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## Employment

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California, Davis (2021 – present)

Faculty affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (2023 – present)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of South Carolina (2019 – 2021)

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Duke University, 2019.

M.A. Political Science, Duke University, 2015.

B.A. Political Science, University of Florida, 2013.

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

1. Juan F. Tellez and Laia Balcells. Social cohesion, economic security, and forced displacement in the long-run. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2024. Conditional acceptance
2. Emily Myers, Audrey Sacks, Juan F. Tellez, and Erik Wibbels. Forced displacement, social cohesion, and the state: Evidence from eight new studies. *World Development*, 2024
3. Laia Balcells, Juan F. Tellez, and Francisco Villamil. The wars of others: The effect of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Spanish nationalism. *Journal of Politics*, 86, 2024
4. David A Dow, Gabriella Levy, Diego Romero, and Juan F. Tellez. State absence, vengeance, and the logic of vigilantism in Guatemala. *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(1):147–181, 2024
5. Juan Fernando Tellez. Land, opportunism, and displacement in civil wars: Evidence from Colombia. *American Political Science Review*, 116(2):403–418, 2022
6. Shahryar Minhas, Cassy Dorff, Max B Gallop, Margaret Foster, Howard Liu, Juan Tellez, and Michael D. Ward. Taking dyads seriously. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 10(4):703–721, 2022

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7. Juan F. Tellez. Peace without impunity: Worldview in the settlement of civil wars. *The Journal of Politics*, 83(4):1322–1336, 2021
8. Laia Balcells, Spencer Dorsey, and Juan Tellez. Repression and dissent in contemporary Catalonia. *British Journal of Political Science*, pages doi–10, 2020.  
★ ENMISA Outstanding Paper Award.
9. Ana María Montoya and Juan Tellez. Who wants peace? predicting civilian preferences in conflict negotiations. *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, 12(3):252–276, 2020. *Special Issue*.
10. Juan Fernando Tellez, Erik Wibbels, and Anirudh Krishna. Local order, policing, and bribes: Evidence from India. *World Politics*, pages 1–34, 2020
11. Kyle Beardsley, Howard Liu, Peter J. Mucha, David A. Siegel, and Juan Tellez. Hierarchy and the provision of order in international politics. *The Journal of Politics*, 82(2):731–746, 2020
12. Juan Fernando Tellez. Peace agreement design and public support for peace: Evidence from Colombia. *Journal of Peace Research*, 56(6):827–844, 2019.  
★ Honorable Mention for JPR’s Nils Petter Gleditsch Article of the Year Award.
13. Juan Fernando Tellez. Worlds apart: Conflict exposure and preferences for peace. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(4):1053–1076, 2019
14. Juan Tellez and Jordan Roberts. The rise of the islamic state and changing patterns of cooperation in the Middle East. *International Interactions*, 45(3):560–575, 2019

## Reports & Public Writing

2023. “Las guerras de los otros: ¿cómo nos afectan políticamente?”, *El Diario*.

2023. “The Effect of Social Ties on Engagement & Cohesion: Evidence from Ethiopian University Students.” *USAID*.

2023. “Social Cohesion and Forced Displacement : A Synthesis of New Research”. *World Bank Group*.

“El impacto de la deportacion”. *Revista Actualidad Politica*. With Diego Romero, Erik Wibbels, Wayne Pitts, David Dow, Elaine Denny, Mateo Villamizar, and Pamela Zabala.

“Five years after Colombia’s peace deal, the FARC is no longer on U.S. terrorist group lists”. *The Monkey Cage* at *The Washington Post*.

“Encuesta a deportados: Solo quieren volver a huir del país”. *Plaza Pública*.

“4 things the Biden administration should pay attention to with the border crisis”. *The Brookings Institution*. With Elaine Denny, David Dow, Jose Ordoñez, Wayne Pitts, Diego Romero, Mateo Villamizar Chaparro, Erik Wibbels, and Pamela Zabala.

“Biden wants to halt deportations. Here’s what happens when migrants are sent back”. *The Monkey Cage* at *The Washington Post*.

Contributor at *Political Violence at a Glance*, 2019–2023.

“Indonesia’s Generasi Program Long-term Impact Evaluation Report”. Prepared for *The World Bank*.

Varela D., Tellez, J., Huntington H., Walter N., Montoya A., 2017. "Mid-Term Performance Evaluation of the Land and Rural Development Program". Prepared for *The United States Agency for International Development*.

## Grants and Awards

2023. Small Grant in Aid of Research. *UC Davis*

2023. "Resurgent Powers, Nontraditional Threats, and Emerging Technologies: Deterrence in a Multi-level Network Framework". *Minerva Initiative*

2021–2023. "Increasing youth engagement while mitigating potential for conflict in Ethiopia." US-AID - LASER, Ethiopia. \$250,000.

2021. "From combatants to civilians: Improving economic reintegration outcomes in Colombia's Reintegration Route" with Mateo Villamizar, *IPA Exploratory Grant*. \$10,000.

2020. "Preventing social conflict and promoting social cohesion in forced displacement contexts" with Laia Balcells, *World Bank*

2018–2019. Katherine Goodman Stern Fellowship, *Duke University*

2018. Walter Molano and Alona Evans Research Grant, *Duke University*

2017. Walter Molano and Alona Evans Research Grant, *Duke University*

2013–2018. Graduate Research Fellowship, *National Science Foundation*

2017–2018. Bass Connections, Project Team Member, *Duke University*

2016–2017. Kenan Graduate Fellowship, *Kenan Institute for Ethics*

2016–2017. Walter T. Molano Fellowship Endowment Fund, *Duke University*

2016. Field Travel Grant, *Duke Center for Latin American Studies*

2014. FLAS Travel Award, *US Department of Education*

2013-2015. APSA Minority Fellowship, *American Political Science Association*

2013-2018. Graduate Student Fellowship, *Duke University*

## Teaching

### *University of California, Davis*

Directed Reading, data visualization (F23).

POL149: Latin American Politics (F23).

POL126: Ethnic Conflict (F22; W24).

POLo51: The Scientific Study of Politics (F23; F24).

POL290: Graduate Civil Wars (W22; W24).

POL223: International Relations (W23).

### *University of South Carolina*

POLI-437: International Relations of Latin America (UG).

POLI-301: The Political Science Discipline (UG).

POLI-399A: Independent Study in Political Science (UG).

POLI-416: Revolution and Political Violence (UG).

### *Software*

*juanr* Collection of datasets for teaching, R package.

[github://hail2thief/juanr](https://github.com/hail2thief/juanr)

## **Talks and Conferences**

2023 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, UC Berkeley Seminar Series, APSA, Colombian National Reintegration Agency (two roundtables), MPSA (co-author), UCCIC (discussant)

2022 “Understanding Social Cohesion: Internally Displaced People and Their Hosts Event”. *World Bank Group*, Council for European Studies Annual Conference, Lisbon, UC Davis Global Migration Center

2021 Carolinas Conflict Consortium, APSA, Households in Conflict Workshop

2020 Peace Science Society, ESOC, APSA, Carolina Conflict Consortium

2019 Invited talk at University of California, Merced.

2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Presenter.

2019 International Studies Association. Presenter.

2018 Online Peace Science Colloquium. Presenter.

2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2018 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2017 Southeast Latin American Behavior (SeLAB) Mini-Conference.

2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, *Mini-Conference on Assessment Power*.

2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, *Panel on Elections and Violence*.

2016 Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop.

2016 Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop. Discussant.

2016 Harvard IO Conference on Global Performance Assessment Indicators.

2015 Duke-UNC International Relations Conference.

2015-2017 Duke-UNC Working Group on Latin America Conference.

## Service

### *University Service*

University of California, Davis:

2023. Quant Camp (instructor), PhD Admissions committee, PSRW, IR Comp committee, MPP plenary meetings, NSF GRFP workshop

2022. NSF GRFP workshop

University of South Carolina:

Diversity and Inclusion Committee 2020–2021

IR-CP Graduate Workshop, 2019–2021

Website committee, 2019–2021

### *Student Advising and Mentorship*

Doctoral students: Anya Stewart (chair), Rizwan Ashgar (co-chair; graduated), Dylan Forrester (co-chair), Marika Miner (committee), Laurel Yacuta (committee; graduated), Enrico Antonio La Vina (committee), Andrew Roskos-Ewoldsen (committee), Simona Celik (2023, Summer Research Collaboration)

Honors theses: Mary Padilla (2023)

Undergraduate research: Brady Horton (2023)

### *Disciplinary Service*

Member, American Political Science Association, 2016–Present.

Member, International Studies Association, 2016–Present.

Reviewer:

*Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Conflict Management and Peace Science, American Journal of Political Science, Latin American Research Review, British Journal of Political Science, Latin American Politics and Society, Representation, European Journal of International Relations, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly*

See record of my reviews at [Web of Science](#)

## Field Work

**Colombia** Key informant interviews with government officials, victims' groups, LRDP program recipients, land and rural development scholars; focus group discussions; training of field enumerator teams.

**Guatemala** Enumerator training, instrument design, sample frame design, survey programming, quality control.