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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: OUTSIDERS,
ESTABLISHMENTS AND DEMOCRACY 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

FORTHCOMING. BROWN, COLIN M., SARAH E. JAMES, MATTHEW REICHERT, GEORGE SOROKA, AND AARON WATANABE. "SETTING EXPECTATIONS: RUBRICS AS A FORMATIVE TOOL FOR COMMUNICATING IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES." *COLLEGE TEACHING*.

2019. VERGARA, ALBERTO AND AARON WATANABE. "PRESIDENTS WITHOUT ROOTS: UNDERSTANDING THE PERUVIAN PARADOX." *LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES*, 47, NO. 1 (SEPTEMBER).

2016. VERGARA, ALBERTO AND AARON WATANABE. "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 AND FELLOWSHIPS

- FULBRIGHT-HAYS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH ABROAD FELLOWSHIP, *US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (2023)*. \$47,479 GRANT FOR 2024 FIELDWORK IN BRAZIL AND PERU.
- SHELDON TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP, *COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2023)*. \$32,000 TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP FOR AY23-24 FIELDWORK IN BRAZIL, ITALY, AND PERU.
- MIDDLEBROOK RESEARCH GRANT, *DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2023)*. \$5,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL, PERU) AY23-24.
- SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT, *DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2023)*. \$4,400 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL, PERU) FOR SUMMER 2023.
- JORGE PAULO LEMANN FELLOWSHIP, *COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2023)*. \$5,000 GRANT FOR EXTENDED FIELDWORK IN BRAZIL AY23-24.
- MID-DISSERTATION GRANT, *WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2023)*. \$3,500 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL, ITALY, AND PERU).
- SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT, *DAVID ROCKEFELLER CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2021)*. \$3,000 FIELDWORK GRANT.
- KRUPP FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP, *MINDA DE GUNZBURG CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2021)*. \$14,500 GRANT (INTENDED FOR FIELDWORK IN ITALY BUT USED AS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN CAMBRIDGE, MA DUE TO COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS).
- FULBRIGHT-HAYS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH ABROAD FELLOWSHIP, *US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (2020)*. \$33,362 GRANT FOR EXTENDED FIELDWORK IN BRAZIL AND PERU (DECLINED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC).
- 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; DECLINED)*. \$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).
- MID-DISSERTATION GRANT, *WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2020)*. \$4,000 FIELDWORK GRANT (BRAZIL, ITALY, AND PERU).

PRE-DISSERTATION GRANT, 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).

PRE-DISSERTATION GRANT, 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).

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).

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

SID VERBA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING. DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2023). "GIVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT'S TEACHING FELLOWS WHO HAVE MADE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS' EDUCATIONS."

CHERYL B. WELCH THESIS ADVISING AWARD. DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2021). FOR ADVISING STARR RHEE'S THESIS "GRAND DIVISIONS: SCHOOL DISTRICT FRAGMENTATION IN SHELBY COUNTY, TN."

CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION IN TEACHING. BOK CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, HARVARD UNIVERSITY. OUTSTANDING TEACHING FOR GOVERNMENT 20 (FALL 2018), GOVERNMENT 1295 (SPRING 2019), GOVERNMENT 62 (SPRING 2022).

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

HONORABLE MENTION, NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (2016).

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

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

TEACHING AND ADVISING

TEACHING FELLOW (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

GOV 62: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS, PROF. FRANCES HAGOPIAN (SPRING 2020, SPRING 2022, SPRING 2023)

SSCI-495: ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS, DR. CHASE HARRISON (FALL 2022)

SSCI-S495: ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS, DR. CHASE HARRISON (SUMMER 2022)

GOV 1295: COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA, PROF. STEVEN LEVITSKY (SPRING 2019)

GOV 20: FOUNDATIONS OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS, PROF. STEVEN LEVITSKY (FALL 2018)

DEPARTMENTAL WRITING FELLOW (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

GOV 20: FOUNDATIONS OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS (FALL 2020)

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

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

DOMINIC CATURELLO, GOVERNMENT THESIS (AY22-23)

PHIROZE PARASNIS, GOVERNMENT THESIS (AY20-21)

STARR RHEE, GOVERNMENT THESIS (AY20-21)

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

CONCENTRATION ADVISING. ACADEMIC ADVISOR FOR GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATORS IN:

LEVERETT HOUSE (2017-2021, 2022-23)

WINTHROP HOUSE (2016-2021)

DEPARTMENTAL AND STUDENT SERVICE

RESIDENT TUTOR LEVERETT HOUSE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2017-2023). ASSISTANT SENIOR TUTOR: SOPHOMORE ADVISING COORDINATOR (2018-2021), TUTOR SUPPORT (2022-2023).

POLITICAL SCIENCE PREP PROGRAM, DEPT. OF GOVERNMENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY. PANELIST AND MATERIAL REVIEWER (2021, 2022).

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*).