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Employment

Assistant Professor of Political Science 2026 -
DePaul University Chicago, IL, USA

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Interamerican Policy and Research 2024 - 2026
Tulane University New Orleans, LA, USA

Education

Ph.D. in Peace Studies and Political Science 2018 - 2024
University of Notre Dame South Bend, IN, USA

- Gabriel A. Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association
- Fields: Peace Studies, Comparative Politics, American Politics

Masters in International Security 2014 - 2017
Sciences Po Paris, France

- *Cum Laude* Distinction

Bachelors in Latin American Studies 2011 - 2014
Sciences Po Paris, France

- *Cum Laude* Distinction

Refereed Journal Publications

1. Peace Scholarship and the Local Turn. Hierarchies in the Production of Knowledge about Peace. 2024. *Journal of Peace Research* (with Caroline Hughes, Anna Johnson, Sehrazat Mart, and Mark Robison).
2. The Political Legacies of Exile: How Inclusive Reception Policies Shape Refugee Long-Term Political Engagement. 2026. Online first at *Comparative Political Studies*
3. What Do Rebels Provide? How Social and Territorial Control Shape Rebel Governance in War (with Hannah Early-Bagdanov). Conditionally accepted at *Civil Wars*.

Book Reviews

1. Omar Sanchez-Sibony (ed.). State-Society Relations in Guatemala: Theory and Practice. Lanham: Lexington Books, *Latin American Politics and Society*, 2023.

Book Project

From Civilians to Citizens: Indigenous Claim-Making in the Shadow of Guatemala's Armed Conflict.
Book workshop in June 2026

Under Review

1. Human Rights or Criminals' Rights? Crime, Violence, and the Popular Delegitimization of Human Rights in Latin America (with Regina Bateson)
2. Challenges and Practicalities of Research Designs in Subnational Research (with Gonzalo Contreras Aguirre, Javier Pérez Sandoval and Eugenia Aguirre)
3. A cause without rebels or rebels without a cause? Trajectories of Post-Conflict Remobilization in Guatemala and Colombia (with José Gutierrez Danton and Nina Caspersen)

Work in Progress

1. The Economic Foundations of Illicit Power: DTO Strategies and Their Political Consequences in Guatemala (with Diego Romero).
2. Criminal El Dorado: How the Resource Boom Shaped Organized Crime in Latin America (with Moises Arce)
3. Survival Scripts: The Cultural Determinants of Civilian Survival during Wars
4. Beyond Greed: The Political Effects of Criminal Governance

Awards and Fellowships

Seal of Academic Excellence - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
European Commission 2026

Gabriel A. Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics
American Political Science Association 2025

Civil War Paths Fellowship (Non-residential)
Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War, University of York, UK 2023-2024

Doctoral Fellowship (Residential)
The Montreal Centre for International Studies, Université de Montréal, Canada 2023

Richard and Peggy Notebaert Premier Fellowship
University of Notre Dame 2018-2023

John Darby Fellowship
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame 2018-2019

Predoctoral Fellowship
Centre for International Studies, Sciences Po Paris, France 2017-2018

Public Engagement

1. What Venezuela Can Learn from Guatemala's Democratic Transition, op-ed in *The National Interest*, 11 June 2026
2. Who Has the Edge in Guatemala's Presidential Race?, Featured Q&A, Latin America Advisor, The Dialogue, 11 April 2023
3. La Juridiction Spéciale pour la Paix colombienne: juge impartial ou institution politisée?, *Délibérée* 9(1),2021.
4. *La participación de las víctimas en el Sistema integral de verdad, justicia, reparación y no repetición*, Comisión Colombiana de Juristas, Serie 'Las víctimas en el centro del Acuerdo', Bogotá: Colombia. 2017. (with Cielo Linares and Juan Carlos Ospina)

Teaching

DePaul University
Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate) Fall 2026
Latin American Politics (undergraduate) Fall 2026

University of Notre Dame
Instructor of Record:
Post-Conflict Politics (undergraduate), course evaluation: 4.9/5 Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant:
World Politics: Intro to Comparative Politics Fall 2021
Instructor: Andy Gould

Peacebuilding and Policy Advocacy (Masters of Global Affairs) Spring 2019
Instructor: David Cortright and Gerard Powers

Intro to Peace Studies (undergraduate) Fall 2019
Instructor: Erin Corcoran

Teaching Awards

Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, University of Notre Dame 2022

Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Notre Dame 2021

Thesis Supervision

William Andrés Mesa Cardenas, International Evaluator, PhD Thesis, Universidad de Salamanca 2025

Dinah Lawan, External Advisor, Senior Thesis, University of Notre Dame 2022

Pedagogical Training

Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Notre Dame

- *Certificate:* Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching 2019
- *Training:* Ten Workshops on College Pedagogy 2018-2023

Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Tulane University

- Custom Chatbots (GPTs) for Course Instruction 2026
- AI for Course Design, Assessment, and Student AI Use 2026

Invited Talks

Harvard Democracy and Political Violence Workshop
Harvard University September 2, 2026

Conflict and Change Seminar
University College London May 20, 2026

Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop
Yale University April 16, 2026

Northeast Political Economy Conference
Bravo Center, Brown University October 3, 2025

Rising Scholars Workshop on Comparative Politics in Latin America
Nuffield College, Oxford, United Kingdom March 10-11, 2025

Navigating the data with macro research projects
The Truth Commission's Transmedia Platform
Colombian Truth Commission, online webinar March 15, 2024

Building Relationships through Community-Driven Research
Lucy Institute for Data and Society,
University of Notre Dame, IN, United States March 4, 2024

Can Refugee Autonomy Increase Post-Conflict Political Participation?
Central American Politics Consortium Workshop
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, United States January 10, 2024

Contested Truths: How Post-Conflict Reconciliation Can Help Us Navigate the COVID Crisis
Night of Ideas, French Consulate in Chicago, IL, United States May 12, 2023

Field Chronicles: Opening the Black Box of Fieldwork,
McGill University, Montréal, Canada March 21, 2023

Travel Grants and Other Awards

Newcomb Institute Faculty Grant, Tulane University *$ 4,962* 2025
European International Studies Association Mobility Fund *€400* 2024
Travel Grant, Central American Politics Consortium, Tulane University *$400* 2024
Kroc-Kellogg Legacy Project Award, University of Notre Dame *$2,500* 2023
Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame *$4,000* 2023
Political Science Graduate Program Small Research Grant, University of Notre Dame *$1,000* 2023
Kroc Institute Research Excellence Fund, University of Notre Dame *$3,000* 2023
Kellogg Institute Graduate Research Grant, University of Notre Dame *$6,991* 2023
Summer Research Grant, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame *$2,000* 2021
Summer Research Grant, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame *$2,000* 2020
Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, University of Notre Dame (declined due to COVID-19) *$500* 2020
Summer Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts University of Notre Dame *$3,000* 2019
Summer Research Grant, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame *$1,354* 2019

Conference Presentations

American Political Science (APSA) 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025
International Studies Association (ISA) 2020, 2022, 2026
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2021, 2024, 2026
European International Studies Association (EISA) 2024
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) 2024
PeaceCon, Alliance for Peacebuilding 2024
Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL) 2025
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2025, 2026
Conflict Research Society (CRS) 2025

Additional Methods Training

Sentiment and Topic Analysis in Python
Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Tulane University — Spring 2026

Supervised Machine Learning
Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Tulane University — Spring 2026

Field Research Mini-Course
Advancing Research on Conflict Consortium, Oxford University, UK — Summer 2025

Designing and Running Randomized Evaluations Certificate
Massachusetts Institute of Technology — Fall 2024

Quantitative Text Analysis
Lucy Institute for Data and Society, University of Notre Dame — Spring 2024

Policy and Practice Institute
Keough School of International Affairs, University of Notre Dame — Spring 2022

Multi-method research, Bayesian Reasoning for Qualitative Research, Social Network Analysis, Field Research
The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Syracuse University — Summer 2021

Rational Choice, Social Networks Analysis I
Introduction to Computing (STATA, SPSS, SAS), Python
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
University of Michigan — Summer 2020

Other Academic and Professional Activities

Coordinator, Central American Politics Consortium
Tulane University, LA, USA 2024-present

Research Associate, Violence and Transitional Justice Lab
University of Notre Dame, IN 2021-present

Editorial Assistant, Latin American Research Review (LARR) 2020-2021

Research Associate, Notre Dame Violence and Transitional Justice Lab (V-TJLab), directed by Guillermo Trejo 2019-present

Research Assistant, Centre d'Études et de Recherches Internationales (CERI)
Sciences Po Paris, France 2016-2017

Advocacy Support Researcher, Advocacy Department
Comisión Colombiana de Juristas Bogotá, Colombia 2016

Languages

French (native), English (full proficiency), Spanish (full proficiency), Portuguese (full proficiency), Arabic (limited proficiency)

References

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