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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Southern California (USC) *Fall 2025–Present*
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations
Offer received and deferred (Fall 2023)

Princeton University *2024–2025*
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics.
Affiliated with the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice. PI Carles Boix.

AFFILIATIONS

Mobilization & Political Economy Program, University of Pittsburgh *2023–Present*
Program Advisor, NSF REU (Award No. 2150250)

National System of Researchers (SNI), ANII, Uruguay *2025–Present*

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh *2024*
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

“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 Morgenstern, Elias Chavarria, and Chen Chuang. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2024

“Legislators’ Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in Latin America” with Scott Morgenstern. *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 Stegmüller
- “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.

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.

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS

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

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	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^U · University of California, Riverside^U · University of Washington, Severys-Ravenholt Seminar^U · USC Center for International Studies, IR Seminar^U · USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, Political Institutions & Political Economy Seminar^U · APSA Labor Politics Group virtual workshop^U

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^C · Penn State–Pitt IR Annual Workshop · Special Issue Workshop “The Future of Labor” · IBEI, Barcelona^C · University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Hendricks Symposium · UNESCO^C · University of Pennsylvania, Junior Scholars in IR · Universidad de la Republica^U · 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^C, 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^U (2025) · PolMeth (2023, 2025) · LAPolMeth (2024, 2025^C)

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
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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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