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Academic Appointments	Princeton University	2024–2025
	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	
Affiliations	Mobilization & Political Economy Program, University of Pittsburgh	2023–Present
	Program Advisor, NSF REU (Award No. 2150250)	
	National System of Researchers (SNI), National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII), Uruguay	2025–Present
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>The Journal of Politics</i>	
	“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. 2025 <i>PS: Political Science & Politics</i>	
	“Are Protests Contagious? The Dynamics of Temporal and Spatial Diffusion of Political Protests” with Jeffrey Nonnemacher. 2025 <i>Forthcoming at the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties</i>	
	“Engaged Robots, and Disengaged Workers: Automation and Political Apathy.” 2024 <i>Economics & Politics</i>	
	“Social Media vs. Surveys: A New Scalable Approach to Understanding Political Discourse” with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama. 2024 <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>	
	“Moral and Economic Dimensions of Ideology” with Scott Morgenstern, Elias Chavarria, and Chen Chuang. 2024 <i>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	
	“Love of Variety? An Experimental Study of Heterogeneous Responses to Foreign Brands in the Marketplace” with Jude Hays (R&R at Political Science Research and Methods)	

“The Threat of Automation and Public Support for Environmental Regulation” with Michaël Aklin and Liam Beiser-McGrath (R&R at Ecological Economics)

“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.

“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

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.”

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

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

Selected Works in Progress

“AI’s Economy and Its Political and Institutional Consequences” with Carles Boix, Michael Becher, and Daniel Stegmueller

“Augmentation or Displacement? The Behavioral and Policy Implications of AI-Assisted Work” 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

“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.

“When Money Talks: Rethinking Income Redistribution and Political Inequality” 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

[Invited to submit full proposal following **LOI - RSF**], \$200,000 2025 – Present

Center for International Studies RA support, \$41,200	2025 - 2026
Princeton University \$10,000	2024 - 2025
Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellow	2023 - 2024
National Science Foundation	
PolMeth	2023, 2025
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> (Graduate)	Fall 2025
	<i>Introduction to Data Analysis</i> (Undergraduate)	Fall 2025
	<i>The Politics of International Trade</i> (Undergraduate)	Spring 2026

Committee Membership	
Paula Martinez (Master's in Economics, Udelar)	2025

Prior Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Mobilization and Political Economy, NSF REU

<i>Instructor and Mentor</i>	Summer 2023
Placed students from underrepresented backgrounds in grad programs.	
Supervised 4 undergraduate research projects and Ph.D. applications.	

University of Pittsburgh

<i>Research Methods in Political Science</i> (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)

<i>Teaching Assistantships</i> (Undergraduate Courses)	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

Talks & Guest Lectures	†: conference presentation §: research workshop/invited talks	
	(U): Upcoming (C): Invited presentations I was unable to attend due to visa issues	
	Polmeth [†] , NABE Tech Economics Conference TEC2025 [†] , IDB [§] (U), Yale ISPS [§] , 2025	

	University of Oxford [§] (C), Universitat de Barcelona [§] (C), UNESCO [§] (C), Penn State-Pitt [§] , Mobilization and Political Economy NSF REU [§] , UPenn: Junior Scholars in International Relations [§] , Columbia University [§] , ISA ⁺ , MPSA ⁺	
	PolMeth ⁺ , Princeton University- Niehaus Center, IR Faculty Colloquium [§] , Caltech CSSPP [§] , Princeton University - Political Economy Colloquium [§] , Yale MacMillan Center [§] , IPES-V [§] , LACEA-LAMES ⁺ , APSA ⁺	2024
	Polmeth ⁺ , Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Workshop in Political Economy [§] , Boston University [§] , University of Strathclyde [§] , MPSA ⁺ , LASA ⁺ , CPRG-Pitt [§] , Universidad de Salamanca [§] , EUSA ⁺ , APSA ⁺ , Penn State-Pitt [§] , GSIPE [§] , Universidad Catolica del Uruguay [§] , University of Southern California [§] , EPSA ⁺ , Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) [§] , Georgia Tech [§] .	2023
	EITM Institute [§] , IPES ⁺ , Techno-Debate [§] , APSA ⁺ , MPSA ⁺ , EUSA ⁺ Environmental Politics & Governance ⁺ .	2022
	LASA ⁺ , MPSA ⁺ , Universidad Católica del Uruguay [§] , University of Pittsburgh [§] .	2021
Methods & Political Economy Training	Gen AI Intensive Course with Google	2025
	Prompt engineering, embeddings, and generative AI agents.	
	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. 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)	
	Advanced issues in quantitative methods, Bruno Cautres (Sciences Po).	
Reviewer	International Interactions, European Political Science Review (EPSR) & Legislative Studies Quarterly (LSQ)	
Selected Service	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-director of the social science diffusion blog <i>Razones y Personas</i>	2024–Present
	Speaker at the series about the future of work by IUSY	2023
	Political Science	
	Member of the APSA Task Force on AI and Political Science, Economic Inequality and Labor Force with Carles Boix, Michael Becher and Daniel Stegmüller.	2025-Present
	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

Search Committee member for Associate Professor - Structural Racism	2022–2023
Search Committee member for Assistant Professor - Structural Racism	2022–2023
Search Committee member for Postdoc with DEI focus	2022
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

Relevant Skills Computational: Stata, R, Python | Survey: Qualtrics | Text annotation: Inception
 NLP Tools: spaCy, Hugging Face Transformers, PyTorch, NLTK, OpenAI
 Language: Spanish (native speaker)

Other Working Experience Academic Advisor to the Dean, FCEA Udelar. 2017–2019
 Advisor of a National Congressman. 2015–2017
 Advice on economic, labor, and budget issues.
 KPMG. Tax Analyst. 2015–2016
 Political & Union Organizer 2011–2019

References**Carles Boix**

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