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## Education

- In progress Harvard University, Cambridge MA  
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government
- 2015 Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA  
M.A., International Policy (International Political Economy)
- 2011 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
B.S. Human and Organizational Development, Spanish

## Dissertation

- In progress *Machine [Gun] Politics*.  
My dissertation book project investigates why politicians cooperate with criminal groups. In it, I propose a theory of "opportunistic cooperation" that explains why this electoral strategy can be election-winning with a low probability of punishment for some politicians. I use a mixed methods approach to analyze different forms of politician-criminal relationships within Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## Publications

### WORKING PAPERS

- 2021 "Why Limiting Police Use of Lethal Force Led to Broad Decreases in Violence in Rio de Janeiro." *Under Review*.
- 2020 "Organized Crime and Voter Mobilization."
- 2019 "The World Cup and the Spatial Distribution of Violence."

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 "How Should Lava Jato End?" (with Matthew Stephenson). In *Corruption and the Lava Jato Scandal in Latin America*, Paul Lagunes and Jen Svenjar (eds.), Routledge.

## IN PROGRESS

- 2020 “The Industrial Organization of Bribery: Evidence from Peru’s Fujimori Regime.”  
2018 “Criminal Political Order in Battleground Neighborhoods.”

## NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

### *Policy Briefs*

- 2020 “[Corruption and Marginalisation](#).” *Transparency International Anti-Corruption Helpdesk*.  
July 8, 2020.  
2020 “[Corruption and Unsolicited Proposals: Risks, Accountability, and Best Practices](#).” *Trans-*  
*parency International Anti-Corruption Helpdesk*. January 15, 2020.  
2019 “[Best Practices in Civilian Oversight and Whistleblower Protection in the Armed Forces](#).”  
*Transparency International Anti-Corruption Helpdesk*, March 07, 2019.  
2016 “[Development of Peru’s Asparagus Industry](#).” *Leadership Academy for Development*. Stan-  
ford, CA: CDDRL Publications.  
2015 “[Administrative Decentralization in Peru](#).” *Leadership Academy for Development*. Stan-  
ford, CA: CDDRL Publications.

*My writing on crime and corruption has also appeared on the [Global Anticorruption Blog](#).*

## Grants

### EXTERNAL

- 2018 Corporación Andino de Fomento (CAF) - Corruption and Prevention Policies in Latin  
America (\$10,000)

### INTERNAL

- 2020 Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative (\$5000)  
2020 Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$2500)  
2020 The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Cities Initiative (\$5000)  
2018 Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative (\$5000)  
2018 The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$2000)  
2017 Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$3000)  
2017 The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$2500)  
2017 The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies - Brazil Cities Initiative (\$2500)  
2016 The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (\$1900)  
2014 Stanford Global Studies Perspectives Research Award (\$2000)

## Honors and Awards

- 2019 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Writing Fellowship  
2019 Finalist in ISI/Esri International ArcGIS Student Competition

2018 Jorge Paulo Lemann Traveling Fellowship  
 2013-14 Stanford Humanities and Sciences Fellowship  
 2012 David L. Boren National Security Fellowship  
 2012 Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, Guatemala (declined)  
 2007-2011 Ingram Scholar, Vanderbilt University

## Presentations

### INVITED TALKS

2020 “How Should Lava Jato End?” panelist at the *Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Law and Economics Association*  
 2020 “The Growth of the Right in Rio de Janeiro’s Informal Settlements,” *The Return of the Right in Brazil: Politics and Society – Brazil Studies Program, Harvard University*  
 2019 “Corrupção e Currais Eleitorais,” *Universidade de São Paulo, Universidade de Brasília, Professional Development workshop at State Deputy Renan Ferreirinha’s cabinet (PDB-RJ)*  
 2018-2019 “Criminal Shocks and Campaign Concentration,” *Legal and Economic Research Seminar at Fundação Getúlio Vargas - Rio de Janeiro, CAF Seminar on Corruption and Prevention Policies*

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 “Criminal Shocks and Campaign Concentration,” *15th Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network*  
 2018 “The World Cup and the Spatial Distribution of Violence,” *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*  
 “Criminal Political Order in Battleground Neighborhoods.” *Brazilian Studies Association Annual Meeting XIV*  
 2016 “Defection in Authoritarian Legislatures: Evidence from the Fujimori Regime in Peru.” *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*  
 Invited discussant for “The Real Winner’s Curse,” by Fergusson, Querubin, Ruiz-Guarin, and Vargas. *Northeastern Workshop in Empirical Political Science*  
 “Buying Votes or Buying Legislators: Predicting Small-Scale vs. Large-Scale Corruption.” *Latin American Studies Association International Congress XXXIV*

## Teaching

Spring 2020 **Gov 97: The Politics of Organized Crime (Sophomore Tutorial)**  
 Teaching Fellow, with Professor Ryan Enos, Harvard University  
 I developed my own syllabus on organized crime and lectures for the semester that integrated the required material (research skills for sophomore concentrators) with substantive material.  
 Topics: structure and organization of criminal groups, comparing organized crime to different types of political violence, causes and consequences of organized crime

Summer 2018-2020 **Gov P-16120: Space Matters: How Geography Affects Politics**  
 Head Instructor, Harvard Pre-College Program

- Topics: Long-run economic development, inequality and geography, electoral districting, war and insurgent conflict
- Spring 2018 **Gov 1290: Comparative Democratization**  
Teaching Fellow, with Professor Steven Levitsky, Harvard University  
Topics: Pathways to democracy, collapse of democracy, third wave democratization, competitive authoritarianism, resilient authoritarian regimes
- Fall 2017 **Gov 2000: Quantitative Methods for Political Science**  
Teaching Fellow, with Professor Xiang Zhou, Harvard University  
Topics: probability, random variables, hypothesis testing, linear regression, diagnostics
- Winter 2015 **IPS 206: Applied Statistics for Policy**  
Teaching Assistant, with Professor Bobby Gulotty, Stanford University  
Topics: linear regression, model diagnostics, introduction to generalized linear models and time series

## Other Affiliations

- 2019-present Graduate Student Affiliate, *Weatherhead Center for International Affairs*
- 2016-present Graduate Student Associate, *Institute for Quantitative Social Science*

*Member in the following professional associations:*

American Political Science Association, Brazilian Studies Association, Latin American Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Urban Violence Research Network

## Service

### DISCIPLINE

- 2020 Reviewer for: *Journal of Politics*

### DEPARTMENTAL

- 2020-2021 Committee member of the Verba Lecture Series
- 2019-2020 Committee member for the Graduate Student Poster Session
- 2019 - present Mentor in peer mentor program for first year graduate students
- 2018-2019 Co-Organizer of Fieldwork Methods and Training Workshop
- 2018-2019 Member of Subcommittee on Teaching and Training in the Departmental Climate Change Committee (CCC)
- 2016-2017 Graduate Co-coordinator of the Comparative Politics Speaker Series

## General Skills

Computing: ArcGIS, Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata  
Language: fluent Portuguese and Spanish

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