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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, exploring the implications for candidates' risk and the returns to voters.
– 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." *R&R at* **American Journal of Political Science**
– 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

"Venue-based sampling: An underused but practical tool to sample hard-to-reach populations in political science." *Under Review.*

"Criminal Capital and Voter Mobilization."

– Best Paper Award in the Subnational Politics and Society Section, LASA (2020)

"Under the Radar: Estimating underreporting of gender-based violence to the police" (with Isabella Montini)

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

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 Ana Paula Pellegrino)

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

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

2018   Jorge Paulo Lemann Traveling Fellowship

2013-14   Stanford Humanities and Sciences Fellowship

Grants

External

2025   Corporación Andino de Fomiento (CAF) - Organized Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean Policy Document ($12,000)

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   United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Exploring impact and response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean using mobility data

Internal

2025	Appleby-Mosher Fund for Faculty Research ($2,000)
2024	Faculty Creative Activities and Research ($5,000), PARCC Mini-Grant Program ($2,500)
2023	Appleby-Mosher Fund for Faculty Research ($2,000)
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
2017	Behavior Initiative ($5000) David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies ($2500), David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Cities Initiative
2016	($2500), Institute for Quantitative Social Science ($3000) 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 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.
	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 Ferreirinha, Professional Development Workshop

Conferences & Workshops

2025 Multi-Method Conflict Consortium (M2C2) Mini-Conference, UNU-WIDER Pathways to State-Building Workshop, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Research and Policy Conference

2024 Governance and Local Development (GLD) Annual Meeting, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting

2023 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, *AL CAPONE*: 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), *Fundação Getúlio Vargas* Legal and Economic Research Seminar

2018 Corporación Andino de Fomiento (CAF), Corruption and Prevention Policies

Professional meetings: APSA (2021-25), BRASA (2018), ISA (2023), LACEA-LAMES (2021), LASA (2016, 2020-21), POLMETH (2025), MPSA (2018, 2021, 2024), SEA (2021), SPSA (2016, 2023)

AFFILIATIONS

2024-present Fellow, Governance and Local Development Institute

2024-present Fellow, Center for Policy Research

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
2023	GIS Institute, Brown University
2016	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University

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, American Journal of Political Science, Applied Economics Letters, Comparative Political Studies (2), Dilemas, East Asia Forum, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics (2), Political Behavior*

Departmental

2024-25	Member of the Graduate Affairs Committee (Syracuse University)
2023-24	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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