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## Education

- 2018 Ph.D. in Political Science, Expected: Spring  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Major field: Comparative Politics, Minor fields: Public Policy, Methodology  
*Dissertation: "Policy Reform, Political Parties and Organized Interests: Universalization of Healthcare in Latin America" (Evelyne Huber, chair)*  
*Committee: Evelyne Huber (chair), Frank R. Baumgartner, Jonathan Hartlyn, John D Stephens, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo*
- 2014 M.A. in Political Science  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2011 B.A. (honors) in Political Science  
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

## Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, Public Policy, Social Policy, Latin American Politics, Comparative Political Economy, Political Parties, Representation

## Publications

"Decisiones de política pública en una democracia sin partidos: el caso del 'SOAT médico'" (Public Policy Decisions in a Democracy without Parties: the Case of 'SOAT Médico'), *Politai Revista de Ciencia Política* 3, no. 5 (2012): 181-192.

*Drogas y política carcelaria en el Perú* (Drugs and Prison Policy in Peru) with Jérôme Mangelinckx and Juan Manuel Torres. Lima: Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos, CIDDH, 2012.

## Manuscripts under Review

"Healthcare Reform out of Nowhere? Policy Reform and the Lack of Programmatic Commitments in Peru" (Article). *Submitted August 2017*

## Manuscripts in Preparation

"Gender, Electoral Rules, and Political Representation: Field Experiments from Europe and Latin America" with Gabriele Magni (Article). *Target submission date: November 2017*

"Healthcare and the Public-Private Mix in Mexico, Chile and Peru" (Chapter in edited volume, *The Oxford International Handbook of Public Administration for Social Policy*). *Target submission date: December 2017*

"Two Paths to Reform: Political Parties and Technocrats in Latin American Healthcare Policy" (Article). *Target submission date: January 2017*

"Party-Voter Policy Congruence: Rethinking its Relationship to Clientelism" (Article). *Target submission date: February 2018*

## Fellowships and Awards

2017-2018 Academic Year Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC Graduate School.

2017 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Award, UNC Department of Political Science.

2016 Mellon Summer Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas.

2016 Spring Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School.

2015 Matthew J. Burbank Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School.

2015 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Award, UNC Department of Political Science.

2014 Tinker Foundation Summer Pre-dissertation Field Research Grant, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas.

2014 Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Award, UNC Department of Political Science.

2011 Best Undergraduate Thesis in Political Science and Government, School of Social Sciences at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

2011 Award for Highest GPA upon Graduation in Political Science and Government, School of Social Sciences at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

## Travel Grants

2018 Prestage-Cook Travel Award, to attend the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA).

2017 Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award, to attend the 1st Annual Mini-Conference of the Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium (SeLAB).

2017 Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Conference Travel Grant, National University of Singapore, to attend the International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP).

2017 Mellon Conference Travel Award, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas, to attend the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

2017 Whit Ayres Fund for Graduate Student Support, UNC Department of Political Science, to attend the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA).

2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant, to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA).

2015 American Political Science Association Fund for Latino Scholarship, to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA).

2015 Mellon Conference Travel Award, UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas, to attend the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

2015 Whit Ayres Fund for Graduate Student Support, UNC Department of Political Science, to attend the Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política (ALACIP)

2013 American Political Science Association Fund for Latino Scholarship, to travel to Lima for preliminary fieldwork.

## Conference Presentations

"Two Paths to Reform: Political Parties and Technocrats in Latin American Healthcare Policy." Annual Mini-Conference of the Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium (SeLAB), Atlanta, October 13, 2017.

"The Role of Political Parties as Policymakers: Health Reform and Programmatic Commitments in Latin America." International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Singapore, June 28-30, 2017.

"Electoral Rules, Gender, and Legislators' Responsiveness: Field Experiments from Europe and Latin America." (with Gabriele Magni). General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Milan, June 22-24, 2017.

"The Role of Political Parties as Policymakers: Health Reform and Programmatic Commitments in Latin America." International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Lima, April 28-May 1, 2017.

"Policy Reform and Programmatic Commitments: The Role of Political Parties as Policymakers in the Peruvian Health Reform." Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 6-9, 2017.

"Institutional Environment and Responsiveness of MPs: Field Experiments from Latin America and Europe." (with Gabriele Magni). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2016.

"Transactional Representation: Rethinking Party Congruence and its Relationship to Clientelism." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, September 3-6, 2015.

"Transactional Representation: Rethinking Party Congruence and its Relationship to Clientelism." International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Juan, May 27-30, 2015.

"The Politics of Health Reform in Latin America: Agenda Setting and Decision Making in Chile and Peru." Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política (ALACIP), Lima, July 22-24, 2015.

"Democratic Accountability: Clientelism and Issue Congruence in Latin America." Political Accountability Workshop, Duke University, May 6-7, 2014.

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, "POLI 238: Contemporary Latin American Politics," UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant, "POLI 238: Contemporary Latin American Politics," UNC Chapel Hill, Evelyne Huber, Fall 2016.

Graduate Research Consultant, "POLI 238: Contemporary Latin American Politics," UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2015.

Teaching Assistant, "POLI 238: Contemporary Latin American Politics," UNC Chapel Hill, Cecilia Martínez-Gallardo, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

Teaching Assistant, "POLI 130: Introduction to Comparative Politics," UNC Chapel Hill, Andrew Reynolds, Spring 2014.

Teaching Assistant, "Academic Research in Political Science," Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Spring 2012.

## Research Experience

Field Research in Chile, Mexico, and Peru, August 2015-July 2016.

Research Assistant for Evelyne Huber and John Stephens, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2015.

Lateral Coding for the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project, Spring 2014.

Research Assistant for Cecilia Martínez-Gallardo, UNC Chapel Hill, Fall 2012-Fall 2013.

Researcher at the Center for Drugs and Human Rights Research (CIDDH), Lima, Peru, November 2011-June 2012.

Research Assistant for the Office of Congressman Daniel Robles, Lima, Peru, March-December 2010.

## Service

Reviewer, Latin American Research Review.

Graduate Coordinator, UNC Chapel Hill-Duke University Working Group on Latin American Politics, Fall 2014-Spring 2015.

## Skills

### *Languages*

Spanish, native

English, fluent

Portuguese, advanced

French, intermediate

### *Statistical Packages and Applications*

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## Additional Training

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Syracuse University, Summer 2015.

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

European Political Science Association (EPSA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP)

## References

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