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EDUCATION	<b>The University of North Carolina</b> , Chapel Hill, North Carolina USA  Ph.D., Political Science, <i>Expected May 2023</i>  M.A., Political Science, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: “Unstable Identities: The Decline of Partisanship in Contemporary Chile”</li><li>– Committee: Jonathan Hartlyn (chair), Evelyne Huber, and Cecilia Martínez-Gallardo</li></ul> <b>Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile</b> , Santiago, Chile  M.A., Sociology, 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: “Ideological Preferences and Evolution of the Religious Cleavage in Chile, 1998-2014”</li><li>– Committee: Matías Bargsted (chair), Nicolás Somma, and Beltrán Undurraga</li></ul> B.A., Sociology, 2016	
INTERESTS	Political Psychology · Comparative Politics · Latin American Politics · Public Opinion · Party Politics	
PUBLICATIONS	Martínez-Gallardo, de la Cerda, Hartlyn, Bakker, Hooghe, Marks. 2022. “Revisiting Party System Structuration in Latin America and Europe: Economic and Socio-Cultural Dimensions”. <i>Party Politics</i> . Forthcoming.  de la Cerda & Martínez-Gallardo. 2022. “Mexico: A Politically Effective Populist Pandemic Response”. Book chapter in <i>Populists and the Pandemic: How Populists Around the World Respond to COVID-19</i> . Lucio Renno and Nils Ringe, eds. Routledge. Forthcoming.  de la Cerda, N. 2022. “Unstable Identities: The Decline of Partisanship in Contemporary Chile.” <i>Journal of Politics in Latin America</i> . 14(1), 3-30.  Bargsted & de la Cerda. 2019. “Ideological Preferences and Evolution of the Religious Cleavage in Chile, 1998-2014.” <i>Latin American Research Review</i> . 54(2), 348-365.	

Bargsted, Valenzuela, de la Cerda, Mackenna. 2013. “Participación ciudadana en las elecciones municipales 2012: diagnóstico y propuestas en torno al sistema de voto voluntario.” In Ignacio Irarrázaval, María de los Ángeles Morandé, and Magdalena Letelier (eds), *Propuestas para Chile*, chapter 1, pages 23–50.

#### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 – James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research, Best Graduate Student Paper, UNC Department of Political Science.  
 2022 – Carolina Latinx Center Innovation Award, UNC Carolina Latinx Center.  
 2022 – Mellon Dissertation Award, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas (\$3,000).  
 2022 – Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Department of Political Science (\$3,000).  
 2022 – Thomas F. Ferdinand Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (\$5,000).  
 2021 – Summer Research Collaboratory Program, UNC Department of Political Science (\$5,000).  
 2020 – Graduate Research Award, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas (\$1,500).  
 2020 – Uhlman Fellow, UNC Department of Political Science (\$2,250).  
 2020 – Pre-dissertation Field Research Grant, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas (\$1,500) [Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic].  
 2020 – John Frechione award support for lodging, Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference (LASPP) [Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic].

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Identifying Identities: Uncovering Partisanship in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes”  
 (With Courtney Blackington)  
 – 2021 Southern Political Science Association meeting  
  
 “Ideological Preferences and Evolution of the Religious Cleavage in Chile, 1998–2014”  
 (With Matías Bargsted)  
 – 2015 World Association for Public Opinion Research

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

##### **The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Research Assistant, Jonathan Hartlyn* March 2019 – Present

- Statistical analysis for constitutional data.
- Questionnaire design for CHES Latin America.
- Data collection for CHES Latin America.

*Research Assistant, Cecilia Martínez-Gallardo* May 2020 – Present

- Survey Design.
- Questionnaire translation.
- Qualtrics programming.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Instructor*

- POLI 209: Analyzing Public Opinion (F2021)
- POLI 209: Analyzing Public Opinion (Summer I)
- POLI 130: Comparative Politics (S2021)

*Teaching Assistant*

- POLI 203: Race, Innocence, and the Decline of the Death Penalty, Frank R. Baumgartner (S2022)
- POLI 130: Comparative Politics, Rahsaan Maxwell (F2020)
- POLI 130: Comparative Politics, Ashley Anderson (S2020)
- POLI 130: Comparative Politics, Andrew Reynolds (F2019)

**Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile**

*Instructor*

- SOL 107: Social Ethics (March-July, 2018)
- SOL 107: Social Ethics (March-July, 2017)
- SOL 100: Sociological Paradigms (March-July, 2016)
- SOL 107: Social Ethics (March-July, 2016)
- SOL 107: Social Ethics (March-July, 2015)

*Teaching Assistant*

- SOL (3070) Data Analysis (August-December, 2015)

**Universidad Alberto Hurtado**

*Instructor*

- Statistic II (March-July, 2016)

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE AND  
ACTIVITY

**Discipline:**

Referee: *Bulletin of Latin American Research*

**Department:**

Program Coordinator, Latin American Working Group, UNC (2019 — Present)

METHODS  
TRAINING

Ordinary Least Squares Regression · Generalized Linear Models · Causal Inference · Factor Analysis and Latent Variable Modeling · Machine Learning · Bayesian Models for the Social Sciences

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

Statistical computing in R, Stan, Python, and Stata;  $\text{\LaTeX}$ ; Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

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