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Education

Ph.D. Government, Cornell University	<i>Expected May 2023</i>
Dissertation: “Party Systems, Inequality, and Redistribution”	
Committee: Ken Roberts (Chair), Tom Pepinsky, Gustavo Flores-Macías, Bryn Rosenfeld	
M.A. Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin	May 2017
B.A. Political Science, McGill University	May 2014

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Sage Fellowship, Graduate School, Cornell University	2022 - 2023
APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association	July 2022
Kahin Prize (Most Promising Dissertation), Department of Government, Cornell University	June 2022
QuIRI Small Grant, Cornell Center for Social Sciences, Cornell University	April 2022
Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship, Department of Government, Cornell University	February 2022
Amit Bhatia Global PhD Research Grant, Mario Einaudi Center, Cornell University	June 2021
Inequality Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University	June 2021
Kohut Fellowship, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research, Cornell University	Summer 2021
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	2020 - 2022
Summer Graduate Research Award, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University	April 2020
International Research Travel Grant, Mario Einaudi Center, Cornell University	April 2020
Graduate Research Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University	November 2019
Einuadi-SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Cornell University	Summer 2019
Graduate Fellow, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University	2018 - 2019
Inequality Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University	April 2018
International Research Travel Grant, Mario Einaudi Center, Cornell University	March 2018
Sage Fellowship, Graduate School, Cornell University	2017 - 2018
Lozano Long Summer Research Grant, LLILAS, University of Texas at Austin	March 2016
Michael L. Garmaise Prize (Best Paper in Political Science), Faculty of Arts, McGill University	May 2014
Arts Undergraduate Research Award, Faculty of Arts, McGill University	May 2013
Political Science Research Award, Faculty of Arts, McGill University	April 2013

Publications

- Forthcoming. “Party Systems, Inequality, and Redistribution.” *Perspectives on Politics*.
2022. “Party Systems and Redistribution in Democratic Latin America.” *Comparative Politics* 54(3): 429-452.
2021. “Party Systems, Political Competition, and Inequality in Subnational Brazil.” *Latin American Research Review* 56(4): 797-813.

Working Projects

- “Elites, Redistributive Threats, and Democratic Breakdown in Latin America.” *Preparing for Submission*.
- “When Democrats Vote for Authoritarians: Business Elites, Credible Commitments, and Conservative Coalition-Building in Brazil” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías and Mariano Sánchez-Talanquer). *Under Review*.
- “Crime, Social Distance, and Elite Support for Redistribution in Unequal Societies: Evidence from Mexico” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías and Mariano Sánchez-Talanquer). *Under Review*.
- “The Redistributive Limits of Two-Party Systems: Factional Conflict, Elite Capture, and Redistributive Resistance in Twentieth Century Colombia.” *Preparing for Submission*.
- “Party Systems and Democratic Redistribution” [Book Project]. *Manuscript in Progress*.

“Locking Out Redistribution: Exclusionary Democratic Institutions and Party System Development in Latin America.” *Manuscript in Progress*.

“Party Systems and Social Policy Formulation in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *Data Collection in Progress*

“*Café com partidos*: Oligarchy, Economic Crisis, and Party-Building in Old Republic São Paulo (1924-1932).” *Data Collection in Progress*

Teaching and Advising

Advisor

IR Minor Coordinator, Mario Einaudi Center, Cornell University 2019 - 2020

Teaching Assistant

GOVT 3112: Congress and the Legislative Process Spring 2019
Supervisor: Prof. David Bateman, Cornell University

GOVT 1111: Introduction to American Government and Politics Fall 2018
Supervisor: Prof. Suzanne Mettler, Cornell University

GOVT 312L: United States in Comparative Perspective Spring 2016
Supervisor: Prof. Kurt Weyland, University of Texas at Austin

GOVT 312L: United States Foreign Policy Fall 2015
Supervisor: Prof. Robert Moser, University of Texas at Austin

Conference Presentations

“Elites, Redistributive Threats, and Democratic Breakdown in Latin America” September 2022
APSA 118th Annual Meeting, Montréal

“Elites, Redistributive Threats, and Democratic Breakdown in Latin America” June 2022
REPAL Annual Meeting 2022, Buenos Aires

“Elites, Redistributive Threats, and Democratic Breakdown in Latin America” May 2022
LASA XL International Congress (Virtual)

“Elites, Redistributive Threats, and Democratic Breakdown in Latin America” September 2021
APSA 117th Annual Meeting, Seattle

“The Political Origins of Social Policy in Liberal Welfare States” September 2020
APSA 116th Annual Meeting (Virtual)

“Party Systems and Redistribution in Democratic Latin America” May 2019
LASA XXXVII International Congress, Boston

“Crisis and Party System Survival in Latin America” May 2018
LASA XXXVI International Congress, Barcelona

“Party Systems, States, and Inequality Change in Brazil and Colombia” May 2016
LASA XXXIV International Congress, New York

Fieldwork

Brazil: June - July 2018, August 2021 - February 2022

Colombia: January 2020, November 2020 - August 2021, March 2022 - August 2022

Mexico: June - July 2019

Service

Department

Lead Organizer, Graduate Student Dissertation Prospectus Colloquia 2019 - 2020

University

Steering Committee, Cornell Latin American Studies Annual Research Symposium February 2019

Disciplinary

Referee for: *Democratization*, *Latin American Research Review*

Elites, Redistributive Threats, and Democratic Breakdown in Latin America

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Abstract: While redistribuivist theories argue that unequal democracies break down due to incentivizing elites to end democracy to avoid expropriation, many unequal democracies have remained stable for decades. I argue that it is not the masses or democracy itself that elites fear, but credible ‘redistributive threats’ — or political parties espousing a redistribuivist or populist agenda. The emergence of these threats prompt undemocratic behavior among elites to prevent their consolidation of power and the advancement of their redistributive agendas, potentially leading to the breakdown of democracy. To theory-build I draw on the deviant and extreme case of Brazil. I then test the microfoundations of the theory utilizing a survey experiment on Brazilian economic elites, finding that priming elites to think about a redistributive threat undermines their perceptions of democracy. Finally, I test the broader theory in Latin America, finding that the likelihood of a democratic breakdown or coup is substantially higher in the presence of a redistributive threat.

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