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APPOINTMENTS

- 2023- **Syracuse University**, Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
- 2022-23 **Brown University**, Postdoctoral Fellow
Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

EDUCATION

- 2022 **Harvard University**, Ph.D., A.M., Government
- 2015 **Stanford University**, M.A., International Policy (International Political Economy)
- 2011 **Vanderbilt University**, B.S., Human and Organizational Development, Spanish

BOOK PROJECT

- In progress *Machine Gun Politics: Why Politicians Cooperate with Criminal Groups*
My book manuscript details how candidates and criminal groups strike deals in order to win elections. I develop a theory of *criminal clientelism*, arguing that criminal groups can be effective brokers and that certain candidates face low risks when striking deals.
– Best Dissertation Award, Urban Politics Section, APSA (2023)
– Best Dissertation Award Runner-up, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA (2023)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Trudeau, J. “[Limiting Aggressive Policing Can Reduce Police and Civilian Violence.](#)” **World Development** 160.
– Press coverage: [The World](#), [Piauí](#), and [O Dia](#)
- 2022 Bullock, J. & Pellegrino, A. P. “[How do Covid-19 Stay-at-Home Restrictions Affect Crime? Evidence from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.](#)” *Economia* 22(3): 147-163.

WORKING PAPERS

- “[How Criminal Governance Undermines Elections.](#)” *Under Review*.
– Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Best Conference Paper Award, APSA (2022)
– Best Paper Award in the Conflict Processes Section, APSA (2022)
– Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper and Presentation, Public Choice Society (2022)
– Selected press coverage: [Piauí](#), [Pindograma](#)
- “Criminal Capital and Voter Mobilization.”
– Best Paper Award in the Subnational Politics and Society Section, LASA (2020)

“A Call of Duty? Police Force Formation in Brazil.” (with Ana Paula Pellegrino and Lucas Novaes)

“Worksite sampling: An ethical alternative to asking about violence at the home.”

BOOK CHAPTERS

2020 “How Should Lava Jato End?” (with Matthew Stephenson). In *Corruption and the Lava Jato Scandal in Latin America*, Paul Lagunes and Jen Svenjar (eds.), Routledge.

IN PROGRESS

“Explaining Extortion: Evidence from 3 Million Anonymous Calls for Help.”

“Determinants of Public Preferences for Police Hiring and Spending” (with Ana Paula Pellegrino and Tyler Simko)

“Strategic Cartography: How Map-Making Can Enable or Obstruct Social Inclusion” (with Ana Paula Pellegrino)

“The Industrial Organization of Bribery: Evidence from Peru’s Fujimori Regime”

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Best Dissertation in the Study of Urban Politics, Urban Politics Section, *American Political Science Association*

2023 Juan Linz Prize for the Best Dissertation in the Comparative Study of Democracy, Runner up, *American Political Science Association*

2022 Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Best Conference Paper Award, *American Political Science Association*

2022 Conflict Processes Section Best Paper Award, *American Political Science Association*

2022 Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper and Presentation, *Public Choice Society*

2020 Subnational Politics & Society Best Paper Award, *Latin American Studies Association*

2019 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Writing Fellowship

2019 Finalist in ISI/Esri International ArcGIS Student Competition

2018 Jorge Paulo Lemann Traveling Fellowship

2013-14 Stanford Humanities and Sciences Fellowship

2012 David L. Boren National Security Fellowship

2012 Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, Guatemala (declined)

2007-2011 Ingram Scholar, Vanderbilt University

GRANTS

External

2024 UNU-WIDER - Statebuilding in conflict-affected contexts: The role of taxation (\$6,000)

2022 Meta Platforms - Research into Public Security Perceptions in Brazil (\$25,000)

2020

- 2018 United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Exploring impact and response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean using mobility data
Corporación Andino de Fomento (CAF) - Corruption and Prevention Policies in Latin America (\$10,000)

Internal

- 2024 PARCC Mini-Grant Program (\$2,500)
2023 Appleby-Mosher Fund for Faculty Research (\$2000)
2021 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Research Grant (\$6000), Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$3000)
2020 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Cities Initiative (\$5000), Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative (\$5000), Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$2500), Harvard Experimental Working Group (\$600)
2018 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$2000), Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative (\$5000)
2017 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$2500), David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Cities Initiative (\$2500), Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$3000)
2016 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$1900)

POLICY & COMMENTARY

- 2024 [Episode 3.8: How Criminal Governance Undermines Elections, with Jessie Trudeau.](#) Scope Conditions Podcast interview.
2022 [“Lições Pandêmicas para Políticas de Segurança Pública Efetivas.”](#) *Nexo Políticas Públicas*. (with Ana Paula Pellegrino).
2021 [“Policing or perpetuating violence? State-sanctioned milícias and police in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.”](#) [Review of the book *A República das Milícias: Dos Esquadrões da Morte à Era Bolsonaro*, by B. Paes Manso]. *Criminological Encounters*, 4(1), 179-183.
2021 [“Brazilian police killed 27 people in a single raid this month. That doesn’t make Rio de Janeiro safer.”](#) *The Monkey Cage*, Washington Post.

Policy Briefs: [“Resisting Corruption Along Drug Trafficking Routes: An Analysis of Criminal Justice Bodies in Latin America,”](#) [“Corruption and Marginalisation,”](#) [“Corruption and Unsolicited Proposals: Risks, Accountability, and Best Practices,”](#) [“Best Practices in Civilian Oversight and Whistleblower Protection in the Armed Forces,”](#) [“Development of Peru’s Asparagus Industry,”](#) [“Administrative Decentralization in Peru.”](#) *My writing on crime and corruption has appeared on the [Global Anticorruption Blog](#).*

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2024 George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop (scheduled); George Washington University, Latin American Studies Initiative (scheduled)
2023 Boston University, Comparative Politics Workshop

2022	Bocconi University, CLEAN Seminar ; ViCE Seminar Series ; KDI School of Public Policy and Management, KDIS Frontiers in Data and Public Policy Seminar Series; NYU, Comparative Politics Speaker Series; Brown University, Odyssey Lecture ; Texas Tech, FMI Research Workshop ; CIDE, Programa para el Estudio de la Violencia Research Seminar
2021	Harvard University, Brazil Studies Program
2020	Symposium on the Political Economy of Development Honoring Robert Bates; Harvard University, Brazil Studies Program
2019	Cabinet of Rio de Janeiro Dep. Renan Ferreira, Professional Development Workshop

Conferences & Workshops

2024	Governance and Local Development Annual Meeting, Empirical Studies of Conflict
2023	(ESOC) Annual Meeting UPenn Crime and Policing in Comparative Perspective, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Latin America Workshop, Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL) Annual Meeting, Brown University Extra-legal Governance in Global Comparative Perspective
2022	Urban Politics in the Global South Workshop, HKS Corruption and Anti-Corruption Study Group, <i>AL CAPONE</i> : America Latina Crime and Policy Network, Public Choice Society, Latin American Peace Science Society
2021	Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Qualitative and Mixed Methods Mini-Conference, NEWEPS-17, RIDGE LACEA Workshop on the Economics of Crime, ESOC, La Red de Estudios Sobre Drogas en América Latina (REDESDAL), Latin American Social and Public Policy (LASPP), NYU Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science
2020	Brazilian Law and Economics Association, 24h Conference on Global Organized Crime
2019	Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), <i>Fundação Getúlio Vargas</i> Legal and Economic Research Seminar
2018	Corporación Andino de Fomento (CAF), Corruption and Prevention Policies
Professional meetings: APSA (2021-24), BRASA (2018), ISA (2023), LACEA-LAMES (2021), LASA (2016, 2020-21), MPSA (2018, 2021, 2024), SEA (2021), SPSA (2016, 2023)	

AFFILIATIONS

2024-present	Fellow, Governance and Local Development Institute
2022-23	Fellow, Electoral Integrity Project
2021-present	Affiliated researcher, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, FGV-Cidades

FIELD RESEARCH

Brazil (36 months total): 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018-2019

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2024	LAPOP Survey Methods Institute, Vanderbilt University
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2023 GIS Institute, Brown University
 2016 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University

TEACHING

As Instructor of Record

2024 Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis (Syracuse University)
 2024 Fighting Crime in Latin America (Syracuse University)
 2023 Crime and Violence (Syracuse University)
 2023 Politics of Geography (Syracuse University)
 2023 Crime, Violence, and Policing in Latin America (Brown University)
 2020-21 Politics of Organized Crime (Sophomore Tutorial, Harvard University)
 – Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Mean score: 5.0/5.0)
 2018-22 How Geography Affects Politics (Harvard Pre-College Summer School Program)

SERVICE

Discipline

2023 Scientific committee, AL CAPONE: America Latina Crime and Policy Network
 2023 Award committee, Best Paper in the Conflict Processes Section (APSA)
 2022 Award committee, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
 Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *Applied Economics Letters*,
Comparative Political Studies, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics* (2), *Political Behavior*

Departmental

~~2023-24~~ Member of the Graduate Affairs Committee (Syracuse University) Member of the
 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Syracuse University)
 2020-2021 Committee member of the Verba Lecture Series (Harvard University)
 2019-2020 Committee member for the Graduate Student Poster Session (Harvard)
 2019 – Mentor in peer mentor program for first year graduate students
 2018-2019 Co-Organizer of Fieldwork Methods and Training Departmental Workshop (Harvard)
 2018-2019 Subcommittee on Teaching and Training member - Climate Change (Harvard)
 2016-2017 Graduate Co-coordinator of the Comparative Politics Speaker Series (Harvard)

SKILLS

Software: ArcGIS, Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata
 Language: Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (advanced)

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