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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025 Professor of Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2020 Associate Professor of Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2015 Assistant Professor of Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino

EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Political Science and International Relations, University of Southern California
Fields: Comparative Politics; International Political Economy; Latin American Politics
- 2008 M.A., Latin American Studies, Georgetown University
- 2005 B.A., Political Science, Universidad de Costa Rica

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2022 *Human Capital versus Basic Income: Ideology and Models of Anti-Poverty Programs in Latin America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Reviewed in: *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *Journal of Latin American Studies*; *Latin American Policy*; *Perspectives in Politics*; *Critical Dialogue*

Journal Articles

- 2026 “No Constituency for Universal Basic Income? Evidence from Seven Latin American Countries.” (with Juliana Martínez Franzoni and Merike Blofield). *Journal of Social Policy* (Forthcoming).
- 2026 “Protecting Children from Poverty in Unequal Democracies: The Determinants of Public Opinion on Child Cash Transfers in Latin America.” (with Merike Blofield and Juliana Martínez Franzoni). *Latin American Politics and Society* 68 (1): 101-121.
- 2025 “Populism Trumps Ideology: Poverty Relief Policy under Mexico’s López Obrador and Brazil’s Bolsonaro.” *Journal of Latin American Studies* 57 (1): 135-160.

- 2022 “It’s Not Me, It’s You: Social Affinity, Anti-Solidarity and Support for Redistribution in Latin America.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 64 (3): 1-36. (Lead article)
- 2019 “Debating Trade: The Legislative Politics of Free-Trade Agreements in Latin America.” *Government and Opposition* 54 (2): 336-364.
- 2018 “Neoliberalism with a Human Face?: Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and Latin America’s Left Turn.” *Comparative Politics* 50 (2): 147-169. (Lead article)
- 2017 “Costa Rica: La Tercera No Fue la Vencida, Fracaso de la Reforma Fiscal de Luis Guillermo Solís.” *Revista de Ciencia Política* 37 (2): 389-412.
- 2014 “Rules of Procedure as a Cause of Legislative Paralysis: The Case of Costa Rica, 2002-2010.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 56 (4): 119-142.
- 2014 “Best Practices in Scholar-Practitioner Relations: Insights from the Field of Inter-American Affairs” (with Mariano E. Bertucci and Claudia Fuentes-Julio). *International Studies Perspectives* 15 (1): 54-72.

Book Chapters

- 2026 “Social Policy in Latin America: Two-tiered Welfare Regimes at a Crossroads.” In *Elgar The Handbook of Latin American Politics*, edited by Claudia N. Avellaneda, Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez, and Nathalie Mendez. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishers (Forthcoming).
- 2021 “Adoption and Evolution of Cash Transfer Programs in Latin America.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*, edited by Harry Vanden and Gary Prevost. New York: Oxford University Press.

Policy Reports

- 2025 “Child Poverty and Cash Transfers: Public Opinion Endorses an Available Solution.” (with Merike Blofield and Juliana Martínez Franzoni), *Policy in Focus* 1, 1: 56-58. World Food Programme/International Policy Centre for Inclusive Development/ Institute for Applied Economic Research.
- 2023 “Public Opinion on Cash Transfers for Children and Adolescents in Mexico: Clear Support for Greater Coverage and Adequacy.” (with Merike Blofield and Juliana Martínez Franzoni). Research Brief, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, Universidad de Costa Rica.
- 2021 “Bolivia’s Social Policy Response to Covid-19: Hindered by Political and Economic Crises.” Covid-19 Social Policy Response Series 15/2021, Universität Bremen: CRC 1342.

Book Reviews

- 2025 *Elites, Radicalismo y Democracia: Un Estudio Comparado sobre América Latina*, by Asbel Bohigues, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 44 (1): 51-52..

- 2022 *The Psychology of Poverty Alleviation: Challenges in Developing Countries*, by William Ascher, *Perspectives in Politics*, 20 (4): 1422-1424.
- 2016 *Reflections on Uneven Democracies: The Legacy of Guillermo O'Donnell*, edited by Daniel Brinks, Marcelo Leiras, and Scott Mainwaring, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 57 (5): 365-371.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2022 "Capital Humano vs. Renta Básica: Ideología y Modelos Anti-Pobreza en Latinoamérica." Universidad de Costa Rica, November
- 2022 "Populist Social Policy: Anti-Poverty Policy under Mexico's López Obrador and Brazil's Bolsonaro." Inland Empire Latinamericanist Group, October
- 2022 "Capital Humano vs. Ingreso Básico: Ideología y Modelos Anti-Pobreza en Latinoamérica." Colegio de Jalisco, Mexico, August
- 2022 "Populist Social Policy: Anti-Poverty Policy under Mexico's López Obrador and Brazil's Bolsonaro." Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, June
- 2018 "It's Not Me, It's You: Social Affinity, Anti-Solidarity and Support for Redistribution in Latin America." University of California, Riverside, February
- 2015 "Social Policy and Presidential Ideology in Latin America: The Politics of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs." Georgetown University, February
- 2014 "Social Policy and Presidential Ideology in Latin America: The Politics of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs." San Jose State University, November
- 2014 "Poverty, Inequality and Redistribution in Latin America." Chapman University, March

Conference Presentations

- 2026 "Who Deserves Social Protection? Public Support for Cash Transfers Targeting Children, the Elderly, the Unemployed and Migrants in Latin America" Latin American Studies Association Central America, San José, Costa Rica, August.
- 2024 "Who Supports Universal Income?: Evidence from Seven Latin American Countries." Congreso Latinoamericano de Renta Básica Universal Incondicional, July.
- 2023 "Self-Interest vs. Social Affinity: Determinants of Social Spending in Latin America, 2000-2020." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April
- 2022 "Populism and Ideology: Effects of Left- and Right-Wing Populists on Latin American Anti-Poverty Programs." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April

- 2019 “Two-Track Diffusion of CCTs: The Cases of Costa Rica, Bolivia and Argentina.” Tecnológico de Monterrey-University of Southern California Latin America’s Current Challenges Conference, Los Angeles, California, June
- 2017 “Economic Self-Interest, Social Affinity and Social Spending in Latin America.” International Studies Association West Conference, Pasadena, California, September
- 2017 “Neoliberalism with a Human Face?: The Diffusion Cash Transfer Policies during Latin America’s Left Turn.” Challenges for Democracy in Latin America Conference, Los Angeles, California, January
- 2016 “It’s Not Me, It’s You: Social Affinity and Support for Redistribution in Latin America.” American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September
- 2014 “Varieties of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs?: Ideology and the Adoption and Scope of Anti-Poverty Programs in Latin America.” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May
- 2013 “Determinants of Social Spending in Latin America, 1990-2010.” International Studies Association West Conference. Pasadena, California. September
- 2009 “Debating Trade: Latin American Legislatures and Recent Trade Agreements with the United States.” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June
- 2008 “Crisis of Decision-Making in the Costa Rican Legislature.” Mid-Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March

Departmental Talks

- 2018 “Latin America’s Electoral Marathon: Elections in Colombia, Mexico, and Brazil,” California State University, San Bernardino, May
- 2017 “Social Policy in the Era of Globalization: Ideology and Models of Cash Transfer Programs in Latin America” California State University, San Bernardino, May
- 2014 “The Politics of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs in Latin America,” University of Southern California, October
- 2011 “Referendum on Trade: Costa Rica’s Long Journey to CAFTA-DR,” University of Southern California, March

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

Research Experience

- 2012-13 Field research on the politics of anti-poverty programs in Argentina, Bolivia and Costa Rica

2007-08 Researcher, Democratic Governance Program, Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, DC

2004-06 Politics and business editor, *Business Costa Rica*, San José, Costa Rica

2002-04 Politics and business reporter, *The Tico Times*, San José, Costa Rica

Additional Methods Training

2026 Panel Data, PCSTS, and Long Time Series: The Essentials, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Online

2011 Qualitative methods training, Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Syracuse University

2009 Quantitative methods training, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

Languages

Spanish: Native reading, writing, and conversation

Portuguese: Reading

TEACHING

California State University, San Bernardino

Undergraduate:

Latin American Politics
International Political Economy
Comparative Politics
Democracy and Dictatorship
International Relations
General Education: Introduction to American Politics

Graduate:

Senior Seminar: Comparative Politics of Latin America
Senior Seminar: Latino Politics in the United States
Graduate Seminar: Politics of Globalization

Loyola Marymount University

Comparative Politics
International Political Economy

Teaching Awards

2014 Teaching Fellow, Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of Southern California

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 Academic Affairs Research Assigned Time Award, Office of the Provost and Vice - President, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2024 Academic Affairs Research Assigned Time Award, Office of the Provost and Vice - President, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2023 Academic Affairs Research Assigned Time Award, Office of the Provost and Vice - President, California State University, San Bernardino
- 2014 Zilpha R. and Joan A. Main Dissertation Completion Fellowship, School of International Relations, University of Southern California
- 2014 Winner, International Relations Essay Competition, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California
- 2013 Dissertation Fellowship, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California
- 2013 Field Research Grant, College of Letters Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California.
- 2012 Gold Family Fellowship, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California
- 2012 Winner (with Mariano E. Bertucci), International Relations Essay Competition, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California
- 2011 Grayson and Judith Manning Fellowship, Office of the Provost, University of Southern California
- 2011 Dissertation Award, Center for International Studies and Centers for International Business Education and Research, University of Southern California
- 2009 Diversity Enhancement Placement Assistance Award, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, University of Southern California

SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

Country Expert (Costa Rica): Varieties of Democracy Project, 2015-present

Country Expert (Costa Rica): Chapel Hill Expert Survey-América Latina, 2024

Contributor: Brightline Watch, 2017-present

Referee: *Anuario del Centro de Investigación y Estudios Políticos; Contexto Internacional; Democracy and Security; Foro Internacional; Global Social Policy; International Journal of Social Welfare; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Latin American Studies; Journal of Social Policy; Latin American Politics & Society; Latin American Research Review; Opinião Pública; Policy Studies Journal; Political Research Quarterly; Poverty and Public Policy; Public Administration; Review of Behavioral Economics; Revista de Ciencia Política; Social Policy & Administration; Social Policy & Society; Socio-Economic Review; Socius; Third World Quarterly*

Book Reviewer: *Bulletin of Latin American Research; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Perspectives on Politics*

Manuscript Reviewer: University of Michigan Press; Routledge; W.W. Norton & Company

Departmental and University Service

Board Member, Latin American Studies Minor, California State University, San Bernardino, 2015-present

Internship Coordinator, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2020-present

Member, Curricular Assessment Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2015-present

Member, National Security Studies/International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2019-2020

Member, Constitutional Law/American Politics Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2019-2020

Member, International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, California State University, San Bernardino, 2015-2016

Coordinator, Comparative Political Economy Discussion Group, University of Southern California 2009-2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2008-present

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2022-present

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 2008-present