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Appointments

2017- Present. *Professor*, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University
2024-25. *Senior Visiting Fellow*, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University.
2018-21. *Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow*, Ohio State University
2009- 2017. *Associate Professor*, Political Science, Ohio State University
2001- 2009. *Assistant Professor*, Political Science, Ohio State University
2001. *Post-Doctoral Fellow*, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame

Education A.B. Political Science, The University of Chicago, June 1993 (with Honors)
M.A. Political Science, Duke University, September 1997
Ph.D. Political Science, Duke University, May 2001

Book 2009. *Social Protection and the Market in Latin America: The Transformation of Social Security Institutions*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Peer-Reviewed

Articles 2026. Financial markets and mass political attitudes: Evidence from the 2022 Brazilian election. *Review of International Political Economy*. 1–32.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2026.2664516> (With Raphael Cunha and Layna Mosley).

2026. Environmental, economic, and geopolitical trade-offs in critical mineral mining projects: Evidence from a conjoint experiment in Argentina, *The Extractive Industries and Society*, Volume 27, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2026.101925> (With Santiago Lacroix Eussler and Erik Voeten).

2022. "Oil 'Rents' and Political Development: What Do We Really Know About the Curse of Natural Resources?" *Comparative Political Studies*. February.
doi:10.1177/00104140211060281 (With Marcus Kurtz).

2022. Sovereign Risk and Government Change: Elections, Ideology and Experience. *Comparative Political Studies*. January. doi:10.1177/00104140211047407 (with Raphael Cunha and Layna Mosley).

2016. "Oil and Democracy: Endogenous Natural Resources and the Political 'Resource Curse'" *International Organization* 70 (2) 279-33. (with Marcus Kurtz).

2015. "Social Protection for the Poorest: The Adoption of Conditional Cash Transfers in the Global South." *Politics & Society* 43 (3) 551-582.
2014. "Categories, Creditworthiness and Contagion: How Investors' Shortcuts Affect Sovereign Debt Markets." *International Studies Quarterly* 59 (3) 587-601 (with Layna Mosley and Raphael Cunha).
2014. "Insecure Democracy: Risk and Political Participation in Brazil." *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 76, No. 4. (October).
2012. "Paths to Financial Policy Diffusion." *International Organization*. Vol. 66, No. 1, Winter. (With Marcus J. Kurtz).
2011. "Conditioning the 'Resource Curse': Globalization, Human Capital and Growth in Oil-Rich Nations." *Comparative Political Studies*. June. (With Marcus J. Kurtz).
2008. "Embedding Neoliberalism in Latin America" *World Politics*. Vol. 60, No. 2, Winter: 231-280. (With Marcus J. Kurtz)
2007. "Capital, Trade, and the Political Economies of Reform" *American Journal of Political Science*. 51, 4, October: 703-720. (With Marcus J. Kurtz).
2007. "When Does Diffusion Matter? Explaining the Spread of Structural Pension Reforms across Nations" *Journal of Politics*. 69, 3, August: 701-715.
2007. "Globalization and Pension Reform in Latin America" *Latin American Politics and Society*, Winter: 31-62.
2005. "Interdependent and Domestic Foundations of Policy Change: The Diffusion of Pension Privatization around the World." *International Studies Quarterly* Vol. 49, 2: 273-294.
2004. "Explaining Capital Account Liberalization in Latin America: A Transitional Cost Approach" *World Politics*, Vol. 56, 3, April: 389-430.
- 2002, June. "Social Protection and Economic Integration: the Politics of Pension Reform in an Era of Capital Mobility." *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 35, 5: 491-525.
 Reprinted in, 2003. *Reforma da Previdência Social na América Latina: Estudos em Política Comparada*, Vera Schattan, Ed. São Paulo, Brazil: Fundação Getúlio Vargas.
1998. "Social Protection in a Global Economy: The case of pension reform in Latin America", *Law and Business Review of the Americas*. Vol. IV, No.2: 91-119.

Chapters and Editor-Reviewed Publications

2023. "The politics of social protection in the Global South." Ch. 3 in, *Handbook on social protection and social development in the Global South*. Edward Elgar.

2016. "Natural Resources and Economic Development in Brazil." In *Dilemmas of Developmentalism and Democracy in Brazil*, Ed., Ben Ross Schneider. London: Oxford University Press. (With Marcus Kurtz).

2013. "Interview Research and IRBs: Navigating the Regulations for the Ethical Treatment of Human Subjects in Social Science Field Research." In Layna Mosley, ed. *Interview Research in Political Science*, Cornell University Press.

2012. "Unequal Democracy: How Insecurity Affects Democratic Politics" In Affolderbach, Julia, Du Bry, Travis, Gonzalez, Olga L. and Parra, Constanza (eds.), *Reinforcing Governance: Global Perspectives on Development, Poverty, and Crises*. Peter Lang.

2010. "South America's 'Sleeping Giant' Wakes: Brazil's 2010 Election" *Origins, eHistory Journal*, vol 4 issue 3 (December).

2011. "Social Security." In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by George Thomas Kurian. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

2006. "Lashed to the Mast: The Political Economy of Notional Defined Contribution Pensions," in R. Holzmann and E. Palmer, Eds. *Pension Reform: Issues and Prospects for Non-Financial Defined Contribution (NDC) Schemes* Washington, D.C.: The World Bank. (With R. Kent Weaver).

2004. "International Financial Institutions and the Diffusion of Foreign Models of Social Security Reform in Latin America" in Kurt Weyland, Ed. *Learning from Foreign Models in Latin American Policy Reform*. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, and Johns Hopkins University Press.

2001. "The Political Economy of Pension Reform," in *New Ideas About Old Age Security: Toward Sustainable Pension Systems in the 21st Century*, Robert Holzmann & Joseph Stiglitz, Eds. Washington, DC: The World Bank (with Estelle James.)

Reprinted in, 2001. *A Economia Política da Reforma da Previdência*. Coleção Previdência Social, Volume 9. Brasília, Brazil: Ministério da Previdência e Assistência Social.

1998. "Catholic Activism in the 1990's: New Strategies for the Neoliberal Age," in *Latin American Religion in Motion: Tracking Innovation, Unexpected Change, and Complexity*, Christian Smith and Joshua Prokopy, Eds. New York: Routledge.

1998. “The Catholic Church in Latin America: From Privilege to Protest,” (with Christian Smith) in *Latin America: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. New York: Peter Lang.

Work in Progress & Under Review

“Green Industrial Policy and the Geopolitics of Investment in Critical Minerals and Batteries.” (with Erik Voeten)

“Welcome Goods, Unwelcome Workers: Regional Factor Abundance and the Globalization Backlash in Southern Africa” (with Soohyun Cho)

“Insecurity traps: Democratic participation and government accountability in a violent democracy” (with Jared Edgerton)

“Support for redistribution in young democracies: Evidence from South Africa” (with Cameron Macaskill and Marianne Sandvad Ulriksen)

“Microfoundations of the Resource Curse: Evidence from Mexico” (with Miguel Garza Casado and Marcus Kurtz)

“Strategic Debt Management: How Governments Shape Peer Networks in Sovereign Bond Markets” (with Jared Edgerton and Layna Mosley)

Research Awards and Honors

2018. *Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow*. Award for excellence in scholarship in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University.

2014-15. *Fulbright Scholar*. Seven-month faculty research grant, Center for Social Development in Africa at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, January – July 2015.

2013. *Research Scholarship*. Gerda Henkel Stiftung. “Insecure Democracy: Risk and Political Engagement in South Africa.” \$125,000.

2011. *Faculty Research Grant*. Mershon Center for International Security Studies. “Insecure Democracy: Violence and Political Behavior in South Africa.” \$20,000.

2010. *Seed Grant*, Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University. “Insecure Democracy: Violence and Political Behavior in Brazil.” \$12,801.

2010. *Faculty Research Grant*, Mershon Center for International Security Studies. “Insecure Democracy: Violence and Political Behavior in Brazil.” \$34,000.

2009. *Faculty Research Grant*, “Political Dimensions of Economic and Civil Insecurity

in Brazil.” \$29,364.

September, 2006. *Best Paper Award*. Presented for the best paper in Political Economy Section presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association annual meeting (with Marcus Kurtz).

January, 2002. *University Seed Grant*, Ohio State University grant to investigate social policy reforms in Latin America.

January, 2002. *Nomination for Gabriel Almond Award* for the best dissertation in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association.

Jan.-May, 2001. *Post-Doctoral Fellowship*, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame.

July-Dec., 2000. *Visiting Research Scholar*, Institute for US-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego.

1999-2000. *Stern Dissertation Year Fellowship*. Winner of single fellowship awarded in university-wide competition for dissertation writing, Duke University.

1998-99. *Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship*, grant to fund dissertation research in Latin America, October, 1998- June, 1999.

1998. *Dissertation Research Grant* to fund research in Argentina, from Sawyer Seminar on Globalization and Equity, Duke University.

1998. *Instituto Rio Branco Research fellowship* Ministry of Foreign Relations, Brazil.

1997. *Ford Foundation Fellowship* for summer dissertation research in Peru.

1997. *Fellowship for summer research* in Peru, Duke University Center for International Studies and the Graduate School.

1996. *Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship* for the study of Portuguese language in Brazil, June-July.

1996. *Pre-dissertation research travel grant*, Ford Seminar in Integrative International Studies.

1996. *Pre-dissertation research travel grant*, Mellon Foundation, Duke University Latin American Studies.

1995-1996. *Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship*, Duke University, for the yearlong study of Portuguese language.

1995. *Pre-dissertation research travel grant*, Mellon Foundation, Duke University Latin American Studies. Research was carried out in Peru, summer 1995.

1994-95, 1995-96, 1997-98. *Fellowship*, Department of Political Science Duke University.

1993. Graduation with *General Honors* in the College, *Special Honors* in Political Science, The University of Chicago.

1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93: *Dean's List*, The University of Chicago.

Teaching

PS 7380 Graduate Seminar in International Political Economy.

PS 7280, Graduate Seminar in Comparative Political Economy.

PS 1200 Introduction to Comparative Politics.

PS 740, Graduate Seminar in Latin American Politics.

PS 597.02, Problems of the Contemporary World: Social Insurance Politics.

PS H597.02, Honors Seminar: Problems of the Contemporary World: Social Insurance.

PS 540.02, Brazilian Politics.

PS780, The Field of Political Economy.

PS 694, Distributive Politics and Social Provision

PS 580, State and Economy.

PS H100/H1200. Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics.

PS 1200 Introduction to Comparative Politics (online)

Extended Field Research Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, and Uruguay.

Languages Spanish and Portuguese (proficient).

Professional Service & Leadership

Disciplinary Leadership:

2025. *Chair, Theda Skocpol Emerging Scholar Award committee*, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association.

Associate Editor, *The American Journal of Political Science*, May 2018-June 2019.

Division Co-Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries (with Tariq Thachil)
The American Political Science Association.

Steering Committee Member. International Political Economy Society. 2014- 2020.

2020, 2023. *Selection committee, Best Paper in International Relations. Midwest Political Science Association.* Chair: Christopher Gelpi.

Section Chair, Comparative Political Economy (Section 15). Midwest Political Science Association 2015-16.

Committee Member, 2015-16 MPSA Awards Committee - Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for the Best Paper in Comparative Politics. John Ishiyama, Chair.

Division Co-Chair, Political Economy, American Political Science Association, 2016 Annual Meeting. With Alberto Simpser.

Executive Council, Comparative Politics Section, 2015-16, American Political Science Association

Panelist: National Science Foundation, 2013, 2015. Doctoral Dissertation Research Selection Panel, Washington D.C.

Division Co-Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Heinz I. Eulau Award Committee, 2013-14. American Political Science Association, selection committee for the best articles published in *APSR* and *Perspectives on Politics* during 2013. Edward Mansfield, Chair.

Division Chair, International Collaboration, American Political Science Association, for 2012 Annual Meeting.

Track co-Chair, “States, Markets and Political Economy,” *Latin American Studies Association*, 2012-13. With Marcus Kurtz.

“Best Paper” *Award Committee*, Political Economy Division, 2010-11.

Governing Council, Political Economy organized section of the American Political Science Association. 2007-08, 2008-09.

William Riker Award Committee for the Best Book in Political Economy. 2005.

Initiative For Policy Dialogue. Task Force on Pensions and Social Insurance; participant in mission to Brazil on the invitation of President Lula da Silva to discuss public sector pension reform. 2001-2003.

Editorial Boards:

American Journal of Political Science, 2019- 2023.

British Journal of Political Science 2020 – present.

International Studies Quarterly, 2014- 2022.

Cambridge University Press, Series in Business and Politics 2017-2020.

Socio-Economic Review, 2016-2020.

The Journal of Politics, 2009-11; 2011-13; 2013-14.

Regions and Cohesion, Bergahn Publishers. 2010-present.

University Service:

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2019- 2024

Arts and Sciences Graduate Studies Oversight Committee, 2019- 22

Study Abroad Fellowship Selection Committee, 2015.

Honors & Scholars Program Faculty Oversight Committee, 2009-2014.

Mershon Center Faculty Oversight Committee, 2013-14.

Institutional Review Board, 2009-2012.

Brazil Faculty Gateway Advisory Committee, 2009-2016.

Center for Latin American Studies, Ohio State University:

CLAS Oversight Committee, (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16.)

FLAS Selection Committee (2010)

Master's Program Development Committee (2008-9)

Tinker Grant Award Committee (2004, 5).

Co-organizer, Brazil Working Group (2011-present)

Undergraduate Fulbright Review Panel for Ohio State campus interviews. 2009, 2013.

Interdisciplinary Service:

Institute for International Education. National Screening Panel for Fulbright Student Research Grant in Brazil and Bolivia: 2013, Brazil and Mexico: 2015.

Regional Integration and Social Cohesion. OSU Institutional Representative and Co-Chair: Working Group on the Quality of Democracy and Governance.

Social Science Research Council. Reviewer: International Dissertation Research

Fellowship: 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09; *Screeners*: 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12.

Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Canada. Reviewer.

Membership:

American Political Science Association
International Political Economy Society
International Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association