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**JUNE 2016** 

THESIS: WHO VOTES FOR – AND AGAINST – POPULISTS: THE CASE OF THE 2006 PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (DISTINCTION)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY HARVARD COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, MA

BA (GOVERNMENT), SUMMA CUM LAUDE, HIGHEST HONORS IN FIELD, PHI BETA KAPPA

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# **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2019 (WITH ALBERTO VERGARA). "PRESIDENTS WITHOUT ROOTS: UNDERSTANDING THE PERUVIAN PARADOX." LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES, 47, NO. 1 (SEPTEMBER).
- 2016 (WITH ALBERTO VERGARA). "DELEGATIVE DEMOCRACY REVISITED: PERU SINCE FUJIMORI." JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY, 27, NO. 3 (JULY): 148-157.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2018. "THE LIMITS OF CONFLICT-BASED PARTY BUILDING: DEMOCRACY WITHOUT PARTIES IN GUATEMALA AND PERU." PAPER PREPARED FOR THE XXXVI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION, 23-26 MAY. BARCELONA, SPAIN.
- 2016. "DEMOCRATIC BREAKDOWNS IN THE ANDES: POPULISM AND POPULARITY." PAPER PREPARED FOR THE XXXIV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION. 27-30 MAY. NEW YORK, NY.
- 2015. "NON SEDUCING INSTITUTIONS AND THE CHALLENGE OF INCLUSION: THE PERUVIAN PRECARIOUS EQUILIBRIUM" (WITH ALBERTO VERGARA). PAPER PRESENTED FOR LIBERAL AND SOCIAL INCORPORATION: IS THERE A TRADE-OFF?, THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA, MAY 6, 2015.

# OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2018 (WITH SCOTT MAINWARING, FERNANDO BIZZARRO, AND MARIA VICTORIA DE NEGRI). "PARTY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONALIZATION IN DEMOCRACIES". OXFORD BIBLIOGRAPHIES.

2014. "DRIZZLING PROTEST: WHY LIMEÑOS DON'T TAKE TO THE STREETS." *REVISTA: HARVARD REVIEW OF LATIN AMERICA*, FALL ISSUE.

# GRANTS, HONORS, AND DISTINCTIONS

- GRADUATE STUDENT AFFILIATE WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2019). \$3,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL AND ITALY).
- <u>LEMANN GRADUATE RESEARCH GRANT BRAZIL STUDIES PROGRAM DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER</u>
  FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2019). \$3,000 FIELDWORKD GRANT (BRAZIL).
- <u>CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION IN TEACHING</u>. BOK CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, HARVARD UNIVERSITY. OUTSTANDING TEACHING FOR GOVERNMENT 20 (FALL 2018).
- GRADUATE STUDENT AFFILIATE WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2018). \$2,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL).
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- HONORABLE MENTION, NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (2016).
- TRAVEL GRANT LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (2016). CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS.
- STUDENT TRAVEL AND RESEARCH GRANT ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015, 2016). £250 FIELDWORK (2015) AND £400 CONFERENCE ATTENDENCE (2016) GRANTS.
- CLARENDON SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2014-16). TUITION AND LIVING EXPENSES.
- SANTANDER ACADEMIC TRAVEL AWARD UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015). £1,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (PERU).
- FULBRIGHT GRANT ARGENTINA (2014; DECLINED). PROJECT: DEMOCRACY UNDER THE KIRCHNERS.
- WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2013-14). UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATE, \$5,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (PERU).
- JOHN HARVARD SCHOLAR HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2010-11, 2011-12). OUTSTANDING MARKS.
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#### **TEACHING**

TEACHING FELLOW (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

GOVERNMENT 20: FOUNDATIONS OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS (FALL 2018)

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EDUARDO DARGENT CIENCIAS SOCIALES, PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DEL PERU (2013).

PAULA MUÑOZ CIENCIAS POLÍTICAS, UNIVERSIDAD DEL PACÍFICO, PERU (2013).

ALBERTO VERGARA BANTING FELLOW, DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2013).

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PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: PHP (EXPERIENCED); ML (EXPERIENCED); HTML/CSS (EXPERIENCED); EXCEL (EXPERIENCED); MYSQL (PROFICIENT); JAVASCRIPT (PROFICIENT); C (PROFICIENT); PYTHON (BASIC).