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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Pittsburgh	2015
M.A., Political Science, University of Pittsburgh	2011
M.A., Political Science, University of Chile	2007
B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile	2002

Other Educational Experience

Latin American Studies Certificate, University of Pittsburgh	2013
ICPSR quantitative methods summer program, University of Michigan	2011

Professional Experience

Institute for Politics and Strategy, Carnegie Mellon University	
Assistant Teaching Professor	2019-
Postdoctoral Fellow	2017-2019
Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2015-2017
Postdoctoral Researcher	
Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh	2014-2017
Editor of Panoramas (http://www.panoramas.pitt.edu) Scholarly Platform	
ABC newspaper, Spain. Feature Writer, International News	2008
El Mercurio newspaper, Chile	2002-2008
Feature Writer, International News (2002, 2004-2008).	
Associated Journalist, Business and Economic News (2003-2004).	
Ercilla magazine, Chile. Associated Journalist, International News	2003-2004

Research Interests

Political Psychology, Comparative Political Institutions, Latin America, and Presidential Behavior.

Books

How Leaders Erode Political Institutions: Presidential Personalities and Constitutional Change in Latin America. Manuscript in progress.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

[12] “The Quest for Uncontested Power: Presidents’ Personalities and Democratic Erosion in Latin America, 1945-2012.” Forthcoming in *Political Psychology*.

[11] 2020. “Judicial Reshuffles and Women Justices in Latin America.” *American Journal of Political Science* (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán and Melanie Hughes). <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12543>.

[10] 2020. “The Personalities of Presidents as Independent Variables.” *Political Psychology* <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12722>.

[9] 2019. “First Ladies as Members of the Political Elite.” [In Spanish] (with Carolina Guerrero). *América Latina Hoy* 81: 31-49.

[8] 2017. “Strategic Retirement in Comparative Perspective” (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán). *Journal of Law and Courts* 5(2): 173-197.

[7] 2017. “Chile 2016: The Nadir of Democratic Legitimacy?” [In Spanish] *Revista de Ciencia Política* 37(2): 305-334.

[6] 2016. “What Drives Evo’s Attempts to Remain in Power? A Psychological Explanation.” *Bolivian Studies Journal* 22: 191-219.

[5] 2016. “How to Assess the Members of the Political Elite? A Proposal Based on Presidents of the Americas.” [In Spanish] *Política* 54(1): 219-254.

[4] 2016. “Aftershocks of Pinochet’s Constitution: the Chilean Post-Earthquake Reconstruction.” *Latin American Perspectives* 44(4): 62-80.

[3] 2015. “Budgetary Negotiations: How the Chilean Congress Overcomes its Constitutional Limits” *Journal of Legislative Studies* 21(2): 213-231.

[2] 2013. “Informal Institutions and Horizontal Accountability: Protocols in the Chilean Budgetary Process.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 55(4): 74-94.

[1] 2012. “Who whispers to the president? Advisors versus ministers in Latin America.” [In Spanish] *Política* 50(2): 29-57.

Book Chapters

[4] 2022. “Personalism and the Chávez-Maduro Regime in Venezuela.” Forthcoming in Luca Anceschi, Alexander Baturu, and Francesco Cavatorta, eds., *Personalism and Personalist Regimes*. Oxford University Press.

[3] 2020. “Executive-Legislative Relations: When do Legislators trust the President?” (with Carolina Guerrero). In Manuel Alcántara, Mercedes García Montero, and Cristina Rivas Pérez, eds., *Politics and Political Elites in Latin America*. Springer.

[2] 2018. “Comparative Political Elites.” In Ali Farazmand and Mauricio Olavarría-Gambi, eds., *The Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.

[1] 2018. “The Electoral Emergence of Latin American First Ladies [In Spanish] (with Carolina Guerrero). In L. M. Leibe and J. Suárez-Cao, eds., *La Política Siempre ha sido Cosa de Mujeres: Elecciones y Protagonistas en Chile y la Región*. FLACSO-Chile.

Articles Invited to Revise and Resubmit and Under Review

“The ‘Big Five’ Personality Traits of Presidents and the Relaxation of Term Limits in Latin America.” Resubmitted.

“When Do First Ladies Run for Office? Lessons from Latin America” (with Carolina Guerrero). Resubmitted.

“World Leaders and Covid-19: Women, Populists, and Political Families Reacted Faster.” Under review.

“Presidents’ Personality Traits and Relaxing Term Limits: Evidence from Latin America, 1945-2012.” Under review.

Work in Progress

“Power Grabs and Covid-19.” Working paper.

“Former Latin American Presidents: Between Courts and Ballots.” Working paper.

Book Reviews

Hindery, Derrick. *From Enron to Evo* (Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2014). In *Bolivian Studies Journal*, Vol. 20, 2014.

Gootenberg, Paul, and Luis Reygadas, eds. *Indelible Inequalities in Latin America: Insights from History, Politics, and Culture* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2010). In *The Latin Americanist*, 2012, Vol. 56, Issue 2: 191-192.

Other Publications

June 15, 2021. “Bukele y su próximo asalto constitucional.” *Latinoamerica21.com*: <https://latinoamerica21.com/es/bukele-y-su-proximo-asalto-constitucional/>. Also published in *El Mostrador* (online Chilean news outlet) and *Folha de Sao Paulo* (Brazilian Newspaper).

March 6, 2020. “La erosión de la democracia chilena y su potencial reversión.” *El Mercurio Online* (Chilean newspaper): <https://comentarista.emol.com/1840440/11494005/Ignacio-Arana.html>

2019. “To Impeach or Not to Impeach: Lessons from Latin America.” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*: <https://gjia.georgetown.edu/2019/12/13/to-impeach-or-not-to-impeach/>

2018. “Elecciones en Chile 2017: Congreso Remozado, Presidente Repetido.” *Iberoamericana* 18(69): 231-238.

March 28, 2018. “The ‘personal’ versus the ‘institutional’ presidency: An artificial divide” *Presidential Power blog* (British blog): <https://presidential-power.net/?p=7786>

May 5, 2017. “5 lessons from former presidents on making good decisions.” *The Washington Post* online: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/05/05/5-lessons-from-ex-presidents-on-making-good-decisions/?utm_term=.23dc04adbdc

November 2016. “Democracia y matrimonios presidenciales: poca competencia y rotación en la élite política.” *Nueva Sociedad* (Argentinian magazine) 266: <http://nuso.org/articulo/democracia-y-matrimonios-presidenciales/>

February 26, 2016. “Does it matter who the president is? If so, how does it matter?” *Presidential Power blog* (British blog): <http://presidential-power.net/?p=4529>

May 28, 2013. “La discusión constitucional en perspectiva comparada.” *La Tercera* (newspaper).

Original Databases

Presidential Database of the Americas

Biographical and psychometric database about the 315 presidents of the Western Hemisphere who governed from 1945-2012. Psychometric data comes from an online survey completed by experts and contains measures of Big Five personality traits, risk-taking, assertiveness, and dominance. Biographical and other data comes from the expert survey and online and printed sources.

World Leaders Database Project

The first part of the WLDP has unique biographical information about the more than 1,800 heads of government that have governed a country around the world from 1970-2020. The second part will contain psychometric data.

Field Research

Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama July-August 2011
Chile July 2009, January 2012

Consultancy

Chile country expert for the Freedom House's *Freedom in the World* report 2016-
Electoral Observer, Egypt's Presidential Election. Democracy International, Egypt 2014

Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

Provost's Inclusive Teaching Fellowship Award. Carnegie Mellon University 2021-2022
LASA Annual Conference Travel Grant. Latin American Studies Association 2019
APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant. American Political Science Association 2018
Best Graduate from Master in Political Science. University of Chile 2018
Multidisciplinary Research Project Award. Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María 2018
FONDECYT (Chilean government agency). Postdoctoral Award 2015-2017
Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship. CLAS, University of Pittsburgh 2013-2014
International Studies Fund. UCIS, University of Pittsburgh 2013
Richard Cottam Memorial Prize Fund. University of Pittsburgh 2012
Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. University of Pittsburgh 2011-2012
Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2011, 2012-2013
David B. Houston Human Rights and Social Justice in Latin America Award 2010-2011
CLAS, University of Pittsburgh
Graduate Student Researcher, University of Pittsburgh 2009-2010
Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh Summer 2009
Arts & Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2008-2009
Balboa Program Scholarship. Fundación Diálogos (Madrid, Spain) February-August 2008
Visitors Program, European Union (Brussels, Belgium) June 2007

Teaching Experience

Carnegie Mellon University—Pittsburgh
Comparative Political Institutions (graduate) Fall 2016-
Comparative Politics (undergraduate) Spring 2017-
Comparative Presidential Behavior (graduate and undergraduate) Fall 2019
Political Economy of Latin America (graduate and undergraduate mini) Spring 2020
Qualitative Methods in Social Science Research (graduate mini) Fall 2020-
Thesis Proposal Tutorial (graduate mini) Fall 2020-

Carnegie Mellon University—Qatar
Geopolitical Challenges of a Changing Middle East (undergraduate) Fall 2020

Personalized mentorship/advising courses
Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member: 2 students Spring 2021-

<i>Master Thesis Advisor</i> : 4 students	Spring 2019-
<i>Undergraduate Research</i> : 67 students	Spring 2017-
<i>Humanities & Social Science Senior Honors Thesis I&II</i> : 1 student	Fall 2017-Spring 2018
<i>Undergraduate Internship</i> : 1 student	Summer 2019

University of Pittsburgh	
<i>Latin American Political Development</i>	Summer 2014
Teaching Assistant in <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i>	Fall 2012
<i>Latin American Politics</i>	Summer 2011
Teaching Assistant in <i>Comparative Politics and International Organizations</i>	Fall 2010

Professional Service

Neustadt Award Committee member, Presidents & Executive Politics APSA Section 2019

Grant Reviewer, Chile's National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (3)

Article Reviewer: *Comparative Political Studies* (1), *Studies in Comparative International Development* (1), *The Journal of Politics* (1), *Political Research Quarterly* (5), *Journal of Comparative Politics* (5), *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (2), *Latin American Research Review* (3), *Latin American Politics and Society* (6), *Estudios Públicos* (1), *Bolivian Studies Journal* (1), *Revista de Ciencia Política* (2), *International Journal of Social Welfare* (1), *European Political Science* (2), *International Political Science Review* (1), *Revista Pilquen* (1).

Book reviewer: Rowman & Littlefield.

Conference/Workshop Discussant: GIGA (2020), IPSA (2009), MPSA (2013, 2014, 2018, 2019), LASPP (2019).

Conference Chair: APSA (2018), LASA (2015), MPSA (2014, 2018), LASPP (2014)

Carnegie Mellon University	
Search Committee for Assistant Teaching Professor, Assistant Professor, and Postdoctoral Fellow	2021
Dietrich College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion implementation committee	2021-
Academic Review Board and University Disciplinary Committee member	2019-
Master of Science in International Relations and Politics redesign committee	2019
Dietrich College Council Member	2019-

Conference and Workshop Participation

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies. Hamburg, Germany	June 2020
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	2015, 2016, 2019
Latin American Social and Public Policy (LASPP)	2013, 2014, 2019
Chilean Society of Public Policy	2012
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2011, 2012, 2018

Political Psychology APSA pre-conference		2018
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019	
Chilean Political Science Association (ACCP)		2010
International Political Science Association (IPSA)		2009
Euro-Latin American Network of Governability for Development (REDGOB)		2009

Invited Talks

Carnegie Mellon University—Qatar (remote).		October 2020
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (remote). Quito, Ecuador	April & August, 2020	
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Santiago, Chile		December 2019
University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, United States	January 2020, October 2017	
Universidad Diego Portales. Santiago, Chile		May 2016
The European University at Saint Petersburg. Saint Petersburg, Russia		April 2015
Center for Research and Teaching Economics. Mexico City, Mexico		December 2013
Universidad de Santiago de Chile. Santiago, Chile		July 2010

Research Assistance

Research Assistant to Dr. Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, University of Pittsburgh	2009-2011
National Science Foundation project “Supreme Court Stability in Latin America”	
Research Assistant to Dr. Scott Morgenstern, University of Pittsburgh	2009-2011
US Agency for International Development project “Political Party Development”	

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)

Professional Organizations

American Political Science Association, International Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Chilean Political Science Association

References

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán

Professor of Political Science
University of Notre Dame

John Carey

John Wentworth Professor in the Social Sciences
Dartmouth College

David Barker

Professor of Government
American University

Scott Morgenstern

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