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Education

Washington University in St. Louis

Ph.D. Political Science, expected 2027

Dissertation: Land and Resource Nationalism in the Politics of Foreign Direct Investment

Committee: David Carter (chair), Amy Pond, Guillermo Rosas, Ted Enamorado, Timm Betz

University of Southern California

B.A. International Relations (Hons.), 2017

Minor Business Finance

Sciences Po Paris

Education Abroad Program, January-June 2015

Articles

Working Papers

- Sowing Discontent: Unpacking Public Opposition to Land-Intensive FDI.
- Historical Border Changes and Contemporary Public Health Outcomes. (with David Carter and Matthew Gabel)
Revise and Resubmit, *International Studies Quarterly*.

Works in Progress

- The War of the Triple Alliance and the Gendered Reshaping of Paraguayan Society. (with Alex Avery)
Invited to submit to a special issue on gender and violence in Latin America at *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.
- Local Legitimacy Beyond Global Compliance.
- From the Fields to Foreign Markets: How Ethnic Minority Representation Transforms Trade Policy.
- State-Centric and State-Facilitated Territorial Threats: How Individuals Evaluate Territorial Issues. (with David Carter)
- Ground Rules: The Politics of Land Access. (with Hannah Loeffler and Amy Pond)
- How Historical Border Instability Affects Patterns of Economic Innovation. (with David Carter)

Grants & Awards

- Department Research Grant (\$5,000)

2024

- Department Travel Grant (\$500) 2024
- Weidenbaum Center Small Grant with David Carter (\$15,000) 2023

Conference Presentations

APSA (2025)
 AMEL-ISA (2025)
 MPSA (2024, 2025)
 SPSA (2025)
 IPES (2024)

Teaching

Lecturer

Introduction to Python (G) Summer 2024
 Led graduate-level Python workshop, integrating lectures and labs on programming fundamentals and data analysis for Political Science.

Teaching Assistant

International Political Economy (UG) Spring 2025
 Amy Pond

Business and Politics (UG) Fall 2024
 Timm Betz

Causal Inference (G) Spring 2024
 Christopher Lucas

Quantitative Political Methodology II (G) Fall 2023
 Jacob Montgomery

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG) Spring 2023
 Guillermo Rosas

Data Science for Politics (UG) Fall 2022
 Jacob Montgomery

Skills & Additional Training

Languages: Spanish and English (Native), French (Fluent), Guarani and Portuguese (Novice)

Software Proficiency: R, Python, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, SQL, Tableau

Workshop Participation: Geospatial Summer Workshop (2024), Text as Data Summer Workshop (2023)

Non-Academic Employment

Cerner Corporation, Kansas City, USA

Data Analyst, 2018 - 2021

Centro de Análisis y Difusión de la Economía Paraguaya (CADEP), Asunción, Paraguay

Research Intern, 2017 - 2018