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• 20 Prospect Avenue Princeton NJ, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice

Academic Appointments

Princeton University

Fall 2024- Spring 2025

University of Southern California (USC)

Starting Fall 2025

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.
Master in Public Policy, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.
Diploma of Specialization in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.
2017

B.A. in Accounting, Universidad de la República.

Publications

"Elections, Right-wing Populism, and Political-Economic Polarization: The Role of Institutions and Political Outsiders." 2024 Conditionally accepted at the Journal of Politics

"Social Media vs. Surveys: A New Scalable Approach to Understanding Political Discourse" with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama. 2024 Accepted at Legislative Studies Quarterly

"Engaged Robots, and Disengaged Workers: Automation and Political Apathy." 2024 Forthcoming at Economics & Politics

"Moral and Economic Dimensions of Ideology" with Scott Morgenstern, Elias Chavarria, and Chen Chuang. 2024 Forthcoming at Legislative Studies Quarterly

"Legislators' Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in Latin America." with Scott Morgenstern. 2023

Latin America Research Review.

Research Under Review

"The Threat of Automation and Public Support for Environmental Regulation" with Michael Aklin and Liam Beiser-McGrath.

"Inaugural Experience: 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 Populist Political Behavior."

"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 G Github STADL with Jude Hays, Scott Cook, and Robert Franzese.

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

Teaching

University of Southern California

& Mentoring

Advanced Methodology: Text as Data (G) Fall 2025
Introduction to Data Analysis (U) Fall 2025
The Politics of International Trade (U) Spring 2026

Mobilization and Political Economy, NSF REU

Instructor Summer 2023

Focus on placing students from underrepresented backgrounds in graduate programs.

Mentor 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. Faculty Development Practicum on University Teaching, University of Pittsburgh. Faculty Development Course, Universidad de la Republica.	2021-2022 Fall 2021 Spring 2016
Presentations	t: conference presentation §: research workshop/invited talks	
resentations	UPenn - Junior Scholars in International Relations Conference [§] , ISA [†] , MPSA [†]	2025
	Princeton University- Niehaus Center, IR Faculty Colloquium§, Yale MacMillan Center§, APSA†, Caltech CSSPP§, Princeton University - Political Economy§ LACEA-LAMES†, IPES-V§, PolMeth†	2024
	MPSA [†] , LASA [†] , CPRG-Pitt [§] , Universidad de Salamanca [§] , EUSA [†] , Georgia Tech [§] , EPSA [†] Penn State-Pitt [§] , APSA [†] , Polmeth [†] , GSIPE [§] , Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Workshop [§] Universidad Catolica del Uruguay [§] , Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE University of Strathclyde [§] , University of Southern California [§] , Boston University [§] .	
	$APSA^{\dagger},\ IPES^{\dagger},\ EITM\ Institute^\S,\ Techno-Debate^\S,\ Environmental\ Politics\ \&\ Governance^{\dagger},\ MPSA^{\dagger},\ EUSA^{\dagger}.$	2022
	LASA [†] , MPSA [†] , Universidad Católica del Uruguay [§] , University of Pittsburgh [§] .	2021
Methods & Political	Association for Comparative Economic Studies, UC Berkeley, USA Summer School in "Political Economy for a Changing World."	2023
Economy	American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop	2023
Training	New Topics in European Politics, by M. Kleine (LSE) & L. Obholzer (Leiden University Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute, UC Berkeley, USA Summer School, sponsored by NSF.	y). 2022
	Winter School in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay, URY Bargaining using formal models, N. Bapat (UNC Chapel Hill)	2018-2016
	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 Field research in PolSci: interviews & mixed methods, Melani Cammett (Harvard Univ Advanced issues in quantitative methods for public policy, Bruno Cautres (Sciences Po	• ,
Other Working	Academic Advisor to the Dean of the College of Economics and Administration, Udelar. KPMG, (URY). Tax Analyst.	2017-2019 2015-2016
Experience	Advisor of a National Congressman (URY). Advice on economic, labor, and budget issues.	2015-2017
Relevant Skills	Computational: Stata, R, Python Survey: Qualtrics Text anotation: Inception. Language: Spanish (native speaker), English (fluent).	
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Selected Academic Service	Political Science Co-organizer of the social science diffusion blog Razones y Personas Referee for International Interactions & European Political Science Review Grad Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) media team. Chair & discussant at EPSA, panel on the political economy of labor. Discussant at Conference "Rethink Populism and Technocracy" at Pitt. Chair at LASA. University of Pittsburgh	2024–2025 2023-2024 2023-2024 2023 2022 2021
	Structural Racism Search Committee member (3 searches) Involved in hiring a postdoc, assistant professor, and associate professor	2022–2023
	Grad student representative at Diversity Equity and Inclusion PolSci committee President of Political Science graduate students and representative at the GSO.	2020-2022 2021-2022
	Universidad de la Republica TA representative of faculty at University government.	2019
	Undergraduate student representative at University government.	2013-2015

References

Jude C. Hays

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Michaël Aklin

Chair of Policy & Sustainability Lab Associate Professor, EPFL michael.aklin@epfl.ch

Erica Owen

Associate dean in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh ericaowen@pitt.edu

Michael Colaresi

William S. Dietrich II Chair of Political Science & Associate Vice Provost for Data Science University of Pittsburgh mcolaresi@pitt.edu

Scott Morgenstern

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