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Academic Appointments	Princeton University	Fall 2024– Spring 2025
	Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Politics, affiliated with 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.” 2025 <i>Forthcoming 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 Path from Automation to Right-Wing Populism.”	
	“The Threat of Automation and Public Support for Environmental Regulation” with Michaël Aklin and Liam Beiser-McGrath.	
	“Love of Variety? An Experimental Study of Heterogeneous Responses to Foreign Brands in the Marketplace” with Jude Hays.	
	“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 (R&R at the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties)

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

Working Papers

“Who Influences Whom? Analyzing the Interplay of Mainstream and Outsider Parties in Social Media Campaigns.”

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

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

“Who Welcomes and Who Fears? Understanding Public Responses to Technological Change” with Tobias Tober.


Selected Works in Progress

“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.

“Creating Pathways to Graduate Success: Reducing Barriers for Underrepresented Minority Students in the Social Sciences” with Chie Togami, Mariely Lopez-Santana, Tania Ramirez, Fernando Tormos-Aponte, and Mayra Velez-Serrano

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 - J. Monnet, Erasmus+	2023
	American Political Science Association	
	Political Economy Rosenbluth Junior Scholar	2023
	APSA Travel Grants	2023
	Formal Theory Section Grant	2022
	University of Pittsburgh	
	European Studies Center Grant	2022- 2023
	Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD)	2022 - 2023
Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowships	Summer 2021, 2022 & 2023	

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

<i>Instructor of Record</i>	Summer 2022
<i>Research Methods in Political Science</i> (U)	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
<i>Research Methods in Political Science</i> (U). Instructor: Jude Hays Spring 2022	
<i>Research Methods in Political Science</i> (U). Instructor: Max Goplerud Fall 2021	
<i>Mentor</i>	
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

<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
<i>Labor law and social security</i> (U)	2014-2019
<i>Accounting Concepts, General Accounting I, II and III</i> (U)	2015-2017
<i>Integral training space housing cooperatives</i> (U)	2018-2019
<i>Administration and management of organizations</i> (U)	2016-2017
<i>Mentor</i>	
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
Columbia University [§]	
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.	
Other Working Experience	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. Calonico, (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)	
Relevant Skills	Advanced issues in quantitative methods, Bruno Cautres (Sciences Po).	
	Academic Advisor to the Dean, FCEA Udelar.	2017-2019
	KPMG. Tax Analyst.	2015-2016
	Advisor of a National Congressman.	2015-2017
Selected Service	Advice on economic, labor, and budget issues.	
	Computational: Stata, R, Python Survey: Qualtrics Text annotation: Inception	
	NLP Tools: spaCy, Hugging Face Transformers, PyTorch, NLTK, OpenAI	
	Language: Spanish (native speaker)	
Broad Audience	Speaker at the WS x Columbia University GD The Return of Donald Trump: Implications for US-China Relations Fireside Talk Series	2025
	Co-organizer of the social science diffusion blog <i>Razones y Personas</i>	2024–
	Speaker at the series about the future of work by IUSY	2023
	Political Science	
	Referee for International Interactions & European Political Science Review	
	Grad Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) 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 2021-2022
Representative of PolSci 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
Member of several advisory committees (e.g, Study plan design). 2013-2015
Student representative at University government. 2013-2015

References

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