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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor**, Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz 2017-
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico 2014-2017

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill** 2014
Major Field: Comparative Politics Minor Field: Methodology
M.A. in Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2010
B.A. in International Relations, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires 2005

BOOKS

- Uneven Social Policies: The Politics of Subnational Variation in Latin America*
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2018
Measuring Regional Authority with L. Hooghe, G. Marks, A. Schakel, S. Osterkatz, and S. Shair
Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016

REFEREED ARTICLES

- “Participatory Social Policies: Diverging Patterns in Brazil and Bolivia”**
with S. Anria *Latin American Politics and Society* (61, no. 2, 115-137) 2019
“The RAI travels to Latin America: Measuring regional authority under regime change”
with S. Osterkatz, L. Hooghe, G. Marks *Regional and Federal Studies* 2018
“Argentina 2017: la dinámica intertemporal de la reestructuración económica”
with C. Freytes *Revista de Ciencia Política* (38, no.2,125-158) 2018
“Changing Systems of Social Protection in the Context of the Changing Political Economies since the 1980s” with E. Huber *Ciência & Saúde Coletiva* (23, no.7,2085-2094) 2018
“Virtues and pitfalls of subnational comparison” with L. Hooghe, G. Marks, A. Schakel, S. Osterkatz, and S. Shair *Territory, Politics, Governance* 2018

“Decentralization and Democratic Participation: The Effect of Subnational Self-Rule on Voting in Latin America and the Caribbean” with A. Stoyan *Electoral Studies* (52, 26-35) 2018

“Social Policies and Center-Right Governments in Argentina and Chile”
with J. Pribble *Latin American Politics and Society* (59, no.3, 72-97) 2017

“Mixed-Methods Research in the Study of Welfare States” with D. Nunnally
PS: Political Science and Politics (50, no.4, 1028-1030) 2017

“Social Policies, Attribution of Responsibility, and Political Alignments. A Subnational Analysis of Argentina and Brazil” *Comparative Political Studies* (49, no.4, 457-498) 2016

- REPAL Annual Conference Best Paper Prize (2015)

“Social Movements and Social Policy: The Bolivian Renta Dignidad” with S. Anria *Studies in Comparative International Development* (51, no.3, 308-327) 2016

“Trust in Government Institutions: The Effects of Performance and Participation in the Dominican Republic and Haiti” with A. Stoyan, J. Morgan, J. Hartlyn, and R. Espinal *International Political Science Review* (37, no.1, 18-35) 2016

“Social Policy Commitment in South America. The Effect of Organized Labor on Social Spending from 1980 to 2010” *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (7, no.2, 3-43) 2015

“The Effect of Organized Civil Society on Social Policy Reform. Pension and Health Reforms in Argentina and Brazil (1988-2008)”
Latin American Politics and Society (56, no.4, 22-48) 2014

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Emerging Welfare States in Latin America and East Asia” with E. Huber In S. Leibfried et.al. eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Transformations of the State* 2015

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“How Political Science Explains Countries’ Reactions to COVID-19” with Agustina Giraydy and Jennifer Pribble *Americas Quarterly* (Translated to Portuguese) 2020

Book review of When Democracies Deliver: Governance Reform in Latin America By Katherine Bersch and Movement-Driven Development: The Politics of Health and Democracy in Brazil By Christopher L. Gibson *Perspectives on Politics* (18, no.1, 296-298) 2020

Book review of Un imán de bienestar en el sur? Migración y política social en Costa Rica by Koen Voorend
Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos, Universidad de Costa Rica (45, 709-712) 2019

“A turning point in argentine politics: demands for change and territorial cleavages in the 2015 presidential election” with Carlos Freytes *Regional and Federal Studies* (26, no.3) 2016

Book review of Crafting Policies to End Poverty in Latin America: The Quiet Transformation by Ana Lorena De La O *Latin American Politics and Society* (58, no.2) 2016

“Soziale Sicherungssysteme in Lateinamerika und Ostasien: Hin zu einer universellen Grundsicherung?” with Evelyne Huber *Zeitschrift fuer Sozialreform* (59, Heft 2, S 255-274) 2013

Book review of Wealth, Health, and Democracy in East Asia and Latin America by James McGuire *Critical Reviews on Latin American Research* (3, 63) 2013

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Re-conceptualizing Social Policy Expansion and Retrenchment: Latin America after the Commodity Boom” with J. Pribble

“Comparative Social Policy and Immigration in Latin America” with K. Voorend

“The Literature on the Expansionary Wave of Social Policy in Latin America (2000-2013)” with C. Arza, R. Castiglioni, J. Martinez Franzoni, J. Pribble, and D. Sanchez-Ancochea

“Social Policy and State Capacity in Latin America: A Subnational Perspective” with J. Pribble

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2020 Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (\$55,000)

UCSC [Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation Sprout Grant](#) (\$10,300)

Summer Mercator Visiting Fellow, CRC Global Dynamics of Social Policy, University of Bremen (\$18,000) (postponed due to Covid-19)

2019 Hellman Fellows Program (\$15,000)

UCSC [Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation Seed Grant](#) (\$2,500)

UCSC [Committee on Research \(COR\) Faculty Research Grant \(FRG\)](#) (\$2,000)

APSA Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs, Marguerite Ross Barnett Fund (\$2,500)

2018 University of Costa Rica grant for Co-Directing [PolSoc](#) (\$20,000)

2016 Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program at the National Science Foundation through PolMeth for Mixed Methods Research Workshop (\$7500)

“Social Policies, Attribution of Responsibility, and Political Alignments” and **“Regional Self-Rule and Voting Participation in Latin America”** (with A. Stoyan)
Voted “Papers of the Month” at MLGWatch

Proyecto ANPCYT- PICT 2427-2012: El rol de los gobernadores en la formación de la coalición legislativa del presidente. El caso argentino (2003-2012). Instituto Gino Germani (UBA)

2015 [REPAL Annual Conference Best Paper Prize](#), Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina

[Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Award in Social Sciences](#), Graduate School, UNC-CH

2014 [Junior Fellowship Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst, Germany](#) (Declined)

[Decentralization and Subnational Governance Best Paper LASA Prize](#)

2013- [Dissertation Completion Fellowship](#), Graduate School, UNC-CH
2014

2013 [Mellon Conference Travel](#), Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-CH

[Summer Research Fellowship](#), Graduate School, UNC-CH

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Conference Student Fellowship

2012 American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference Travel Grant

2011- [ERC Grant# 249543](#) ‘Causes and Consequences of Multi-level Governance’
2012

2011 [Off-campus Dissertation Research Fellowship](#), Graduate School UNC-CH

[Institute for Qualitative and Muti-Methods Research](#), Tuition Grant, Syracuse

Uhlman Summer Fellowship Award, Department of Political Science, UNC-CH

Prothro Award for Best Master’s Thesis, Political Science Department, UNC-CH

European Research Council Fellowship, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

2009 [Pre-Dissertation Field Research](#), Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-CH

2008- [Fulbright Scholarship, Argentina](#)

2010 [Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship](#), Graduate School, UNC-CH

2004 Japan International Cooperation Agency Fellowship to Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020

Immigrants Access to Social Protection in Latin America (with K. Voorend)
LASA, Guadalajara (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Social Policy Expansion and Retrenchment in Latin America (with J. Pribble)
Red Temática Política Social, Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

2019

Immigration and Social Policy
Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research, Mexico City

Re-conceptualizing Social Policy Expansion and Retrenchment (with J. Pribble)
Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político, Buenos Aires

Social Policy in Latin America after the Commodity Boom (with J. Pribble)
La Derecha y Las Políticas Sociales en América Latina, Chile

2018

Latin American Social Policy after the Commodity Boom
Global Dynamics of Social Policy, Bremen

Book Presentation: Uneven Social Policies
REPAL, Bogotá

Social Policy and State Capacity in Latin America: A Subnational Perspective
with J. Pribble. LASA, Barcelona

2017

Social Policies and Center-Right Governments in Argentina and Chile with J. Pribble
APSA, San Francisco

Mixed Methods in Political Science (Chair)
Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research, Riverside

Updating the Regional Authority Index
Causes and Consequences of Multilevel Governance, Chapel Hill

2016

Mixed Methods in the Study of Welfare States with David Nunnally
Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research, Tucson

Community, Scale and Regional Governance and Regional Authority in Latin America
with Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks, Arjan Schakel, Sandra Chapman, and Sarah Shair-rosenfield
APSA, Philadelphia

An Analysis of Multilevel Social Policies and Political Alignments
ISA Forum of Sociology, San Jose, Costa Rica

The Participatory Politics of Social Policies: Bolivia and Brazil with S. Anria
Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL), Boston

Social Movements, Social Policy, and the Bolivian Renta Dignidad with S. Anria
LASA, New York

Panel: Negotiating Race, Ethnicity, and Identity in the Field (Moderator)
UNM, Albuquerque

2015

Mixed-Methods and Multilevel Case Studies: Social Policies in Argentina and Brazil
Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research, Albuquerque

Regional Self-Rule and Voting Participation in Latin America with A. Stoyan
APSA, San Francisco

Panel: Policy and Accountability in Multilevel Systems (Discussant)
European Consortium for Political Research, Montréal

Social Policies, Attribution of Responsibility, and Political Alignments
Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL), Montevideo

2014

Decentralization and Democratic Participation: The Effect of Regional Self-Rule on Voting in Latin America and the Caribbean with Alissandra Stoyan. MPSA, Chicago

Decentralization and the Politics of Service Delivery
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Albuquerque

The Uneven Implementation of Health Care in Decentralized Countries. The Case of Brazil's Primary Health Policy. APSA, Washington DC

Cash Transfers, Healthcare, and Partisan Alignments. A Statistical Analysis of States in Brazil and Argentina. LASA, Chicago

2013

Mixed-Methods and Multilevel Research Design. An Analysis of Four States and Eight Municipalities in Argentina and Brazil. APSA, Chicago

Protección social en múltiples niveles territoriales. Políticas de transferencia y de salud en Argentina y Brasil. Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político, Entre Rios

How Our Measure Compares. Validation of the Regional Authority Index
Arjan Schakel, Gary Marks, and Sarah Sahir-Rosenfield. Conference of Europeanists, Amsterdam

Social Policy Performance in Multi-level Contexts: The Cases of Brazil and Argentina. LASA, Washington D.C.

2012

Protección Social en Países Descentralizados. Los Casos de Argentina y Brasil
Congreso Uruguayo de Ciencia Política, Montevideo

Regional Authority in Latin America: Analysis of 27 Countries (1950-2010)
with Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks and Sandra Chapman Osterkatz. APSA, New Orleans

Social Protection on Multiple Levels. Non-Contributory Social Policies in Mendoza and San Luis. ISA Forum of Sociology, Buenos Aires

Regional Authority in Latin America with Sandra Chapman Osterkatz, Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks. Causes and Consequences of Multilevel Governance, Amsterdam

The changing nature of social protection in developing countries: Latin America, East Asia with Evelyne Huber. [Transformations of the State, Chapel Hill](#)

The Effect of Organized Civil Society Groups on Social Policy Reform. Pension and Health Reforms in Argentina and Brazil (1988-2008). APSA, Seattle

2011

Dualization in Argentina. Social Protection and Labor Markets, Chapel Hill

Trust in Government Institutions. The Dominican Republic and Haiti
with Alissandra Stoyan, Jonathan Hartlyn, Jana Morgan, Rosario Espinal. MPSA, Chicago

2010

Latin American Regional Authority Index with Sandra Chapman Osterkatz, Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks. Causes and Consequences of Multilevel Governance, Berlin

Social Protection in Argentina. Social Protection and Labor Markets: Latin America and Southern Europe Compared, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino

Social Spending in South American Democracies

North Carolina Political Science Association, North Carolina Central University, Durham

INVITED TALKS

2020

Book presentation: “Uneven Social Policies”

Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Book presentation: “Uneven Social Policies”

Bremen University, Germany (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Book presentation: “Políticas sociales desiguales (Uneven Social Policies)”

Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Uruguay (Virtual Presentation)

Book presentation: “Políticas sociales desiguales (Uneven Social Policies)”

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, Peru (Virtual Presentation)

2019

Book discussant: “Non-Policy Politics by E. Calvo and M. V. Murillo”

Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Departamento de Ciencia Política y Estudios Internacionales

Book presentation: “Uneven Social Policies”

Tulane University, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR)

2018

Book presentation: “Uneven Social Policies”

UCSC, Latin American and Latino Studies Graduate Students’ Colloquium

Guest lecture: “Neoliberalism and its Consequences ”

UCSC, Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies

Book presentation: “Políticas Sociales Desiguales ”

UCSC, El Coloquio de Spanish Studies

Book presentation: “Políticas sociales desiguales (Uneven Social Policies)”

Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Departamento de Ciencia Política y Estudios Internacionales

“Implementación Desigual de Políticas Sociales en América Latina”

Universidad de San Andrés, Departamento de Ciencias Sociales

2017

“Uneven Social Policy Implementation”

Villanova University, Department of Political Science

2016

“Service Provision in Decentralized Contexts: Argentina and Brazil”

Brown University, Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI)

“Multilevel Social Policies and Politics in Latin America”

University of Miami, Department of Political Science

2015

“La Política y las Políticas a Nivel Subnacional: Reflexiones sobre Argentina y Brasil”

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales

“Políticas Sociales en Argentina y Brasil: Con Etiquetas o sin Oposición”

Departamento de Ciencia Política y Estudios Internacionales, Universidad Torcuato di Tella

“Introduction to STATA” Escuela de Invierno de Métodos, Universidad Católica del Uruguay

2014

“Mixed-Methods Research Design for the Study of Social Policy Implementation in Argentina and Brazil” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, UNM

2013

“Social Policy Implementation, Federalism, and Partisan Alignments”

Department of Political Science, Marquette University

Social Protection across Multiple Levels of Governance. Non-contributory

Cash Transfers and Healthcare in Argentina and Brazil Uhlman Seminar, UNC-CH

2012

“Ciclos de Debates: Sistemas de Proteção social no Brasil e na Argentina”

Núcleo de Estudos e Pesquisas em Política Social, Brasília

“Proteção social em países descentralizados. Os casos de Argentina e Brasil”

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre

2010

“Argentina’s Contemporary History, Politics and Society”

Guest Lecturer UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School. Prof. David Hartzell

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Cruz - Instructor

Latin American Politics (Graduate)

2020

Latin American Politics (Undergraduate)

2018, 2019

Doing Research (Qualitative Methodology, Undergraduate)

2019

The Politics of Social Policies (Undergraduate)

2018, 2019

Senior Seminar on Latin American Social Policy (Undergraduate)

2018, 2019

University of New Mexico - Instructor

Political Development in Latin America (Undergraduate)	2015, 2016, 2017
Comparative Politics (Undergraduate)	2016, 2017
Latin America's Big Three: The Politics of Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico (Undergraduate)	2016
Comparative Welfare States (Graduate)	2015
Pro-Seminar in Latin American Politics (Graduate)	2014, 2016

METHODS TRAINING

Ordinary Least Squares Regression
Time Series and Pooled-time Series Analysis
Maximum Likelihood Estimation
Game Theory
Qualitative Methods: Fuzzy Sets, field-research, comparative historical analysis, and process tracing
Statistical Packages & Applications: R, Stata, \LaTeX

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native
English: Near Native
Portuguese: Advanced
Italian: Intermediate
Japanese: Basic. Intensive Course in Keio University, Tokyo (Spring 2004)

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Chair, APSA qualitative and multi-method section (2020)
Series Co-editor, Latin American Political Economy, Palgrave Macmillan (2020)
Co-Director, [Red Latinoamericana de Análisis de Política Social](#) (2018-)
Committee Member, Best Book and Article Award, Asociación Uruguaya de Ciencia Política (AUCiP) (2019)
Co-Chair, LASA Section on Subnational Politics & Society (2016-2018)
Committee Member, REPAL Annual Conference Best Paper Prize (2016)
Co-organizer, Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research (2015-)
Member, Advisory Board: [mlgwatch](#) (2015-)

Service to the University of California, Santa Cruz

Reviewer, [Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant](#), Research Center for the Americas (2020-)
Member, Blum Center Advisory Board (2018-)
Member, UCDC Program (2017-)

Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

Member, Colloquium Committee (2019-Present)
Organizer, IR/Comparative Working Group (2018-2019)
Member, Undergraduate Committee (2017-Present)
Member, Undergraduate Awards Committee (2017-2020)

University of New Mexico

Member, University Press Committee (2015-2017)
Member, Grants and Awards Committee at Latin American and Iberian Institute (2014-2015)
[Senior Fellow at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy](#) (2014-2017)
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee, Latin American Studies (2015)

Advising - Doctoral Students

- Watanabe Farro, Alejandra (in progress). Committee Member
- Ganis, Alberto (in progress). Committee Member
- Vera-Adrianzen, Fiorella (in progress): "Reparative Justice from the Ground: A Grassroots Framework to Access Reparation Effectiveness" Political Science Department, University of New Mexico, Committee Member
- Prieto, Juan Diego (2019): "Nudging the State: Economic Hotspots, Societal Coalitions, and State Territorial Reach in Colombia". (Politics Department, UC Santa Cruz, Committee Member)
- Proctor, Kimberly (2016): "Becoming Gay: The Formation and Meaning of LGBT Political Identity". Political Science Department, University of New Mexico, Committee Member

REVIEWER

Cambridge University Press (Book Reviewer)	World Development
American Political Science Review	Revista de Ciencia Política
The Journal of Politics	Democratization
Comparative Politics	Journal of Policy History
Comparative Political Studies	Public Finance Review
British Journal of Political Science	Critical Reviews on Latin American Research
State Politics and Policy Quarterly	Colombia Internacional
Latin American Politics and Society	Bulletin of Latin American Research
Political Research Quarterly	Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics
Publius: The Journal of Federalism	The Latin Americanist
Studies in Comparative International Development	Routledge
European Journal of Political Research	
Perspectives on Politics	
Policy Studies Journal	
Public Choice	

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
International Sociological Association (ISA, RC19)
Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL)
Southwest Workshop of Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR)