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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
• [Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award in Social Sciences](#) (2015)
- 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 Forthcoming 2018
- Measuring Regional Authority* with L. Hooghe, G. Marks, A. Schakel, S. Osterkat, and S. Shair
Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016

REFEREED ARTICLES

- [“The RAI travels to Latin America: Measuring regional authority under regime change”](#)
with S. Osterkat, 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. Osterkat, 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 Alissandra Stoyan *Electoral Studies* (52, 26-35) 2018

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

“Mixed-Methods Research in the Study of Welfare States” with David 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 Santiago 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 Alissandra Stoyan, Jana Morgan, Jonathan Hartlyn, and Rosario 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 Evelyne Huber In Stephan Leibfried et.al. eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Transformations of the State* 2015

“El acceso al agua en Argentina” with Fairstein *In Derecho al Agua* Spain: Prosalus 2008

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“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

“Social Policies and Attribution of Responsibility in Argentina and Brazil” *Panoramas* 2016

“When Can Governments make Structural Reforms to their Health and Pension Systems?” *Panoramas* 2014

“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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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](#)

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

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

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

- 2011 [Off-campus Dissertation Research Fellowship](#), Graduate School UNC-CH
[Institute for Qualitative and Multi-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

2018

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

2018

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”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Cruz - Instructor

The Politics of Social Policies (Undergraduate) *2018*
Latin American Politics (Undergraduate) *2018*

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*

University of North Carolina - Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate) *2013*
Contemporary Politics in Latin America (Undergraduate) *2009-2011*

Universidad Torcuato di Tella - Teaching Assistant

Politics and Society in Latin America (Undergraduate) *2005-2007*
Contemporary International Economic Problems in Asia Pacific (Undergraduate) *2005-2006*

TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics	Qualitative and Mixed Methods
Latin American Politics	Introduction to Stata
Welfare States	Introduction to Statistics
Multilevel Governance	Time Series and Pooled Time Series

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, L^AT_EX

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

Co-Director, [Red Latinoamericana de Análisis de Política Social](#) (2018-)
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-)

Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

Member, Undergraduate Committee (2017-2018)
Member, UCDC Program (2017-)
Member, Dissertation Committee Juan Diego Prieto (2017-)

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)
Coordinator, Diplomacy Lab Project on Economic Prosperity and Democracy (2014)

Department of Political Science, University New Mexico

Member, Executive Committee (2016-2017)
Member, Dissertation Committees Kimberly Proctor and Fiorella Vera-Andrianzen (2015-)
Chair, M.A. Committee (2016-2017)
Member, M.A. Committees (2014-2017)
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee, Comparative Politics (2016)
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee, Methods (2016)

REVIEWER

Cambridge University Press (Book Reviewer)	Revista de Ciencia Política
American Political Science Review	Democratization
The Journal of Politics	Journal of Policy History
Comparative Politics	Public Finance Review
Comparative Political Studies	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	The Latin Americanist
Publius: The Journal of Federalism	
Studies in Comparative International Development	
European Journal of Political Research	
Perspectives on Politics	
Policy Studies Journal	
Public Choice	

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)	Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	Asociación Uruguaya de Ciencia Política (AUCiP)
International Sociological Association (ISA)	International Political Science Association (IPSA)