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DEGREES	Current	Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Minnesota Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (<i>Expected June 2020</i>)	
	2012	Master of Public Policy, The College of William & Mary Fields: Public Policy, International Development Politics	
	2010	B.S. in Foreign Service, Georgetown University Fields: International Politics, Latin American Studies	
Professional Experience	2012 - 2014		rty Action Lab, Latin America Regional Office

Manuscripts under Review

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"Bleeding but not Leading: Reporting Bias in Political Violence Events" with Sarah Parkinson and Benjamin Bagozzi.

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Manuscripts in Preparation

"The Political Origins of Education Reform in Latin America."

"Capital Mobility and Democratization: The Role of the Foreign Elites" with Carly Potz-Nielsen.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

PUBLICATIONS

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2019 (Competitive, University-Wide), U of M

Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Fellowship 2018, U of M

David and Janis Larson Graduate Research Fellowship in Political Economy 2016-2017, U of M

Robert and Shirley Holt Discovery Fellowship 2014-2015, U of M

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award 2011 & 2012, William & Mary

Graduate Assistant Fellowship 2011 & 2012, William & Mary

[&]quot;Flying Blind: Education Reform in Latin America in the 1990s."

[&]quot;Democracy, Land Inequality, and Human Capital Formation" with David Samuels.

Conference Participation

"The Political Economy of Education Reform in Latin America". American Political Science Association 2019.

"Democracy, Land Inequality, and Human Capital Formation" with David Samuels. Midwest Political Science Association 2019.

"Flying Blind: Re-Assessing The State of Latin American Education by the 1990s" Midwest Political Science Association 2019.

"The International Dimension of Social Policy Reform in Latin America" Midwest Political Science Association 2018.

"Capital Mobility and Democratization: The Role of the Foreign Elites" with Carly Potz-Nielsen. Midwest Political Science Association 2018

"Capital Mobility and Democratization: The Role of the Foreign Elites" with Carly Potz-Nielsen. International Studies Association Conference 2017.

"Treating Text as Data over Time: Implications for Descriptive and Causal Inference" with Carly Potz-Nielsen and Robert Ralston. Midwest Political Science Association 2017.

"The Redistributory Effects of Constitutional Courts in Latin America" Midwest Political Science Association 2017.

"The Redistributory Effects of Constitutional Courts in Latin America" Graduate Student Public Law Conference at the University of Texas, Austin 2017 .

"Treating Text as Data over Time: Implications for Descriptive and Causal Inference" with Carly Potz-Nielsen and Robert Ralston. Society for Political Methodology Annual Conference 2016.

"Bleeding but not Leading: Reporting Bias in Political Violence Events" with Sarah Parkinson and Benjamin Bagozzi. International Studies Association Conference 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, UMN

- Political Economy of Development (Instructor of Record.) Summer 2018.
- TA: Puzzles in World Politics (Professor David Samuels.) Fall 2015.
- TA: Struggles and Issues in the Middle East (Professor Sarah Parkinson.) Spring 2016.

SKILLS AND LANGUAGE

Software: STATA, R, LATEX, JAGS

Languages: Spanish and English (Native Proficiency)

References

David Samuels
 Distinguished McKnight University Professor
 Political Science
 University of Minnesota

Teri Caraway
 Professor of Political Science
 University of Minnesota