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## Academic Appointment

2018- Assistant Professor, Politics Department  
*Core Faculty*, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program  
Washington and Lee University

## Education

2018 Ph.D. in Political Science  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Major field: Comparative Politics, Minor fields: Public Policy, Methodology

2014 M.A. in Political Science  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2011 B.A. (honors) in Political Science  
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

## Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, Social Policy, Comparative Political Economy, Latin American Politics, Political Parties, Representation, Immigration, COVID-19

## Refereed Journal Articles

- 1 "Healthcare Reform out of Nowhere? Policy Reform and the Lack of Programmatic Commitment in Peru." 2021. *Journal of Latin American Studies* 53(3): 493-519.  
doi.org/10.1017/S0022216X21000493
- 2 "Women Want an Answer! Field Experiments on Gender Bias in Legislator Responsiveness," with Gabriele Magni. 2020. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 8(3): 273-284.  
doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2020.23 \*Selected by the Harvard Kennedy School's Women and Public Policy Program for inclusion in its Gender Action Portal [Read]
- 3 "Peru 2018: Political Precariousness in the Times of Lava Jato," with Luis García. 2019. *Revista de Ciencia Política* 39(2): 341-365. doi.org/10.4067/S0718-090X2019000200341
- 4 "The Changing Shapes of Latin American Welfare States," with Evelyne Huber. 2019. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

[dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1656](https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1656)

## Textbook

- 5 *Comparative Politics: Integrating Theories, Methods, and Cases*, 4th ed., with Tyler Dickovick, Jonathan Eastwood, and Robin LeBlanc. Oxford University Press.

## Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 6 "Healthcare System Reform in Peru." 2022. In *Balance de Investigación 2016-2021 y Agenda de Investigación 2021-2026*. CIES.
- 7 "Health Care and the Public-Private Mix in Mexico, Chile and Peru." In Camila Arza et al., eds. *Oxford International Handbook of Governance and Management for Social Policy*. Oxford University Press. *Forthcoming*.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

- 8 *Political Parties and Policy Reform: Expansion of Healthcare in Latin America* (Book).
- 9 "Immigration and Deportation: Attitudes in Brazil and the United States," with Gabriele Magni (Article).
- 10 "The Quest for a COVID-19 Vaccine in Peru" in Alberto Vergara and Adrian Lerner, eds. *Perú Global*. Fondo Editorial de la Universidad del Pacífico.
- 11 "Party-Voter Policy Congruence: Rethinking its Relationship to Clientelism" (Article).
- 12 "¿Reforma de salud de la nada? Reforma de política pública y falta de compromiso programático en el Perú" in Viviana Baraybar and Daniel Encinas, eds. *La Continuidad de la Política*. Fondo Editorial de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

## Public Scholarship

- 13 "Sistema de Salud en el Perú y el COVID-19" (Healthcare System in Peru and COVID-19). 2021. *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú*. [Read]
- 14 "Women politicians more likely to reply to people who reach out in need, study shows," with Gabriele Magni. 2020. *The Conversation*, October 19, 2020. [Read]
- 15 "How gender affects the response rates of politicians to inquiries about healthcare and unemployment support," with Gabriele Magni. 2020. *European Politics and Policy at the London School of Economics*, August 21, 2020. [Read]

## Other Publications

- 16 "Decisiones de política pública en una democracia sin partidos: el caso del 'SOAT médico'" (Public Policy Decisions in a Democracy without Parties: the Case of 'SOAT Médico'). 2012. *Politai Revista de Ciencia Política* 3, no. 5: 181-192.
- 17 *Drogas y política carcelaria en el Perú* (Drugs and Prison Policy in Peru), with Jérôme Manginckx and Juan M. Torres. 2012. Lima: Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos.

## Fellowships and Awards

- 2021 XXIII CIES 2021 Annual Research Contest-I, Healthcare System Reform: Research Balance and Agenda
- 2021, 2020, 2019 Lenfest Summer Research Grant, Washington and Lee University
- 2018 John Patrick Hagan Award for Outstanding Teaching, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2017-2018 Academic Year Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2017, 2015, 2014 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Award, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2016 Mellon Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the Americas (ISA)
- 2016 Spring Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2015, 2013 APSA Fund for Latino Scholarship
- 2015 Matthew J. Burbank Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2014 Tinker Foundation Summer Pre-dissertation Field Research Grant, ISA
- 2011 Best Undergraduate Thesis in Political Science and Government, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
- 2011 Award for Highest GPA upon Graduation in Political Science and Government, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

## Travel Grants

- 2019 Artinian Travel Award, SPSA (declined)
- 2018 Graduate Student Transportation Grant, UNC Graduate School
- 2018 Prestage-Cook Travel Award, SPSA
- 2017 Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award
- 2017 Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Travel Grant, National University of Singapore

2017, 2015 Mellon Conference Travel Award, Institute for the Study of the Americas

2017, 2015 Whit Ayres Fund for Graduate Student Support, UNC Department of Political Science

2016 APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant

## Conference Presentations

"Political Parties and Policy Reform: Expansion of Healthcare in Latin America" (Book Introduction). MPSA 2021, International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum 2021, Red Latinoamericana de Análisis de la Política Social (PolSoc) Virtual Presentation, August 14, 2020.

"Immigration in Europe and Latin America: A Comparative Analysis of Motivation and Preferences" (with Gabriele Magni). SPSA 2019.

"Party-Voter Policy Congruence: Rethinking its Relationship to Clientelism." Mini-Conference of the Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium 2018.

"Two Paths to Reform: Political Parties and Technocrats in Latin American Healthcare Policy." LASA 2018, SPSA 2018.

"Healthcare and the Public-Private Mix in Mexico, Chile and Peru." LASA 2018.

"The Role of Political Parties as Policymakers: Health Reform and Programmatic Commitments in Latin America." International Conference on Public Policy 2017, LASA 2017.

"Electoral Rules, Gender, and Legislators' Responsiveness: Field Experiments from Europe and Latin America" (with Gabriele Magni). EPSA 2017.

"Policy Reform and Programmatic Commitments: The Role of Political Parties as Policymakers in the Peruvian Health Reform." MPSA 2017.

"Institutional Environment and Responsiveness of MPs: Field Experiments from Latin America and Europe." (with Gabriele Magni). APSA 2016.

"Transactional Representation: Rethinking Party Congruence and its Relationship to Clientelism." APSA 2015, LASA 2015, Political Accountability Workshop, Duke University, 2014.

"The Politics of Health Reform in Latin America: Agenda Setting and Decision Making in Chile and Peru." Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política, Lima, July 22-24, 2015.

## Teaching Experience

2018-2022 **Washington and Lee University**  
POL 380: Immigration Attitudes  
POL 247: Latin American Politics  
POL 290: Dystopian Fiction, Horror, and Politics

POL 105: Global Politics  
INTR 202: Applied Statistics  
2013-2017 **UNC Chapel Hill**  
POLI 238: Contemporary Latin American Politics (Instructor)  
POLI 130: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Teaching Assistant)  
2012 **Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú**  
Academic Research in Political Science (Teaching Assistant)

## Research Experience

Field Research in Chile, Mexico, and Peru.

Research Assistant for Evelyne Huber and John Stephens, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2015.

Lateral Coding for the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project, Spring 2014.

Research Assistant for Cecilia Martínez-Gallardo, UNC Chapel Hill, 2012-2013.

Researcher at the Center for Drugs and Human Rights Research, Lima, Peru, 2011-2012.

Research Assistant for the Office of Congressman Daniel Robles, Lima, Peru, 2010.

## Service

Member, Student Affairs Committee, WLU, 2021-2024.

Member, University Committee on Inclusiveness and Campus Climate, WLU, 2020-2024.

Member, Williams School Assurance of Learning (AOL) Committee, WLU, 2019-present.

Member, Advisory Board of the Global Learning Committee, WLU, 2018-present.

Politics Representative, Williams School Statistical Literacy Committee, WLU, 2018-2019.

Reviewer, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, *Politai*, *La Colmena*.

Graduate Coordinator, UNC-Duke Latin American Politics Working Group, 2014-2015.

## Skills

*Languages:* Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (advanced), French (intermediate)

*Statistical Packages and Applications:* R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## Additional Training

APSA Centennial Center Teaching and Learning Symposium, Washington, DC, Summer 2019.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Syracuse University, Summer 2015.

### **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association (APSA), Latin American Studies Association (LASA), European Political Science Association (EPSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP), Red Latinoamericana de Análisis de la Política Social (PolSoc)