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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Political Science - Fields: Comparative Politics and Research Methods

M.A. in Political Science (Distinction)

Berkeley, CA

Aug 2022 - present

Stanford University

M.A. in Latin American Studies (Political Economy) - Summa Cum Laude

Stanford, CA

Sep 2021 - June 2022

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

B.A. in Political Science and Sociology

Berlin, Germany

Oct 2018 - Sep 2021

DISSERTATION PROJECT

Contested Governance, Contested Claims: *The Politics of Claim-Making in Urban Peripheries*

Committee: Alison Post (chair), Scott Straus (chair), Thad Dunning and Hillel Soifer

PUBLICATIONS

1. Pantaleão, B., **Montini, I. C.** (2025). When Elections Empower Crime: Political Protection and Milícia Expansion in Rio de Janeiro. *Forthcoming at the Latin American Politics and Society*.
2. Farag, M., **Montini, I. C.**, Fontenay, J., Jung, H. R., Ladhar, S. (2023). Modalities of Power Sharing: Consociationalism after 50 Years - A Scoping Review (1969-2018). *Government and Opposition*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Pork Politics and City Size: Evidence from Brazil. *Working Paper*. (with Alison Post)
2. To Impeach Or Not To Impeach: Elite Polarization, Mass Mobilization and Corruption Scandals. *Revise and Resubmit at the European Review of Political Science* (with Mahmoud Farag and Philipp Schemm)
3. Electoral Rules and the Provision of Public versus Targeted Goods: Evidence from Mayoral Elections in Brazil. *Under Review*.
4. Under the Radar: Estimating Underreporting of Gender-Based Violence to the Police. *Working Paper*. (with Jessie Trudeau)
5. The Paradox of Protection: Patterns of Gender-Based Violence Under Criminal Rule. *In Progress*. (with Johanna Reyes Ortega)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

APSA Centennial Center Research Grant

American Political Science Association ~ \$2,000

2025

Peter H. Odegard Award for Outstanding Performance in Political Science

Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley ~ \$3,000

2025

Simpson Research Grant in International Studies for ABDs

Institute for International Studies at UC Berkeley ~ \$15,000

2025

Global Metropolitan Studies Summer Funding Competition <i>Center for Global Metropolitan Studies at UC Berkeley ~ \$5,000</i>	2025
CAF Policy Grant (with Jessie Trudeau) <i>Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina Y El Caribe ~ \$12,000</i>	2025
CEGA Development Economics Challenge (with Johanna Reyes Ortega) <i>Center for Effective Global Action ~ \$5000</i>	2025
John L. Simpson Pre-Dissertation Fellowship <i>Graduate Institute for Area Studies at UC Berkeley ~ \$5000</i>	2024
Political Economy Research Grant <i>BESI Network UC Berkeley ~ \$5000</i>	2024
Jim Fahey Safe Homes for Women Fellowship <i>Graduate Division at UC Berkeley ~ \$1000</i>	2024
Outstanding Teaching Award <i>UC Berkeley</i>	2024
UC Berkeley Diversity and Community Fellowship <i>Graduate Diversity (UC Berkeley ~ \$7500)</i>	2023
Path To Professoriate Fellow <i>Graduate Diversity (UC Berkeley)</i>	2022
Excellence Award for Academic Performance <i>Center for Latin American Studies (Stanford University)</i>	2022
Ayacucho Fellowship <i>Center for Latin American Studies (Stanford University ~ \$80,000)</i>	2021-22
Full 3-year DAAD scholarship for Undergraduate Students <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service ~ \$42,000)</i>	2018-21

TEACHING

Graduate Student Instructor <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS 231b: Causal Inference (Graduate), Spring 2025 • PS 148A: Latin American Politics, Fall 2024 • PS 147G: The Welfare State in Comparative Perspective, Fall 2023

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate at the Center on the Politics of Development <i>UC Berkeley</i>	June 2022 - present <i>Berkeley, CA</i>
Research Fellow PovGov Lab <i>Stanford University, Department of Political Science</i>	Oct 2021 - present <i>Stanford, CA</i>
Quantitative Methods Tutor (Mathcamp) <i>UC Berkeley</i>	May 2023 - May 2024 <i>Berkeley, CA</i>
Getting into Grad School (GiGS) Mentor <i>UC Berkeley</i>	June 2022 - June 2023 <i>Berkeley, CA</i>
Research Assistant <i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Department of Social Sciences</i>	Sep 2019 - July 2021 <i>Berlin, Germany</i>

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Women in Political Science Representative <i>UC Berkeley</i>	May 2024 - present
President of the Political Science Graduate Students' Association <i>UC Berkeley</i>	Jan 2024 - Jan 2025
Center on the Politics of Development Workshop Coordinator <i>UC Berkeley</i>	August 2023 - May 2024

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

REPAL (2025)
Center for the Politics and Economics of the Public Sector, *CEPESP - FGV* (2025)
Midwestern Political Science Association (2025)
Guest Lecturer, *Latin American Politics: Understanding Criminal Governance*, UC Berkeley (2024)
Urban Politics in the Global South (2024)
American Political Science Association (2024)
Latin American Studies Association Hybrid Conference (2022)
European Consortium for Political Research (2021)
Political Studies Association Annual International Conference (2021)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Portuguese (Native), English (Fluent), German (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), Italian (Beginner)
Programming: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Markdown, QGIS, Git

FACULTY REFERENCES

Alison E. Post, Associate Professor of Political Science and Global Metropolitan Studies, UC Berkeley
Scott Straus, Professor of Political Science and Department Chair, UC Berkeley
Thad Dunning, Robson Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley
Beatriz Magaloni, Graham Stuart Professor of International Relations at the Department of Political Science, Stanford University