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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*
– Awards: Best dissertation in the *Urban Politics* and the *Democracy and Autocracy* (Runner-up) APSA Sections

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

2022  Trudeau, J. "Limiting Aggressive Policing Can Reduce Police and Civilian Violence."
**World Development** 105961, p. 1-18.
– Press: The World, Piauí, and O Dia, ADPF Brazilian Supreme Court Proceedings

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." *R&R at **American Journal of Political Science***
– Awards: Pi Sigma Alpha Best Conference Paper, APSA; Conflict Processes Section Best Paper, APSA; Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Best Graduate Student Paper, PCS
– Press: Piauí, Pindograma, Scope Conditions

"Criminal Revenue, Civic Returns: How Illicit Taxation Boosts Electoral Participation." *WIDER Working Paper 2025. Submitted.*
– Best Paper Award in the Subnational Politics and Society Section, LASA

"Under the Radar: Estimating Underreporting of Gender-Based Violence to the Police." (with Isabella Montini)

"Venue-Based Sampling: a Practical Tool to Sample Hard-to-Reach Populations in Political Science."

## 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

"A Call of Duty? Police Force Formation in Brazil" (with Joana Monteiro, Ana Paula Pellegrino, and Michael Weintraub)

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

"The Electoral Returns to Bending Campaign Rules: Evidence from Brazil" (with Almila Basak)

## Honors and Prizes

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| 2023 | Best Dissertation in the Study of Urban Politics, APSA Urban Politics Section |
| 2023 | Juan Linz Prize for the Best Dissertation (Runner up), APSA Democracy Section |
| 2022 | Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Best Conference Paper Award, APSA |
| 2022 | Best Paper Award, APSA Conflict Processes Section |
| 2022 | Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, PCS |
| 2020 | Subnational Politics & Society Best Paper Award, LASA |
| 2019 | Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Writing Fellowship |
| 2018 | Jorge Paulo Lemann Traveling Fellowship |

## External Funding

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| 2025 | Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) - Organized crime in Latin America (12,000); Innovations for Poverty Action - GBV and crime (10,000) |
| 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 | UNDP - Exploring impact and response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America |
| 2017 | CAF Corruption and Prevention Policies (10,000) |

## Internal Funding

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| Syracuse | Appleby-Mosher (4,000), FCAR (5,000), PARCC Mini-Grant (2,500) |
| Harvard | Brazil Research Grant, Brazil Cities (2), DRCLAS (3), IQSS (3), FHBI (2), HEWG |

## Policy and Commentary

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| 2025 | Gender-based Violence and Organized Crime. *CAF Policy Document.* (with Isabella Montini). |
| 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 Publicas.* (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. |

## Invited Talks

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| 2024 | GWU Comparative Politics Workshop; GWU Latin American Studies Initiative |
| 2023 | Boston University Comparative Politics Workshop |
| 2022 | Bocconi; ViCE Seminar Series; KDI; NYU; Brown University; Texas Tech; CIDE |

| 2021 | Harvard Brazil Studies Program |
| 2020 | Symposium Honoring Robert Bates; Harvard Brazil Studies Program |
| 2019 | Cabinet of Rio de Janeiro Dep. Renan Ferreirinha, Professional Development Workshop |

## TEACHING

| Undergraduate | Crime and Violence (2023), Fighting Crime in Latin America (2024), Global Community (2025) |
| Graduate | Quantitative Methods I (2024, 2025), Political Mapping (2023, 2025) |

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

| Organizer | Crime, Violence, and Punishment Workshop (Syracuse University) |
| Scientific | AL CAPONE |
| Award | APSA Conflict Processes, GI-TOC |
| Referee | *APSR, AJPS, AEL, CPS(2), Dilemas, East Asia Forum, JOP(2), POP(2), Political Behavior* |

## AFFILIATIONS

| 2024-present | Fellow, Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University |
| 2023-present | Senior Research Fellow Moynihan Institute, Syracuse University |
| 2021-present | Affiliated researcher, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, FGV-Cidades |
| 2024-2025 | Fellow, Governance and Local Development Institute, University of Gothenburg |
| 2022-23 | Fellow, Electoral Integrity Project |

## SKILLS

Fieldwork: Brazil (36 months)
Software: ArcGIS, Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata
Language: Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (advanced)

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