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EDUCATION

- HARVARD UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, CAMBRIDGE, MA
PHD, *POLITICAL SCIENCE* 2016-PRESENT
FIELD EXAMS: COMPARATIVE, AMERICAN, DEMOCRATIZATION (FOCUS FIELD)
DISSERTATION: GATECRASHERS AND GATEKEEPERS: WHY POPULISTS WIN
ELECTIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY
- UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE, OXFORD, UNITED KINGDOM
MPHIL, *LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES* JUNE 2016
THESIS: *WHO VOTES FOR – AND AGAINST – POPULISTS: THE CASE OF THE
2006 PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION* (DISTINCTION)
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY HARVARD COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, MA
BA (GOVERNMENT), *SUMMA CUM LAUDE*, HIGHEST HONORS IN FIELD, *PHI BETA KAPPA* MAY 2014
SECONDARY: *ECONOMICS*; CERTIFICATE: *LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES*
THESIS: *POPULISM AND CONSUMPTION IN CONTEMPORARY PERU*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2019 (WITH ALBERTO VERGARA). "PRESIDENTS WITHOUT ROOTS: UNDERSTANDING THE PERUVIAN PARADOX." *LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES*, 47, NO. 1 (SEPTEMBER).
- 2016 (WITH ALBERTO VERGARA). "DELEGATIVE DEMOCRACY REVISITED: PERU SINCE FUJIMORI." *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*, 27, NO. 3 (JULY): 148-157.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2018. "THE LIMITS OF CONFLICT-BASED PARTY BUILDING: DEMOCRACY WITHOUT PARTIES IN GUATEMALA AND PERU." PAPER PREPARED FOR THE *XXXVI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION*, 23-26 MAY. BARCELONA, SPAIN.
2016. "DEMOCRATIC BREAKDOWNS IN THE ANDES: POPULISM AND POPULARITY." PAPER PREPARED FOR THE *XXXIV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION*. 27-30 MAY. NEW YORK, NY.
2015. "NON SEDUCING INSTITUTIONS AND THE CHALLENGE OF INCLUSION: THE PERUVIAN PRECARIOUS EQUILIBRIUM" (WITH ALBERTO VERGARA). PAPER PRESENTED FOR *LIBERAL AND SOCIAL INCORPORATION: IS THERE A TRADE-OFF?*, THE DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA, MAY 6, 2015.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2018 (WITH SCOTT MAINWARING, FERNANDO BIZZARRO, AND MARIA VICTORIA DE NEGRÌ). "PARTY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONALIZATION IN DEMOCRACIES". *OXFORD BIBLIOGRAPHIES*.

2014. "DRIZZLING PROTEST: WHY LIMEÑOS DON'T TAKE TO THE STREETS." *REVISTA: HARVARD REVIEW OF LATIN AMERICA*, FALL ISSUE.

GRANTS, HONORS, AND DISTINCTIONS

KRUPP FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP – MINDA DE GUNZBURG CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2020). \$28,000 GRANT FOR EXTENDED FIELDWORK IN ITALY (DECLINED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC).

JORGE PAULO LEMANN FELLOWSHIP – COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2020). \$10,000 GRANT FOR EXTENDED FIELDWORK IN BRAZIL.

BRAZIL CITIES RESEARCH GRANT (JOINT WITH FERNANDO BIZZARRO) – DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2020). \$6,500 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL).

BRAZIL RESEARCH GRANT – DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2020). \$6,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL).

GRADUATE STUDENT AFFILIATE WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2020). \$4,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL, ITALY, AND PERU).

COMMENDATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY TEACHING. OFFICE FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION, HARVARD COLLEGE (2020). FOR "FLEXIBILITY," "CREATIVITY," AND "COMPASSION" IN GOVERNMENT 62 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

GRADUATE STUDENT AFFILIATE WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2019). \$3,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL AND ITALY).

LEMANN GRADUATE RESEARCH GRANT BRAZIL STUDIES PROGRAM – DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2019). \$3,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL).

CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION IN TEACHING. BOK CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, HARVARD UNIVERSITY. OUTSTANDING TEACHING FOR GOVERNMENT 20 (FALL 2018), GOVERNMENT 1295 (SPRING 2019).

GRADUATE STUDENT AFFILIATE WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2018). \$2,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL).

TRAVEL GRANT DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2018). \$2,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL).

TRAVEL GRANT DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2017). \$3,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL).

HONORABLE MENTION, NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (2016).

TRAVEL GRANT LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (2016). CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS.

STUDENT TRAVEL AND RESEARCH GRANT ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015, 2016). £250 FIELDWORK (2015) AND £400 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE (2016) GRANTS.

CLARENDON SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2014-16). TUITION AND LIVING EXPENSES.

SANTANDER ACADEMIC TRAVEL AWARD UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015). £1,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (PERU).

FULBRIGHT OPEN STUDY/RESEARCH AWARD. ARGENTINA (2014; DECLINED). PROJECT: *DEMOCRACY UNDER THE KIRCHNERS.*

WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2013-14). UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATE, \$5,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (PERU).

JOHN HARVARD SCHOLAR HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2010-11, 2011-12). OUTSTANDING MARKS.

DETUR BOOK PRIZE HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2011). OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR MARKS.

TEACHING

TEACHING FELLOW (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

GOVERNMENT 62: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS (SPRING 2020)

GOVERNMENT 1295: COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA (SPRING 2019)

GOVERNMENT 20: FOUNDATIONS OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS (FALL 2018)

DEPARTMENTAL WRITING FELLOW (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

GOVERNMENT 97: SOPHOMORE TUTORIAL (SPRING 2019, SPRING 2020)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING

DANNY RAGHEB, JOINT NEUROSCIENCE-GOVERNMENT THESIS (AY19-20)

CONCENTRATION ADVISING. ASSIGNED ACADEMIC ADVISOR FOR GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATORS IN:

LEVERETT HOUSE (2017-PRESENT)

WINTHROP HOUSE (2016-PRESENT)

DEPARTMENTAL AND STUDENT SERVICE

RESIDENT TUTOR LEVERETT HOUSE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2017-PRESENT). ASSISTANT SENIOR TUTOR: SOPHOMORE ADVISING COORDINATOR (2018-PRESENT).

NON-RESIDENT TUTOR WINTHROP HOUSE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2016-2017).

GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AREA STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015-16). STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE.

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015-16). STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE.

CLARENDON SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015). VICE PRESIDENT.

GRADUATE COMMON ROOM ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015-16). SECRETARY (SPRING 2015), TREASURER (FALL 2015), WEBMASTER (SPRING 2016).

PEER CONCENTRATION COUNSELOR DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2012-14). STUDENT ADVISOR TO UNDERGRADUATE CONCENTRATORS.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2018-19)

STEVEN LEVITSKY DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2012, 2013, 2014, 2017-18).

JULIE HRUBY DEPT. OF CLASSICS, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE (2014-15).

TIMOTHY POWER LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2015).

JORGE DOMINGUEZ DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2014, 2015).

CARLOS CABALLERO CAF FELLOW, LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (2014).

DEBORAH NICHOLS. DEPT. OF ANTHROPOLOGY, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE (2014).

JORGE DOMINGUEZ, CHIARA SUPERTI DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2014).

MELISSA SANDS DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY. (2014).

EDUARDO DARGENT CIENCIAS SOCIALES, PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DEL PERU (2013).

PAULA MUÑOZ CIENCIAS POLÍTICAS, UNIVERSIDAD DEL PACÍFICO, PERU (2013).

ALBERTO VERGARA BANTING FELLOW, DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2013).

JOHN CAREY, YUSAKU HORIUCHI DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE (2013).

HARIS TABAKOVIC DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL (2012-13).

TOM WOLLMANN DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL (2012).

SEBASTIAN MAZZUCA DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2011-12).

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH (NATIVE); SPANISH (ADVANCED/ RESEARCH PROFICIENT); PORTUGUESE (ADVANCED/RESEARCH PROFICIENT); ITALIAN (RESEARCH PROFICIENT).

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE: R (EXPERIENCED); STATA (PROFICIENT).

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: PHP (EXPERIENCED); ML (EXPERIENCED); HTML/CSS (EXPERIENCED); EXCEL (EXPERIENCED); MYSQL (PROFICIENT); JAVASCRIPT (PROFICIENT); C (PROFICIENT); PYTHON (BASIC).