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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<b>University of Southern California (USC)</b>	<i>Fall 2025–Present</i>
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations	
<i>Offer received and deferred (Fall 2023)</i>	
<b>Princeton University</b>	<i>2024–2025</i>

<b>Mobilization &amp; Political Economy Program, University of Pittsburgh</b>	<i>2023–Present</i>
Program Advisor, NSF REU (Award No. 2150250)	
<b>National System of Researchers (SNI), ANII, Uruguay</b>	<i>2025–Present</i>

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D. in Political Science</b> , University of Pittsburgh	<i>2024</i>
<b>M.A. in Political Science</b> , University of Pittsburgh	<i>2021</i>
<b>Master in Public Policy</b> , Universidad Católica del Uruguay	<i>2019</i>
<b>Diploma of Specialization in Methods</b> , Universidad Católica del Uruguay	<i>2017</i>
<b>B.A. in Accounting</b> , Universidad de la República	<i>2015</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

- “The Threat of Automation and Public Support for Environmental Regulation” with Liam Beiser-McGrath and Michaël Aklin. *Ecological Economics*, 2026 (Accepted)
- “Love of Variety? An Experimental Study of Heterogeneous Responses to Foreign Brands in the Marketplace” with Jude Hays. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 2026 (Conditionally Accepted)
- “Elections, Right-wing Populism, and Political-Economic Polarization: The Role of Institutions and Political Outsiders.” *The Journal of Politics*, 2025
- “Engaging Diversity: An Inclusive Approach to Undergraduate Mentorship in Mobilization and Political Economy” with Chie Togami et al. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 2025
- “Are Protests Contagious? The Dynamics of Temporal and Spatial Diffusion of Political Protests” with Jeffrey Nonnemacher. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, 2025
- “Engaged Robots, and Disengaged Workers: Automation and Political Apathy.” *Economics & Politics*, 2024
- “Social Media vs. Surveys: A New Scalable Approach to Understanding Political Discourse” with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2024
- “Moral and Economic Dimensions of Ideology” with Scott Mogenstern, Elias Chavarria, and Chen Chuang. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2024
- “Legislators’ Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in Latin America” with Scott Mogenstern. *Latin America Research Review*, 2023

## RESEARCH

- Under Review**
- “Creating Pathways to Graduate Success: Reducing Barriers for Underrepresented Minority Students in the Social Sciences” with Chie Togami et al. (R&R *Teaching Sociology*)

- “The Path from Automation to Right-Wing Populism”
- “Navigating Uncertainty: How Experience Shapes Perception and Politics in the AI Era” with Tobias Tober
- “Immigration Shocks and Politicians’ Rhetoric: Evidence from The Venezuelan Migration Crisis” with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama
- “Can Taxing the Top 1% Unite Labor? Narrative Politics and Redistribution from the Super-Rich” with Santiago Lopez-Cariboni
- “AI’s Economy and Its Political and Institutional Consequences” with Carles Boix, Michael Becher, and Daniel Stegmueller
- “Sustaining Pathway Programs in the Social Sciences” with Fernando Tormos-Aponte et al.

### **Working Papers**

- “The Political Economy of Automation and Fragmented Production in a Global Economy: Evidence from Mexico” with Carles Boix and Erica Owen
- “Who Influences Whom? Analyzing the Interplay of Mainstream and Outsider Parties in Social Media Campaigns” with Claudia Salas Gimenez
- “Multi-Level Models with Spatial and Temporal Dependence” with Jude Hays
- “You Can’t Stop It If You Can’t See It: Introducing a New Scalable System to Measure Populist Narratives at Higher Resolution” with Bree Bang-Jensen and Michael Colaresi

### **Selected Works in Progress**

- “Augmentation or Displacement? The Behavioral and Policy Implications of AI-Assisted Work” with Shir Raviv
- “Detecting AI-Generated Responses in Surveys: A Behavioral–Linguistic Toolkit” with Shir Raviv
- “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Democracy: Political and Institutional Consequences of Economic Dislocation” with Carles Boix
- “AI, Capital Concentration, and the Fate of Competition: Natural Monopolies, Antitrust, and the Politics of Big Tech Power” with Carles Boix
- “When Machines Manage: Workers’ Demands and Trade Union Responses to AI” with Paolo Agnolin
- “The Untouchables: Why We Don’t Demand Taxes on Big Tech?” with Santiago Lopez-Cariboni
- “When Money Talks: Rethinking Income Redistribution and Political Inequality” with Jude Hays
- “A Networked Approach to Addressing Underrepresentation in the Social and Behavioral Sciences” with Fernando Tormos-Aponte et al.

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### **SOFTWARE**

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

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### **SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS**

<b>Russell Sage Foundation</b>	[Invited to submit full proposal following LOI], \$200,000	
<i>2025–Present</i>		
<b>Center for International Studies</b> Research Award, \$10,000		2025–2026
<b>Center for International Studies</b> RA Support, \$41,200		2025–2026
<b>Princeton University</b> , \$10,000		2024–2025
<b>Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellow</b>		2023–2024
<b>National Science Foundation</b>		
PolMeth		2023, 2025
Mobilization and Political Economy, Summer Research Program		2023
EITM Summer School		2022

<b>Georgia Tech's Center for European Studies — J. Monnet, Erasmus+</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>American Political Science Association</b>	
Political Economy Rosenbluth Junior Scholar	2023
APSA Travel Grants	2023
Formal Theory Section Grant	2022
<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>	
European Studies Center Grant	2022–2023
Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD)	2022–2023
Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowships	2021, 2022, 2023

## TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

*U*: Upcoming    *C*: Invited but unable to attend due to visa issues

### Invited Talks & Workshops

#### 2026

Texas A&M University, Globalization Backlash<sup>U</sup> · University of California, Riverside<sup>U</sup> · University of Washington, Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar<sup>U</sup> · USC Center for International Studies, IR Seminar<sup>U</sup> · USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, Political Institutions & Political Economy Seminar<sup>U</sup> · APSA Labor Politics Group virtual workshop<sup>U</sup>

#### 2025

Columbia University · IDB, Digital Technologies—Growth & Well-Being in Emerging Economies · Monash–Paris–Warwick–Zurich–CEPR, 10th Text-As-Data Workshop · MPE-NSF REU · NYU, Data Science Frontiers: Society and Politics · Nuffield College, Oxford<sup>C</sup> · Penn State–Pitt IR Annual Workshop · Special Issue Workshop “The Future of Labor” · IBEI, Barcelona<sup>C</sup> · University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Hendricks Symposium · UNESCO<sup>C</sup> · University of Pennsylvania, Junior Scholars in IR · Universidad de la República<sup>U</sup> · Yale University–ISPS

#### 2024

Caltech CSSPP · Princeton University–Niehaus Center, IR Faculty Colloquium · Princeton University, Political Economy Colloquium · Yale University–MacMillan Center

#### 2023

APSA Political Economy, Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Workshop · Boston University · Birmingham University · CIDE · Georgia Tech · GSipe Workshop · MPE-NSF REU · UC Berkeley (ACES) · Universidad Católica del Uruguay · Universidad de Salamanca · University of Southern California · University of Strathclyde · University of Pittsburgh, Comparative Politics Seminar · Penn State–Pitt IR Annual Workshop · University of Zürich

#### 2022

EITM Institute · Techno-Debate

#### 2021

Universidad Católica del Uruguay · University of Pittsburgh

### Conferences

APPAM (2025) · APSA (2022<sup>C</sup>, 2023, 2024) · Environmental Politics & Governance (2022) · EPSA (2023) · EUSA (2022, 2023) · IPES (2022, 2024, 2025) · ISA (2025) · LACEA-LAMES (2024) · LASA (2021, 2023) · MPSA (2021–2025) · NABE Tech Economics Conference<sup>U</sup> (2025) · PolMeth (2023, 2025) · LAPolMeth (2024, 2025<sup>C</sup>)

## TEACHING & MENTORING

### University of Southern California

<i>Advanced Methodology: Text as Data</i> (Graduate)	Fall 2025
<i>Introduction to Data Analysis</i> (Undergraduate)	Spring 2025
<i>The Politics of International Trade</i> (Undergraduate)	Spring 2026

### Students — Committee Member

Yana Demeshko (USC)	2025–Present
Claudia Salas (USC)	2025–Present
Paula Martinez (Udelar, Uruguay)	2025

**PRE-PHD TEACHING  
& MENTORING**

**Mobilization and Political Economy, NSF REU**

*Instructor and Mentor*

Summer 2023

Placed students from underrepresented backgrounds in grad programs.  
Supervised 4 undergraduate research projects and Ph.D. applications.

**University of Pittsburgh**

*Research Methods in Political Science (Undergraduate)*

Instructor of Record

Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Mentoring

2022–2024

Supervised 4 undergraduate research assistants; mentored 6 first-year Ph.D. students.

**Universidad de la República (Uruguay)**

*Teaching Assistantships (Undergraduate)*

2014–2019

Labor Law and Social Security; Accounting I–III; Administration of Organizations; Housing Cooperatives Training.

Mentored 60+ first-generation undergraduate students

2013–2016

**Training in Pedagogy**

Achievement in Pedagogy Badge, University of Pittsburgh

2021–2022

Faculty Development Practicum, University of Pittsburgh

Fall 2021

Faculty Development Course, Universidad de la República

Spring 2016

**METHODS &  
POLITICAL ECONOMY  
TRAINING**

**Gen AI Intensive Course with Google**

2025

Prompt engineering, embeddings, and generative AI agents.

**APSA Dissertation Workshop**

2023

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

**EITM Institute, UC Berkeley — NSF-sponsored Summer School**

2022

**Winter School in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay**

2016–2018

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, Brazil**

2018

Field research in PolSci, Melani Cammett (Harvard University)

Advanced issues in quantitative methods, Bruno Cautres (Sciences Po)

**REVIEWER**

*The Journal of Politics* · *Review of International Political Economy* · *International Interactions* · *Legislative Studies Quarterly* · *European Political Science Review*

**SELECTED SERVICE**

**Broad Audience**

Speaker, WS × Columbia University GD Fireside Talk Series

2025

Co-director, *Razones y Personas* social science diffusion blog

2024–Present

Speaker, IUSY series on the future of work

2023

**Political Science**

Member, APSA Task Force on AI and Political Science

2025–Present

Chair, APPAM panel

2025

Grad Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) team

2023–2024

Chair & discussant, EPSA, Political Economy of Labor panel

2023

Discussant, “Rethink Populism and Technocracy,” Pittsburgh

2022

Chair, LASA

2021

**University of Pittsburgh**

Search Committee, Associate Professor — Structural Racism	2022–2023
Search Committee, Assistant Professor — Structural Racism	2022–2023
Search Committee, Postdoc with DEI focus	2022
Grad student rep, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion PolSci Committee	2020–2022
President of PolSci Graduate Students	2021–2022
Representative of PolSci at the GSO	2021–2022

**Universidad de la República**

TA representative at University government	2019
Undergraduate student representative at University government	2013–2015
Member of advisory committees (e.g., study plan design)	2013–2015

**RELEVANT SKILLS**

**Computational:** Stata, R, Python    **Survey:** Qualtrics    **Text Annotation:** Inception  
**NLP:** spaCy, Hugging Face Transformers, PyTorch, NLTK, OpenAI  
**Language:** Spanish (native speaker)

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Academic Advisor to the Dean, FCEA Udelar	2017–2019
Advisor, National Congressman — economic, labor, and budget issues	2015–2017
KPMG, Tax Analyst	2015–2016
Political & Union Organizer	2011–2019

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