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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	
Affiliations	Mobilization & Political Economy Program, University of Pittsburgh Program Advisor, NSF REU (Award No. 2150250)	2023–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>	
	“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	
	“The Path from Automation to Right-Wing Populism.”	
	“Navigating Uncertainty: How Experience Shapes Perception and Politics in the AI Era” with Tobias Tober.	
	“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.	

“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.

“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

“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.

“The Illusion of Impossibility: Why We Don’t Demand Taxes on the Wealthy” 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

`tsdsdep`: 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> (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
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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

Polmeth [†] (U), University of Oxford [§] (U) Universitat de Barcelona [§] (U), Penn State-Pitt [§] (U), Mobilization and Political Economy [§] NSF REU (U), UPenn: Junior Scholars in International Relations [§] , Columbia University [§] , Yale ISPS [§] , ISA [†] , MPSA [†]	2025
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 [†]	2022

	Environmental Politics & Governance [†] .	
	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)	
Reviewer	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).	
	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-organizer 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	
	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	Academic Advisor to the Dean, FCEA Udelar.	2017-2019
Experience	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

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