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## ACADEMIC

APPOINTMENTS Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2020 to present)

Assistant Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago (2016-2020)

Democracy Postdoctoral Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2014-2016)

EDUCATION **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ

Ph.D., Politics and Social Policy (2014)

M.A., Politics (2011)

**New York University**, New York, NY

B.A., Politics and Latin American Studies, 2005

Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude

BOOK *Authoritarian Police in Democracy: Contested Security in Latin America*, Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press

## PUBLICATIONS

“Participation as a Safety Valve: Police Reform Through Participatory Security in Latin America.” 2019. *Latin American Politics and Society* 61(2): 68-92.

“The Social Origins of Institutional Weakness and Change: Preferences, Power, and Police Reform.” 2019. *World Politics* 71(1): 44-87.

“‘What citizens can see of the state’: Police and the construction of democratic citizenship in Latin America.” 2017. *Theoretical Criminology* 21(3): 494-511.

“Varieties of Participatory Security: Assessing Community Participation in Policing in Latin America.” 2016. *Public Administration and Development*, 36: 132-143.

WORKING  
PAPERS

“Reforming to Avoid Reform: Strategic Policy Substitution and the Reform Gap in Policing” *Under review*

“Security and the City: Latin America’s Mayors and the Decentralization of Policing”

“Mobilizing the Grassroots against Human Rights: The Dark Side of Participatory Security in São Paulo” (with Lindsay Mayka)

“Institutions and Identity: Racial Classification and Affirmative Action in Brazil”

FELLOWSHIPS  
AND AWARDS

University of Chicago Big Ideas Generator Seed Grant 2020

University of Chicago Women’s Board COVID-19 Response Grant 2020

University of Michigan Poverty Solutions Midwest Mobility from Poverty Network Grant 2020

Center for International Social Science Research, Faculty Research Grant, University of Chicago (declined) 2020-2021

Chicago Community Trust, Responsive Grant 2018

Center for Health Administration Studies, Seed Grant, University of Chicago 2018

Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, Faculty Research Project Award, University of Chicago 2018

Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society Collaborative Research Grant, University of Chicago 2017

William Pollak Award for Excellence in Teaching, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago 2017

Drugs, Security, and Democracy Dissertation Fellowship, Social Science Research Council and Open Society Foundations 2011-2012

Dissertation Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University 2011-2012

Fulbright Fellow. Buenos Aires, Argentina 2006

Sherborne Vernon Damerel Memorial Award, College of Arts and Science, New York University 2005

Presidential Honors Scholarship, New York University 2001-2004

Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund Grant, New York University 2004

CONFERENCES  
AND INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

“Reimagining/Reinventing Police” Conference, University of Chicago (July 2020)

“Race and Police Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean,” Marx Global Insights, Baruch College, CUNY (July 2020)

Political Science Department Colloquium Series, Florida International University (February 2020)

Chicago Office of the Inspector General, Public Safety Division (September 2019)

American Bar Foundation Research Seminar (April 2019)

Latin American Workshop, Northwestern University (April 2019)  
 Urban Inequality Workshop, Boston University (December 2018)  
 Crucial Conversations Series, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (December 2018)  
 Societies Under Stress Workshop: Investigating the Relationship between Welfare and Penal Policies, The Ohio State University (December 2018)  
 Urban Inequality Workshop, University of Chicago (November 2018)  
 “Bodies, Culture, and Political Participation: Experiences of Women’s Struggle Against State Violence,” Federal University of São Paulo-Baixada Santista, Center for Human Rights, Santos, Brazil (October 2017)  
 “The Social Origins of Institutional Weakness and Change: Preferences, Power, and Police Reform,” Fundação Getúlio Vargas School Public Administration, São Paulo, Brazil (September 2017)  
 “Mothers’ Struggle Against State Violence in the Americas,” State University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (September 2017)  
 “Why Police Reform Often Fails,” University Institute of the Argentine Federal Police, Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 2017)  
 Performance of Democracy Workshop, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford (May 2017)  
 The Subnational State in Latin America, Universität von Amsterdam, The Netherlands (March 2017)  
 Criminalizing States: Law and Politics in the Making of Inequalities in Latin America, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (October 2016)  
 REPAL (Red Latinoamericana de Economía Política), MIT (June 2016)  
 Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies Seminar, University of Toronto (November 2015)  
 Latin America Working Group, MIT, (October 2015)  
 Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University (October 2015)  
 Political Science Workshop, University of Turku, Finland (October 2015)  
 International Conference on the Politics and Management of Policing Reform, Taiwan (August 2015)  
 Brazil Institute Seminar, King’s College London (July 2015)  
 Political Science Department Seminar, University of Massachusetts Lowell (Spring 2015)  
 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2013, paper presenter.  
 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2015 (Paper presenter), 2014 (Paper presenter), 2013 (Paper presenter and discussant), 2011 (Paper presenter).  
 International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, 2016 (Paper presenter and discussant), 2015 (Paper presenter), 2013 (Paper presenter).  
 Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism Graduate Workshop, University of Pennsylvania. Paper presenter. Fall 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género (ELA), Buenos Aires, Argentina  Research Assistant April-Aug 2008</p> <p>ANDHES (Abogados y Abogadas del NOA en Derechos Humanos y Estudios  Sociales) Jujuy, Argentina</p> <p>Coordinator, Police, Society, and Democracy Program 2007-2008</p> <p>Asociación por los Derechos Civiles, Buenos Aires, Argentina</p> <p>Research assistant, Legislative Monitoring Program 2006</p> <p>New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY</p> <p>Project Associate, Bill of Rights Defense Campaign 2003-2006</p>
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June  2011</p> <p>Seminar on Participatory Budgeting, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias So-  ciales (FLACSO-Argentina), Buenos Aires, Argentina, August-October 2006</p>
FOREIGN LANGUAGES	<p>Portuguese (Brazilian), fluent; Spanish, fluent</p>