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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Government
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Current Employment

Department of Government, Georgetown University

Christopher F. Gallagher Family Professor	November 2025 - today
Professor	August 2023 - October 2025
Provost's Distinguished Associate Professor	January 2019-July 2023
Associate Professor	August 2017-January 2019

American Political Science Association

Associate Editor, American Political Science Review	June 2024 - May 2028

Affiliations

BMW Center for German and European Studies at the Walsh School of Foreign Service
Affiliated Professor — Since August 2017

Georgetown University Initiative on Innovation, Development and Evaluation (Gui2de)
Affiliated Professor — Since August 2020

Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at the Walsh School of Foreign Service
Affiliated Professor — Since August 2023

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

PhD in **Political Science** with University Distinction, May 2010.
MA in **Political Science**, 2006

Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain

Doctora Miembro, 2010
MA in **Social Science**, 2005

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

BA in **Political Science** with Highest honours for best GPA in the '02 class (Premi Extraordinari de Fi d'Estudis), 2002

Sciences Po, Institut d'Études Politiques de Toulouse, Paris, France

Certificat d'Études Politiques, 2001

Past Appointments

Department of Political Science, Duke University

Assistant Professor of Political Science July 2012 - June 2017

Institut d'Analisi Economica-CSIC, **Barcelona Graduate School of Economics**, Barcelona

Tenure-track researcher and professor January 2010 – July 2012

Visiting Positions

Universidad Carlos III, Madrid

Chair of Excellence (Catedrática de Excelencia) February - July 2017

School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance September 2015 - July 2016

Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona Spring 2011

Department of Political Science, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona March 2010- September 2011

Publications

Books

1. **2017**. *Rivalry and Revenge: the Politics of Violence during Civil War*. Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, Cambridge University Press.
–Reviewed at: *Journal of Peace Research*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Democracy and Security*, *Latin America Research Review*, *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, *Nada es Gratis*, *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*
–Runner up for The Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Award (2018)
–Listed at Political Violence at a Glance as a Must Read in Political Violence from 2017
–Featured in *El Pais*, *Cordopolis*, *Eldiario.es*, *La Vanguardia*
–Spanish translation: **2021**. *Rivalidad y Venganza: La política de la violencia en las guerras civiles*. Barcelona: ICIP/Edicions Bellaterra.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

45. **2026**. Do reminders of Ongoing Foreign Wars Reignite Domestic Tensions? Survey experimental evidence from the Balkans *International Studies Quarterly* [Conditionally accepted] (with Ana Paula Pellegrino and Matthew Simonson)

44. **2026**. Consequential Histories: A Field Experiment at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. *Journal of Politics* [Conditionally accepted] (with Francesca Parente and Ethan vanderWilden)

43. **2026** National Attachment, Past In-group Perpetratorhood, and Out-group Attitudes. *British Journal of Political Science* (with Elias Dinas and Ethan vanderWilden), DOI:10.1017/S0007123426101501

42. **2026**. Generational Legacies of Authoritarianism: Evidence from Spain. *European Journal of Political Research* (with Francisco Villamil), DOI:10.1017/S1475676526101042
–Featured in *Eldiario.es*.

41. **2026** Ideology and Revolution in Civil Wars: The "Marxist Paradox". *American Political Science Review* 120(1): 141-159. (with Stathis Kalyvas)

40. **2026** The Troubles and Beyond. The Impact of a Museum Exhibit in a Post-Conflict Society. *American Journal of Political Science* 70(3): 1146-1163. (with Elsa Voytas)

39. **2026** Formal Institutions after Conflict: Rebel Ideology and Post-war Constitutional Design. *Comparative Political Studies* 59(10): 2083-2116. (with Simón Ballesteros and Daniel Solomon)

38. **2025** Stigmatizing the Radical Right. *Journal of Experimental Political Science.* (with Sergi Martínez, Vicente Valentim, and Ethan vanderWilden) DOI: https://doi:10.1017/XPS.2025.10007

37. **2025** Discounting Extreme Positions: Party Normalization and Support for the Far Right. *Political Science Research and Methods* (with Sergi Martínez and Ethan vanderWilden) DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2025.29
–Featured in *Eldiario.es*.

36. **2025** Legacies of Repression and Resistance in Early 20th Century Europe. *Comparative Political Studies* 58(14):3003–3028. (with Andrea Ruggeri and Patricia Justino)

35. **2024** Remembering the Past in Ethnically Divided Societies. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 31(2), 209–235. (with Olwen Purdue and Elsa Voytas)

34. **2024**. Social Costs and Policy Preferences: Evidence from Territorial Strategies in Catalonia. *Nations and Nationalism* 30(4): 700-718. (with Alexander Kuo)

33. **2024**. Internal Drivers of Self-Rule Referendums. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 42(3): 308-327. (with Kathleen Cunningham and Harriet Jane Goers)

32. **2024**. The Social, Economic, and Political Effects of Displacement: Evidence from Rural Colombia. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 69(1), 46-73. (with Juan F. Tellez)

31. **2024**. The Wars of Others. The Effects of Russian's Invasion of Ukraine on Spanish Nationalism. *Journal of Politics* 86(1): 352–357. (with Juan F. Tellez and Francisco Villamil)
–Featured in *Eldiario.es* and the JOP blog.

30. **2023**. Territorial Disputes and Affective Polarization. *European Journal of Political Research* 63(3): 906-926. (with Lesley-Ann Daniels and Alexander Kuo)
–IEA Award to the best academic journal article on territorial politics, 2024.
–Featured in *The Loop* (the ECPR blog).

29. **2023**. The Weight of Territorial Issues. A Comparison of Catalonia, Scotland and Northern Ireland. *Comparative Politics* 56(1): 1-22. (with Lesley-Ann Daniels and Alexander Kuo)

28. **2022**. Secessionist Conflict and Affective Polarization. Evidence from Catalonia. *Journal of Peace Research* 60(4): 604-618. (with Alexander Kuo)

27. **2022**. Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Rebel Constituencies and Civil War Alliances. *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (March). (with Chong Cheng and Costantino Pischedda)

26. **2022**. Do Transitional Justice Museums Persuade Visitors? Evidence from a Field Experiment. *Journal of Politics* 84(1): 496-510. (with Elsa Voytas and Valeria Palanza)
–Honorable Mention. 2023 Outstanding Paper award. Democracy & Autocracy Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
–Featured in *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, *El mostrador*, *Eldiario.es*

25. **2021**. Do TJ Policies Cause Backlash? Evidence from Street Name Changes in Spain. *Research and Politics* 8(4): 1-7 (with Francisco Villamil).
–Featured in *Eldiario.es*

24. **2021**. Preferences in Between. Moderates in Secessionist Conflicts. *Politics and Governance* 9(4): 386-398. (with Alexander Kuo)

23. **2021**. Violence against Civilians during Armed Conflict. Moving Beyond the Macro- and Micro-Level Divide. *Annual Review of Political Science* 24: 45-69. (with Jessica Stanton)

22. **2021**. Repression and Dissent in Contemporary Catalonia. *British Journal of Political Science* 51(4): 1742-1750. (with Spencer Dorsey and Juan F. Tellez)
–Outstanding Paper award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration (ENMISA) section of ISA (2020)

21. **2020**. Teachers as Fifth Columnists: The case of Francoist Spain. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 26(3): 260-278. (with Francisco Villamil)

20. **2020**. Violence, Resistance, and Rescue during the Holocaust. *Comparative Politics* 53(1): 161-180. (with Daniel Solomon)

19. **2018**. The Electoral Consequences of Terrorism. Evidence from a Natural Experiment. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 115(42): 10624-10629. (with Gerard Torrats-Espinosa)
–Outstanding Paper award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration (ENMISA) section of ISA (2018)
–Featured in *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*, *The Print of India*, *Diari Ara*, *FD Nieuws*, *Eldiario.es*

18. **2018**. Dynamics of Internal Resettlement During Civil War. Evidence from Catalonia (1936-1939). *Journal of Peace Research* 55(2): 236-251.

17. **2018**. New Findings from the Archives of Political Conflict. An Introduction and Methodological Framework. *Journal of Peace Research* 55(2): 137-146. (with Christopher Sullivan)
–Featured in *Political Violence at a Glance*

16. **2016**. Warfare, Political Identities, and Displacement in Spain and Colombia. *Political Geography* 51: 15-29. (with Abbey Steele)

15. **2016**. The Determinants of Low-intensity Intergroup Violence: the Case of Northern Ireland. *Journal of Peace Research* 53: 33-48. (with Abel Escribà and Lesley Daniels)
–Honorable Mention: 2015 Best Paper Award; Conflict Processes Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
–Featured in *Political Violence at a Glance*

14. **2015**. Preferences for Regional Redistribution. *Comparative Political Studies* 48: 1318-1351. (with José Fernández-Albertos and Alexander Kuo)

13. **2014**. Bridging Micro and Macro Approaches on Civil Wars and Political Violence: Issues, Challenges, and the Way Forward. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(8): 1343-1359. (with Patricia Justino)
–Featured in *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*

12. **2014**. Does Warfare Matter? Severity, Duration, and Outcomes of Civil Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(8): 1390-1418. (with Stathis N. Kalyvas)
–Featured in *Atlantic Community, Foreign Policy*

11. **2013**. Mass Schooling and Catalan Nationalism. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 19 (4): 467-486.
–Featured in *ElDiario.es*, *Why Nation Fails Blog* (Acemoglu and Robinson), *Frankfurter Allgemeine*

10. **2013**. Economic Crisis, Globalization, and Partisan Bias: Evidence from Spain. *International Studies Quarterly* 57(4): 804-816. (with José Fernández-Albertos and Alexander Kuo)

9. **2012**. Party Polarisation and Spatial Voting in Spain. *South European Society and Politics* 17(3): 393-409. (with Lluís Orriols)
–Reprinted in *Voters and Parties in the Spanish Political Space*, Edited by Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca and Elias Dinas. London: Routledge.

8. **2012**. The Consequences of Victimization on Political Identities. Evidence from Spain. *Politics & Society* 40(3): 309-345.

7. **2011**. Continuation of Politics by Two Means: Direct and Indirect Violence in Civil War. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(3): 397-422.
–Winner. 2009 Best Doctoral Student Award at the Association for the Study of Nationalities.

6. **2011**. Determinants of Attitudes towards Transitional Justice. *Comparative Political Studies* 44 (10): 1397-1430. (with Paloma Aguilar and Héctor Cebolla)

5. **2011**. Death is in the Air: Bombings in Catalonia, 1936-1939. *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas* 136: 193-214.

4. **2010**. International System and Technologies of Rebellion: How the Cold War Shaped Internal Conflict. *American Political Science Review*. August 2010 (Vol. 104 No. 3): 415-429. (With Stathis N. Kalyvas).
   –Winner of the 2010 American Political Science Association (APSA) *Gregory Luebbert Award* to Best Article in Comparative Politics.
   –Featured in *Foreign Policy*, *Al-Jazeera*

3. **2010**. Rivalry and Revenge. Violence against Civilians in Conventional Civil Wars. *International Studies Quarterly* 54 (2): 291-313.

2. **2009**. Analyzing the Division of Household Labor within Spanish Families. *Revista Internacional de Sociología* 1: 83-105.

1. **2006**. Trade Openness and Preferences for Redistribution: A Cross-National Assessment of the Compensation Hypothesis. *Business and Politics* 8(2).

Special Issues

3. **2025**. Legacies of Repression and Resistance in Early 20th Century Europe. Special issue for *Comparative Political Studies*. Co-editor (with Patricia Justino and Andrea Ruggeri).

2. **2018**. New Findings from the Archives of Political Conflict. Special issue for the *Journal of Peace Research*. Co-editor (with Christopher Sullivan).

1. **2014**. Bridging Micro and Macro Approaches on Civil Wars and Political Violence: Issues, Challenges, and the Way Forward. Special issue for the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Co-Editor (with Patricia Justino).

Chapters in Edited Volumes

5. **2026**. Territorial conflict in Spain. Preferences and institutions. In *Twisted Modernization*. Edited by Pablo Beramendi and Carles Boix. Cambridge University Press. [In press] (with Francesc Amat)

4. **2023**. What Difference Do Museums Make? In *The Oxford Handbook of Transitional Justice*. Edited by Jens Meierhenrich, Alexander Laban Hinton and Lawrence Douglas. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (with Elsa Voytas)

3. **2021**. Las guerras civiles. In *Violencia Política*. Edited by Lesley Ann Daniels and Martijn C. Vlaskamp. Barcelona: Tecnos. (with Martijn C. Vlaskamp)

2. **2020**. Researching an Old Civil War. In *Cautionary Tales*. Edited by Ora Szekely and Peter Krause. NY: Columbia University Press.

1. **2015**. Political Violence: an institutional approach. In *Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*. Edited by Jennifer Gandhi and Rubén Ruiz. London: Routledge Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles in Spanish

3. **2011**. La muerte está en el aire: los bombardeos en Cataluña, 1936-1939. *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas.* 136: 193-214.

2. **2011**. Las actitudes de los españoles ante las medidas de justicia transicional relativas a la Guerra Civil y al franquismo. *Revista Internacional de Sociología* 69 (1): 59-90. (With Paloma Aguilar and Héctor Cebolla)

1. **2007**. Es el voto nacionalista un voto de proximidad o un voto de compensación? Una nueva aproximación espacial al voto en dos dimensiones. *Revista Española de Ciencia Política* 16: 61-88.

Book Reviews

7. **2023**. Review of: Daly, Sarah Z. (2022) Violent Victors. Why Bloodstained Parties Win Postwar Elections. Princeton University Press. *International Affairs*.

6. **2023**. Review of: Staniland, Paul (2021) Ordering Violence: Explaining Armed Group-State Relations from Conflict to Cooperation. Cornell University Press. *Political Science Quarterly*.

5. **2022**. Review of: Vogt, Manuel (2019) Mobilization and Conflict in Multiethnic States. Oxford University Press. *Journal of Peace Research*.
4. **2022**. Review of: Stewart, Megan (2020) Governing for Revolution. Social Transformation in Civil War. Cambridge University Press. *Perspectives on Politics*.
3. **2021**. Review of: Schulhofer-Wohl, Jonah (2020) Quagmire in Civil War. Cambridge University Press. In *The Middle East Journal*.
2. **2012**. Review Essay of Ariel Ahram's Proxy Warriors: The Rise and Fall of State Sponsored Militias; Timothy D. Sisk's International Mediation in Civil Wars. Bargaining with Bullets; Amalendu Misra's Politics of Civil Wars: Conflict, Intervention and Resolution. In *Democracy and Security* 8(4): 406-414.
1. **2009**. Review of: Stathis N. Kalyvas (2006) The Logic of Violence in Civil War. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. In *Revista Española de Ciencia Política* (20): 177-184 [In Spanish]. In *Pôle Sud* 30: 147-149 [In English]

Datasets

9. Transitional Justice Museums Dataset (with Elsa Voytas and Ethan vanderWilden) [in preparation]
8. Post-war Constitutions Dataset (with Simón Ballesteros and Daniel Solomon)
7. Marxist Rebels Dataset (with Stathis Kalyvas)
6. Self-rule Referendums (with Kathleen Cunningham and Harriet Jane Goers)
5. Rebel Organization Alliance Dataset (ROAD) (with Chong Chen and Costantino Pischedda)
4. Technologies of Rebellion (TR) Dataset (with Stathis Kalyvas)
3. PRIO100 Technologies of Rebellion (PRIO100) Dataset (with Stathis Kalyvas)
2. Memorias de la Guerra Civil y el Franquismo [CIS2760 Survey] (with Paloma Aguilar and Héctor Cebolla)
1. Spanish Civil War and pre-war dataset

Selected Policy Articles and Reports

4. **2019**. "A Way Out of Spain's Catalan Crisis. And Why Madrid Is Unlikely to Take It. " *Foreign Affairs*. November 27th.
3. **2014**. "How should we count the death in Syria?" In *Syria and the Islamic State*. Ed. Marc Lynch. Washington, DC: POMEPS. (with Lionel Beehner and Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl)
2. **2013**. "Technology of Rebellion in the Syrian Civil War." In *The Political Science of Syria's War.* Ed. Marc Lynch. POMEPS Briefings 22, Washington DC: Middle East Channel & Project on Middle East Political Science, pp. 11-13. (with Stathis Kalyvas)
1. **2012**. "Endgame in Syria? " *Foreign Policy*. (with Stathis Kalyvas)

Prizes and Awards

2025. International Studies Association (ISA) ISSS Emerging Scholar Award.

2024. Institut d'Estudis de l'Autogovern (IEA) Award to the best academic journal article on territorial politics. (with Lesley-Ann Daniels and Alexander Kuo)

2023. Honorable mention. Outstanding Paper award. Democracy & Autocracy Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA). (with Valeria Palanza and Elsa Voytas)

2021. Extraordinary Reviewer award. *Comparative Political Studies.*

2020. Outstanding Paper award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration (ENMISA) section of ISA (with Juan F. Tellez and Spencer Dorsey)

2019. Provost's Distinguished Associate Professor Award. Georgetown University.

2018. Outstanding Paper award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration (ENMISA) section of ISA (with Gerard Torrats-Espinosa)

2015. Honorable mention, Best Paper Award. Conflict Processes Section of the American Political Science Association. (with Lesley-Ann Daniels and Abel Escribà-Folch)

2011. Gregory Luebbert Article Award for best article in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association. (with Stathis N. Kalyvas)

2009. Best Doctoral Paper Prize. ASN World Convention. Columbia University.

2007. Prize "Young Researchers". Spanish Higher Scientific Research Council (IESA-CSIC).

2002. Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Undergraduates Studies (*Premi Extraordinari de Fi d'Estudis*). Best GPA in the Political Science '02 Class. Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF).

1997. Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Secondary Studies (*Premi Extraordinari de Batxillerat*), Goverment of Catalonia.

Research Grants and Fellowships (post-PhD)

External Grants as PI

2026. ReCIPE (CEPR, France and FCDO, UK) "What We Want to Remember: Transitional Justice Museum Preferences in Post-Conflict Guatemala."

2024. UNU-WIDER: "The impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on other countries."

2020. UNU-WIDER: "Institutional Legacies of Violent Conflict."

2019. Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden) Research Grant: "Memories in Conflict."

2018. ESRC (UK) Research Grant: "Inequality and Governance in Unstable Democracies: The Mediating Role of Trust." (PI of the Georgetown subaward)

2017. Research Council of Norway Research Grant. Project: "Micro-Foundations of Conflict Escalation (MiCE)". (PI of the Georgetown subaward)

2011. RICIP Grant (Catalan Institute of Peace). Project on "Technologies of Rebellion and Violence during Civil War.

2011. Grant "Càtedra Pasqual Maragall" (co-PIs: José Fernández Albertos and Alexander Kuo). Project: "Territorio, Identidad y Preferencias Redistributivas. Una Aproximación Experimental." (co-PI)

2010. The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant. Project: "Conventional Civil Wars."

Consultancy

2020. DFID-World Bank-UNHCR: "Preventing social conflict and promoting social cohesion in forced displacement contexts." (with Juan F. Tellez)

External Grants as Collaborator

2025. Research Grant, Institut d'Estudis d'Autogovern (IEA), Government of Catalonia. Project: "Federalism and democratic backsliding: safeguard or pathway?" (PI: Marc Sanjaume, UPF)

2021. Spanish Ministry of Science Project "La polarización en torno a la memoria histórica en España: Distribución y factores que contribuyen a su intensificación (POLMEMO)" (PI: Irene Martín)

2017. Research Grant, Institut d'Estudis d'Autogovern (IEA), Government of Catalonia. Project: "Expectations and effects of regional independence: A comparison of Catalonia and Scotland." (PI: Lesley-Ann Daniels, IBEI)

2011. "Recercaixa" Grant. Project: "Social Conflict and Economic, Ethnic and Religious Polarization." (PI: Joan Maria Esteban, IAE-CSIC)

External Fellowships

2017. "Cátedra de Excelencia" (Excellence Chair). Carlos III University of Madrid.

2015. Niehaus Fellowship 2015-2016, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.

2015. CASBS Fellowship 2015-2016, Stanford University (Declined to go to Princeton).

Internal Grants

2025 Georgetown Democracy Initiative Democracy Research Grant.

2025 Collaborative Grant; Georgetown University Global Engagement Faculty Grants (with Nejla Asimovic and Ruth Ditlmann).

2025. Georgetown University Research Leave (GURL), Office of the Provost.

2023. Spring 2023 Pilot Research Project Grant competition in support of the project "International threats, national foes". Georgetown University's Office of the Provost.

2021. Department of Government Awards; Summer Collaborative Fellowship (with Dain Yoo), Georgetown University.

2020. Department of Government Awards; Summer Collaborative Fellowship (with Simón Ballesteros), Georgetown University.

2019. Spring 2019 Competitive Grant-in-Aid in support of the project "Sovereignty Conflicts in Western Europe". Georgetown University's Office of the Provost.

2019. Department of Government Awards; Summer Collaborative Fellowship (with Daniel Solomon), Georgetown University.

2018. Spring 2018 Competitive Grant-in-Aid in support of the project "Preferences for the Political Future of Catalonia.". Georgetown University's Office of the Provost.

2018. Spring 2018 Pilot Research Project Grant competition in support of the project "Memories in Conflict.". Georgetown University's Office of the Provost.

2015. Duke University Arts & Sciences Council Committee on Faculty Research (ASC-CFR) Grant. Pilot project: *Women in Combat*.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Major Conferences

(in roles of paper presenter, discussant, panel organizer, and/or chair):

American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting: 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2005.

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 [canceled due to COVID-19], 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2010, 2009.

Council of European Studies (CES) Conference: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2015, 2013, 2011.

Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN): 2025, 2023, 2021, 2020 [canceled due to COVID-19], 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2009, 2008.

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting : 2025, 2021, 2017, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009.

European Political Science Association (EPSA) Meeting: 2014, 2013.

European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) General Conference: 2011.

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) General Conference: 2018.

Social Science History Association (SSHA) General Conference: 2020 [canceled due to COVID-19], 2013.

ISA International Conference: 2017 (Hong Kong).

Peace Science Society (International) North American Meeting: 2026, 2024.

Invited Talks, Workshops, and Keynotes:

2027:[Scheduled] University of Pittsburgh, University of Seattle, University of Utah.

2026: Duke University SPC Workshop, MIT Comparative Politics Series, Yale University workshop on Transitional Justice, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) at Stanford University, University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Purdue University, European University Institute (EUI) workshop on political violence, Advancing Research on Conflict (ARC) conference at Johns Hopkins University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

2025: Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at Georgetown University, SAIS-Johns Hopkins, Florida State University, Yale University workshop on inclusive nationalism, World Bank, London School of Economics (LSE), WZB Berlin, Harvard Weatherhead Centre - GSNIC Conference in Sarajevo, Sidney Verba Lecture at the Department of Government at Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics Workshop, Vanderbilt University Conflict Workshop, Opening Lecture at Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Research Seminar at Bocconi University.

2024: University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Mortara Research Seminar at Georgetown University, Carlos III University in Madrid, Brown University, Harvard Weatherhead Centre - GSNIC Conference in Belfast, Washington University St Louis, University of California-Merced.

2023: Syracuse University, Permanent Seminar IPP-CSIC (Madrid), Memorial Democràtic (Barcelona), UNU-WIDER, IEA-UB-EUI joint workshop on nationalism (Barcelona), Harvard Weatherhead Centre - GSNIC Conference; Harvard University IR workshop, Stanford University, Williams & Mary, Christopher Newport University, Queens University Belfast.

2022 [parental leave II]: Princeton University, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Rice University, WZB Berlin, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Columbia University, George Washington University, World Bank, IPERG-Universitat de Barcelona.

2021: Bocconi University, Washington University-St Louis, Carlos III University of Madrid, Institut Català Internacional per la Pau (ICIP), CIDE-Mexico, Williams & Mary, Households in Conflict (HiCN) Workshop, Collegio Carlo Alberto in Turin.

2020 [parental leave I]: UPF Humanities/History, Institut d'Estudis Autogovern (Catalonia), IBEI - Barcelona.

2019: Harvard Center for European Studies; Stanford University Comparative Politics Workshop; University of Washington Seattle; University of Toronto; Georgetown University-Mortara Development Seminar; Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (book discussant); Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University; Yale University International Relations Association.

2018: London School of Economics (LSE); University of Colorado-Boulder; Arizona State University; US Holocaust Museum, Washington DC; Princeton University (Liechtenstein Institute of Self-Determination, Woodrow Wilson School); University of California-Davis; FBA research workshop, Stockholm; Universidad Carlos III, Madrid; University of Maryland; Washington University St. Louis; National Defense University, Washington DC; Duke University; University of Virginia; IPErG - Universitat de Barcelona.

2017: Yale University Comparative Politics Workshop; Ideas and Political Violence seminar at Oxford University; IR Workshop at Oxford University; research seminar at University College London; research seminar at Essex University; Universidad Carlos III-Juan March Institute Research Seminar; research seminar at University of Mannheim; research seminar at ETH Zurich and University of Zurich; research seminar at Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB); research seminar at CIDE, Mexico city; FBA research workshop, Bogotá.

2016: Comparative Politics Workshop at University of California at Berkeley; IR speaker series at Harvard University; research seminar at Georgetown University; CUIPS at Columbia University; workshop on Violence at Brown University; EU Program at Princeton University; Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) at Princeton University; Criminal and Political Violence Workshop at Binghamton University; Modern War Institute Speaker Series at the West Point Military Academy; Comparative Politics (CRITICS) seminar at Georgetown University; European Politics Speakers series at George Washington University; Université de Montréal; University of Denver-Sié Center; Conference on Actors, Tactics, and Strategies in Intrastate Conflict at Rice University; Center for European Studies at Duke University; research seminar at self-government studies Institute of Catalonia (IEA).

2015: Princeton University IR Faculty Colloquim; Barcelona IPEG speaker series; George Washington University (virtual) Political Violence workshop; conference on Sovereignty, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies at University of Michigan; Triangle Institute for Security Studies speaker series; Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop at Duke University.

2014: research seminar at London School of Economics and Political Science; research seminar at ITAM – Mexico City; Columbia University Comparative Politics Workshop; Harvard University Comparative Politics Workshop; Stanford University Graduate School of Business Political Economy Speaker Series; Buffet Center Security Studies Working Group at Northwestern University.

2013: Conference on Culture, Diversity and Development at the Higher School of Economics and New Economic School, Moscow; Comparative Politics Workshop at University of Virginia; Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop at Yale University; research seminar at Catholic University of Chile; workshop on mass atrocities USAID-TetraTech-University of Maryland; Priorat Workshop in Theoretical Political Science (organized by IAE-CSIC, Caltech, and EUI); workshop at at the Center for European Studies-Harvard University; research seminar at ICS Lisbon.

2012: University of Chicago PISP Workshop; Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop at Duke University; research seminar at the Center for the Study of Civil War-PRIO, Oslo; research seminar at the Instituto de Políticas Públicas-CSIC, Madrid.

2011: research seminar at University of Michigan; research seminar at Duke University; research seminar at Georgetown University; research seminar at George Washington University; research seminar at University of Washington Seattle; research seminar at University of California-Berkeley; research seminar at Uppsala University; research seminar at New York University-Abu Dhabi; research seminar at New York University; Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Workshop, Barcelona.

2010: Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Workshop, Lisbon; Households in Conflict Network Workshop (HiCN), Berlin; research seminar at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2010); research seminar at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2010); research seminar at the Catalan International Institute for Peace (ICIP).

pre-2010: Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Workshop, Yale University (2008); Conference on the Determinants of Social Conflict (2009); research seminar at Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) (2009); Yale University; Harvard-Yale-MIT Civil Conflict Conference (2007, 2008); Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados de Andalucía, IESA-CSIC (2006); Graduate Student Retreat of the Society of Comparative Research (Yale University; Budapest).

Teaching

Georgetown University

"Political Violence through Film." First Year Seminar.

"Prospectus Proseminar." GOVT Ph.D. seminar.

"Conflict Resolution Theory." Graduate lecture.

"Terrorism." Graduate seminar.

"Civil War in Developing Countries." Undergraduate lecture.

"Civil Wars and Substate Conflict." Graduate seminar.

Other institutions

"Political violence and nonviolent resistance." IBEI Summer School 2021, 2022.

"Civil Wars." Graduate seminar. Duke University.

"Ethnic Conflict." Undergraduate lecture course. Duke University.

"Politics in Violence." Undergraduate (upper-level) seminar. Duke University.

"Civil Wars." Barcelona School of International Relations (IBEI) Summer School 2015, 2018; IBEI MA in International Relations 2015, 2016, 2017.

"Conflict and Identity". Olympia Summer Seminars. Olympia, Greece, 12-23 July 2014; 7-18 July 2011.

"Economics and Politics of Conflict" (co-taught with Joan M. Esteban/Hannes Mueller). Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. June 2014, June 2013.

"Guerras civiles". Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). Module "Democracy and Citizenship", MA Program, Department of Political Science. Fall 2011. (In Spanish)

"Theory of Political Institutions". Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). Department of Economics. Spring 2011. (In Catalan)

"Political Behavior and Public Opinion". Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). Department of Political Science. Fall 2010. (In Catalan)

Basic Statistics for Social Sciences. Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). Department of Political Science. Spring 2010. (In Catalan)

PhD Advising/Committees

Chair

Ana Paula Pellegrino, Government Department, Georgetown University (PhD)
–First job: Post-doctoral fellow at Stanford University and Assistant Professor at UC Chile.

Dain Yoo, Government Department, Georgetown University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at Bilkent University, Turkey.

Daniel Solomon, Government Department, Georgetown University (PhD)
–First job: Research associate at Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide (Holocaust Memorial Museum).

Dissertation committee member

Ethan vanderWilden, Political Science Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at University of Utah.

Matthew Simonson, Political Science Department, Northeastern University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Spencer Dorsey, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Research Scientist, Meta.

Shubha Kamala Prasad, Government Department, Georgetown University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at Hertie School, Berlin.

Zachary Karabatak, Government Department, Georgetown University (PhD)
– First job: State Department, USA.

Margaret Foster, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Post-doctoral researcher at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Stephan Pikner, Government Department, Georgetown University (PhD)
– US Military.

Kaitlyn Webster, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Juan Fernando Tellez, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at University of South Carolina.

Sophie Lee, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Metropolitan College of New York.

Jared Daugherty, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Senior Associate at EY.

Andrew Bell, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at University of Indiana, Bloomington.

Cassy Dorff, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at University of New Mexico. Currently at Vanderbilt University.

Daniel Krcmaric, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at Northwestern University.

Seth Cantey, Political Science Department, Duke University (PhD)
–First job: Assistant Professor at Washington and Lee University.

PhD Examining committees (external)

Francisco Villamil, ETH Zurich.

Sergi Martinez, EUI.

Independent Studies, and MA and Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision

Ryan Boone, Duke 2013. "Security Sector Reform". Independent Study and Honors Thesis supervision. Ole R. Holsti Award in American Foreign Policy and International Relations.

Scott Grundei, Duke 2014. "State Capacity and 3rd Party Counterinsurgency". Independent Study and Honors Thesis Supervision.

Haley Peters, Duke 2014. "Humanitarian Intervention as Rebel Strategy: An International Explanation of Tactics". Independent Study and Honors Thesis Supervision.

Mayeesha Galiba, Georgetown 2019. Honors Thesis Supervision, Government Department.

Shine Aung, Georgetown 2021, Honors Thesis Supervision, School of Foreign Service.

Alessandra Mooney, Georgetown 2022, Conflict Resolution MA Thesis Supervision.

University and Department Services

Member of the College Rank and Tenure Committee (CRTC) (August 2026-July 2028)

Member of the Committee on Promotions and Appointments (COPA) (since January 2026)

Director of Graduate Admissions, Fellowships, and Placement, Department of Government (AY: 2023-24, 2024-25).

TT hiring committee, Chair, Department of Government, Georgetown University (Fall 2022)

CRITICS seminar convener, Mortara Center (AY 2021-2022; 2022-23; 2024-25; 2026-27)

Global Engagement Faculty Committee, Georgetown University (2021-2024)

Research Executive Committee, Provost's Office, Georgetown University (2021-2024)

Georgetown University Faculty Senate (2020-2023)

CRAs hiring Committee, Provost's Office, Georgetown University (2019, 2021)

Conflict Resolution hiring Committee, Georgetown University, Department of Government (Fall 2018)

Graduate Admissions, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2018, 2019)

Georgetown University Fulbright Committee (AY 2017-18, Year 2018-19)

Graduate Affairs Committee, Political Science Department, Duke University (AY 2012-2013; 2013-14)

Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Political Science Department, Duke University (AY 2016-2017)

SPC Field Committee, Political Science Department, Duke University (AY 2012-2013; 2013-14; 2014-15)

Race and Ethnic Politics hiring committee, Political Science Department, Duke University (Spring 2013)

Race and Ethnic Politics hiring committee, Political Science Department (Fall 2012)

Graduate Admissions, Political Science Department, Duke University (AY 2014-15)

SPC Workshop Convener, Political Science Department, Duke University (AY 2012-2013; 2013-14; 2014-2015; 2016-2017)

Editorial Service

American Political Science Review (Associate Editor from June 2024 to May 2028)

Comparative Political Studies (member of the editorial board from July 2021 to March 2024)

Journal of Peace Research (member of the editorial board from June 2021 to March 2024)

Nationalities Papers (member of the editorial board from November 2018 to March 2024)

Other Selected Service to the Profession

Member of the "International Academic Council", Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI). Since 2023.

Co-Chair. "Carolina de Miguel Moyer Young Scholar Award". Council of European Studies (CES). Since 2021.

Co-Chair of the Annual Meeting Program. Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) 2025 Meeting in Washington, DC.

Chair. "Political Violence, Terrorism, and Resistance" section. MPSA Meeting 2021.

Best paper committee. APSA Conflict Processes Section, 2020.

Best paper committe, ENMISA (International Studies Association), 2017

Best paper committee, APSA Michael Wallerstein Award, 2017.

Best paper/article award, APSA QMMR section 2017.

Program Commitee Member (Nationalism section). ASN World Convention. Since 2012.

Other Academic Training, Skills And Relevant Activities

Fieldwork:

Catalonia and Spain: born and raised there, extended fieldwork trips throughout my career.

Belfast, Northern Ireland: May 2022.

Chile: December 2013, March 2017.

Argentina: December 2014.

Modern Languages: Catalan/Spanish (bilingual native); French (fluent; research proficiency); Italian (basic oral communication; can read); and Portuguese (can read).

Classical Languages: Latin (basic; I received excellent training but lost proficiency over the years).

Statistical Packages: STATA, R, SPSS, Microfit, Eviews, Lisrel, Gauss, GeoDa.

Membership: American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA), Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Global Scholars Network on Identity and Conflict (GSNIC), Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC), Council of European Studies (CES), Households in Conflict Network (HiCN).

External Reviewer: *Cambridge University Press (books); Oxford University Press (books); American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; World Politics; PNAS; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Peace Research; Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Comparative Politics; International Organization; Public Choice; Journal of Politics; Review of Economics and Statistics; American Economic Review; European Journal of Political Research; Perspectives on Politics; British Journal of Political Science; Political Science Research and Methods; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Business and Politics; Political Science Quarterly; Nations and Nationalism; Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict; PS Political Science and Politics; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Security Studies; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Nationalities Papers; The Economic History Review; Civil Wars; Journal of Global Security Studies; Global Studies Quarterly; Terrorism and Political Violence; Regional and Federal Studies; International Studies Review; International Area Studies Review; International Theory; African Security Review; The Journal of Interdisciplinary History; Georgetown Journal of International Affairs; Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict; Revista Internacional de Sociología; Revista Española de Ciencia Politica; Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas; ICIP Working Papers; Spanish Ministry of Science Research Grants (since 2011); National Science Foundation (NSF); Routledge Books (Military, Security & Strategic Studies Series); Fulbright Commission (Georgetown)*.

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