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Education

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Ph.D. in Political Science (Expected 2028)
M.A. in Political Science (Defended 2024, Conferred 2025)
Subfields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods

Vanderbilt University
B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy (2022)
Minors: Spanish and History
Honors: Cum Laude, Honors in Arts & Science, Honors in Political Science

Research

Master’s Thesis: Public Goods Competition and Migrants’ Feelings of Integration: Evidence from Venezuelan Migration to Colombia (2024)
Matched municipal-level public goods data with survey of Venezuelans living in Colombia. Multilevel regression models show that public goods competition corresponds to less integration for some outcome variables.

Field Research in Colombia: How Does Gender Influence How Migrants Interact with the State? (In Progress)
Conducted six focus groups with Venezuelan men and women living in Bogotá and Medellín.

Field Research in Chile and Colombia: State Responses to Gender-Based Violence (2023)
Interviewed bureaucrats at state institutions designed to respond to gender-based violence in two countries.

Co-Authored Paper: Social Unrest, Elite Cues, and Anti-Democratic Attitudes: Evidence from Chile (In Progress)
Text analysis of legislative floor speeches, diff-in-diff design with survey data, and original survey experiment exploring how elite rhetoric surrounding the Estallido Social impacted public support for democracy.

Undergraduate Thesis: The Socialist Smear in U.S. Elections (2022)
Designed and fielded original survey experiment. Americans of both parties have low levels of support for “socialist” candidates.

Research Positions	<hr/> <p>Chapel Hill Expert Survey (CHES) Latin America <i>Research Assistant, Chapel Hill, United States (2023-2024)</i> <i>Expert survey evaluating programmatic and non-programmatic positioning of political parties across Latin America.</i></p> <p>Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) <i>Research Fellow, Nashville, United States (2020-2022)</i> <i>Analyzed AmericasBarometer data for reporting and dissemination, audited survey collection processes, trained undergraduates in Stata.</i> <i>Published:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spotlight on Perception of Death or Harm from Natural Disasters in Haiti (2022)</i> • <i>Spotlight on Perceived Basic Rights Protection in Uruguay (2022)</i> • <i>Spotlight on Trust in the Mass Media in El Salvador (2022)</i> • <i>Spotlight on Perceived Basic Rights Protection in Mexico (2022)</i> • <i>Spotlight on Tolerance for Executive Coups in Peru. Co-authored with Mariana Rodriguez. (2022)</i> • <i>Spotlight on Intentions to Emigrate in Haiti, published in The Pulse of Democracy, eds. Noam Lupu, Mariana Rodriguez and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 96-99. (2021)</i> • <i>Who Perceives Insufficient Human Rights Protections in the Americas? Co-authored with Clarence Gao, Joella Hartzler, Sam Hu, and LAPOP. (2019)</i> <hr/>
Teaching Experience	<p>Independent Instructor <i>UNC Chapel Hill (Fall 2025)</i> <i>POLI 130: Introduction to Comparative Politics</i></p> <p>Teaching Assistant <i>UNC Chapel Hill (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)</i> <i>POLI 130: Introduction to Comparative Politics</i></p> <hr/>
Conference Experience	<p>North Carolina Conference on Latin American Studies <i>Charlotte, United States (2025)</i> <i>Organized and moderated panel: Intraregional Migration in the Americas: An Interdisciplinary Perspective</i> <i>Presented: “Public Goods Competition and Migrants’ Feelings of Integration: Evidence from Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia”</i></p> <hr/>

**Conference
Experience
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World Association of Public Opinion Research (WAPOR)

Florianopolis, Brazil (2025)

Presented: "Public Goods Competition and Migrants' Feelings of Integration: Evidence from Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia"

**CALAS Crises and Migrations in Latin American and the Caribbean:
Circulation of People and Ideas**

San José, Costa Rica (2024)

Presented "Competition for Public Goods and Migrants' Integration: Evidence of the Case of Venezuelan Migrants' in Colombia"

Colombian Political Science Association National Congress

Popayán, Colombia (2024)

Presented "Competition for Public Goods and Migrants' Integration: Evidence of the Case of Venezuelan Migrants' in Colombia"

American Political Science Association Conference

Philadelphia, United States (2024)

Presented "Social Unrest, Elite Cues, and Anti-Democratic Attitudes: Evidence from Chile," co-authored with Jaime Lindh

Latin American Studies Association Conference

Bogotá, Colombia (2023)

North Carolina Conference on Latin American Studies

Chapel Hill, United States (2023)

Presented "Who Reports Violence Against Women Where the State is Weak? Evidence from Colombia."

UN Women Summit: Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces for Women and Girls

Quito, Ecuador (2022)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

Chicago, United States (2022)

Presented "The Socialist Smear in U.S. Elections"

**Professional
Service**

President, Graduate Student Executive Committee, Political Science

UNC Chapel Hill (2024-2025)

Comparative Politics Subfield Graduate Student Representative

UNC Chapel Hill (2024-2025)

Awards and Fellowships	James W. Prothro Award for Best Master’s Thesis, Department of Political Science <i>UNC Chapel Hill (2025)</i>
	Wallace Award for Best Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science <i>UNC Chapel Hill (2025)</i>
	Uhlman Family Three Minute Thesis Competition, Department of Political Science <i>Runner Up</i> <i>UNC Chapel Hill (2025)</i>
	Uhlman Fellowship for Summer Research, Department of Political Science <i>UNC Chapel Hill (2023, 2024)</i>
	Mellon Conference Travel Award, Institute for the Study of the Americas <i>UNC Chapel Hill (2023, 2024)</i>
	Americas Graduate Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the Americas <i>UNC Chapel Hill (2022)</i>
	Conference Travel Funding, Dean of Arts and Science <i>Vanderbilt University (2022)</i>
External Affiliations	Cornelius Vanderbilt Merit Scholarship, College of Arts and Science <i>Vanderbilt University (2018-2022)</i>
	University of Notre Dame, Kellogg School <i>Research Fellow, Eliminating Violence Against Women (E-VAW) Lab</i>
Language and Skills	English (native), Spanish (advanced) R (advanced), Stata (advanced), Python (basic)