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Academic Appointments	University of Southern California (USC) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations	Fall 2025–Present
	Princeton University Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics. Affiliated with the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice. Supervised by Carles Boix.	2024-2025
Affiliations	Mobilization & Political Economy Program, University of Pittsburgh Program Advisor, NSF REU (Award No. 2150250)	2023–Present
	National System of Researchers (SNI), National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII), Uruguay	2025–Present
Education	Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh. Dissertation: Political-Economic Polarization Committee: Jude Hays (chair), Michaël Aklin, Max Goplerud, and Erica Owen	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	“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>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 Töber.
- "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 (R&R Teaching Sociology)

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.

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 Center for International Studies Research Award , \$10,000 Center for International Studies RA support , \$41,200 Princeton University \$10,000 Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellow National Science Foundation PolMeth Mobilization and Political Economy, Summer Research Program EITM Summer School	2025 – Present 2025 - 2026 2025 - 2026 2024 - 2025 2023 - 2024 2023, 2025 2023 2022
	Georgia Tech's Center for European Studies - J. Monnet, Erasmus+	2023
	American Political Science Association Political Economy Rosenbluth Junior Scholar APSA Travel Grants Formal Theory Section Grant	2023 2023 2022
	University of Pittsburgh European Studies Center Grant Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowships	2022- 2023 2022 - 2023 Summer 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: New Theory and Evidence^U
- University of California, Riverside**^U
- University of Washington**, Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics^U
- USC, Center for International Studies**, IR Seminar^U
- USC, Sol Price School of Public Policy**, Political Institutions and Political Economy Seminar^U

2025

- Columbia University**
- Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDB)**, Digital Technologies—Growth & Well-Being in Emerging Economies
- Monash–Paris–Warwick–Zurich–CEPR**, 10th Text-As-Data Workshop
- MPE-NSF REU**, Mobilization and Political Economy
- NYU**, Data Science Frontiers: Society and Politics
- Nuffield College, Oxford**^C, The Politics of AI: Citizen Perceptions, Preferences, and Priorities.
- Penn State–Pitt**, IR Annual Workshop
- Special Issue Workshop “The Future of Labor”
- IBEI**^C Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, The Politics of AI: Actors, Policy, Geopolitics, and Resistances
- University of Nebraska–Lincoln**, Hendricks Symposium. Bordering on Crisis?
- UNESCO**^C, AI and Digital Transformation
- University of Pennsylvania**, Junior Scholars in International Relations
- Universidad de la Republica**, Department of Economics DECON & Political Science DCP^U
- Yale University - ISPS**, AI and governance

2024

Caltech CSSPP, Navigating the New Frontier: The Political and Economic Implications of AI Conference

Princeton University—Niehaus Center, IR Faculty Colloquium

Princeton University, Political Economy Colloquium

Yale University - MacMillan Center, New Challenges for International Cooperation: Automation, AI and Digital Trade

2023

APSA, Political Economy, Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Workshop in Political Economy

Boston University

Birmingham University

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)

Georgia Tech

Graduate Student International Political Economy Workshop (GSIPE) Workshop

MPE-NSF REU, Mobilization and Political Economy

UC Berkeley, Association for Comparative Economic Studies, Political Economy for a Changing World. **Universidad Católica del Uruguay**

Universidad de Salamanca

University of Southern California

University of Strathclyde

University of Pittsburgh, Comparative Politis Seminar

Penn State–Pitt, IR Annual Workshop

University of Zürich, Political Institutions and European Government

2022

EITM, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Institute

Techno-Debate

2021

Universidad Católica del Uruguay

University of Pittsburgh

Conferences

APSA (2022^C, 2023, 2024)

Environmental Politics & Governance (2022)

EPSA (2023)

EUSA (2022, 2023)

IPES (2022, 2024^V, 2025)

ISA (2025)

LACEA-LAMES (2024)

LASA (2021, 2023)

MPSA (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

NABE Tech Economics Conference^U (2025)

PolMeth (2023, 2025)

LAPolMeth (2024, 2025^C)

Teaching & Mentoring

University of Southern California

Advanced Methodology: Text as Data (Graduate)

Introduction to Data Analysis (Undergraduate)

The Politics of International Trade (Undergraduate)

Fall 2025

Spring 2025

Spring 2026

Mentoring	Students - Committee Member Yana Demeshko (USC) Claudia Salas (USC) Paula Martinez (Udelar, UY)	2025-Present 2025-Present 2025
Pre-PhD Teaching & Mentoring	Mobilization and Political Economy, NSF REU <i>Instructor and Mentor</i> Placed students from underrepresented backgrounds in grad programs. Supervised 4 undergraduate research projects and Ph.D. applications.	Summer 2023
	University of Pittsburgh <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i> (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record Teaching Assistant Undergraduate and Graduate Student Mentoring Supervised 4 undergraduate research assistants. Mentored 6 first-year Ph.D. students.	Summer 2022 Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 2022–2024
	Universidad de la República (Uruguay) <i>Teaching Assistantships</i> (Undergraduate) Labor Law and Social Security; Accounting I-III; Administration of Organizations; Housing Cooperatives Training. Mentored 60+ first-generation undergraduate students	2014–2019 2013–2016
	Training in Pedagogy Achievement in Pedagogy Badge, University of Pittsburgh Faculty Development Practicum, University of Pittsburgh Faculty Development Course, Universidad de la República	2021–2022 Fall 2021 Spring 2016
Methods & Political Economy Training	Gen AI Intensive Course with Google Prompt engineering, embeddings, and generative AI agents. American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop New Topics in European Politics, Kleine (LSE) & L. Obholzer (Leiden University). Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute, UC Berkeley Summer School, sponsored by NSF. Winter School in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay, URY 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 Field research in PolSci, Melani Cammett (Harvard University) Advanced issues in quantitative methods, Bruno Cautres (Sciences Po).	2025 2023 2022 2018-2016 2018 2018
Reviewer	The Journal of Politics (JOP), International Interactions, Legislative Studies Quarterly (LSQ) & European Political Science Review (EPSR)	
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 Co-director of the social science diffusion blog <i>Razones y Personas</i> Speaker at the series about the future of work by IUSY	2025 2024–Present 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 Stegmueller.	2025-Present
Chair at APPAM panel	2025
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

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