Center, IR Faculty Colloquium[§], APSA[†], 2024
Caltech CSSPP[§], Princeton University - Political Economy[§] LACEA-LAMES[†],
Yale MacMillan Center[§], IPES-V[§], PolMeth[†]

MPSA[†], LASA[†], CPRG-Pitt[§], Universidad de Salamanca[§], EUSA[†], APSA[†], 2023
Penn State-Pitt[§], Polmeth[†], GSIPE[§], Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Workshop[§]
Universidad Catolica del Uruguay[§], University of Southern California[§], EPSA[†],
Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)[§], Georgia Tech[§],
University of Strathclyde[§], Boston University[§].

EITM Institute[§], Techno-Debate[§], Environmental Politics & Governance[†], 2022
APSA[†], IPES[†], MPSA[†], EUSA[†].

LASA[†], MPSA[†], Universidad Católica del Uruguay[§], University of Pittsburgh[§]. 2021

Methods & Political Economy Training

Association for Comparative Economic Studies, UC Berkeley, USA 2023
Summer School in "Political Economy for a Changing World."

American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop 2023

New Topics in European Politics, Kleine (LSE) & L. Obholzer (Leiden University).

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute, UC Berkeley 2022

	Summer School, sponsored by NSF.	
	Winter School in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay, URY	2018-2016
	Bargaining using formal models, N. Bapat (UNC Chapel Hill)	
	Methods for interpretation and analysis of RDD, S. Calónico, (U of Miami)	
	Case studies using process tracing, C. Rosell (UCU)	
	IPSA-USP Summer School in Concepts, Methods and Techniques, BRA	2018
	Field research in PolSci, Melani Cammett (Harvard University)	
	Advanced issues in quantitative methods, Bruno Cautres (Sciences Po).	
Other Working Experience	Academic Advisor to the Dean, FCEA Udelar.	2017-2019
	KPMG, (URY). Tax Analyst.	2015-2016
	Advisor of a National Congressman (URY).	2015-2017
	Advice on economic, labor, and budget issues.	
Relevant Skills	Computational: Stata, R, Python Survey: Qualtrics Text annotation: Inception. Language: Spanish (native speaker), English (fluent).	
Selected Service	Political Science Co-organizer of the social science diffusion blog <i>Razones y Personas</i> 2024–2025 Referee for International Interactions & European Political Science Review 2023-2024 Grad Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) media team. 2023-2024 Chair & discussant at EPSA, panel on the political economy of labor. 2023 Discussant at Conference “Rethink Populism and Technocracy” at Pitt. 2022 Chair at LASA. 2021 University of Pittsburgh Structural Racism Search Committee member (3 searches) 2022–2023 Involved in hiring a postdoc, assistant professor, and associate professor Grad student rep at Diversity Equity and Inclusion PolSci committee 2020-2022 President of PolSci graduate students and representative at the GSO. 2021-2022 Universidad de la Republica TA representative of faculty at University government. 2019 Undergraduate student representative at University government. 2013-2015	
References	<div> <div> Jude C. Hays Professor, University of Pittsburgh jch61@pitt.edu </div> <div> Michael Colaresi William S. Dietrich II Chair of Political Science & Associate Vice Provost for Data Science University of Pittsburgh mcolaresi@pitt.edu </div> </div> <div> <div> Michaël Aklin Chair of Policy & Sustainability Lab Associate Professor, EPFL michael.aklin@epfl.ch </div> <div> Erica Owen Associate dean in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh ericaowen@pitt.edu </div> </div> <div> <div> Scott Morgenstern Professor, University of Pittsburgh smorgens@pitt.edu </div> </div>	