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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Xavier University of Louisiana 2025-Pres.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Tulane University 2023-2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research

University of California, San Diego 2021-23
Fellow, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies

United States Institute of Peace 2021-22
Peace Scholar Fellow

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation 2021-22
Emerging Scholar

EDUCATION

Brown University 2016-2023
Ph.D., Political Science (Comparative Politics & International Relations)

Harvard College (Magna cum laude) 2014
B.A., Romance Languages & Literatures
and Studies of Women, Gender, & Sexuality
Phi Beta Kappa

PEER-REVIEWED

1. The Democratic Erosion Event Dataset (DEED), (with Robert A. Blair, Jessica Gottlieb, Laura Paler, Julie Anne Weaver & Benjamin Yoel), forthcoming at *Scientific Data*.
2. Couples Therapy for a Divided America: Assessing the Effects of Reciprocal Group Reflection on Partisan Polarization (with Robert A. Blair, Donghyun Danny Choi, Jessica Gottlieb, Laura Gamboa-Gutierrez, Amanda Lea Robinson, Steven C. Rosenzweig, Megan M. Turnbull, & Emily A. West). 2025. *Political Behavior*, OnlineFirst.
3. Moral Reasoning and Support for Punitive Violence after Crime (with Omar García-Ponce, Jorge Olmos Camarillo, Lauren Young, & Thomas Zeitzoff). 2024. *Journal of Peace Research*, 62(3): 660-674.
4. An Events-Based Approach to Understanding Democratic Erosion (with Robert A. Blair, Jessica Gottlieb, & Laura Paler). 2024. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 57(2): 208–15.

Related: Measuring Democratic Erosion: A Guide for Policymakers and Practitioners, Democratic Erosion Consortium, [link](#).
5. From Principles to Practice: Methods for Increasing the Transparency of Research Ethics in Violent Contexts (with Lauren Young). 2022. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 10(4): 840-847.

Related: Transparency in research ethics: Methods to monitor principles and practice in violent contexts, EGAP Methods Guides, [link](#).

6. Teaching Trump: Why Comparative Politics Makes Students More Optimistic About US Democracy (with Robert A. Blair and Shelby Grossman). 2019. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52(2): 347-52.

Related: Democratic Erosion in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from a Multi-University Consortium, APSA Comparative Politics newsletter, link; and Look Beyond Our Borders, Inside Higher Ed, link.

UNDER REVIEW

1. The Limits of Deliberation: A Field Experiment on Criminal Justice Preferences in Mexico (with Omar García-Ponce, Lauren Young, & Thomas Zeitzoff), *available upon request*.

CHAPTERS

1. The Criminal Justice System in Mexico (with Matthew Ingram). 2022. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.
2. A Transformed Latin America in a Rapidly Changing World (with Abraham F. Lowenthal). 2015. In Jorge I. Domínguez and Ana Covarrubias (eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Latin America in the World*. Routledge: New York.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Lynching and Selective State Intervention: Evidence from Mexico, *available upon request*.
2. Crime deterrent or downward spiral? Longitudinal evidence on the effects of lynchings on crime from Mexico (with Haley Daarstad, Sandra Ley, and Lauren Young), *available upon request*.
3. Human Rights Backlash from Below: Citizen Deliberations on Justice during Criminal Wars, *available upon request*.

Related: Why Human Rights are Losing their Good Reputation. *Political Violence @ a Glance*, July 28, 2021.

4. Making or Breaking the Rule of Law? Attitudes toward Vigilante Crime Control in Mexico, *available upon request*.
5. Political Science Research, Generalizability, and Policy Engagement (with Michelle Du and Julie Weaver).

IN PROGRESS

1. The Causes and Effects of Lynchings in Mexico (with Sandra Ley & Lauren Young), funded by The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS).
2. Asking About Violence (with Graeme Blair, Sandra Ley, Rebecca Littman, Andrés Moya, Elayne Stecher & Lauren Young), funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA).
3. Dissidents Archive, funded by The Newcomb Institute and The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University.
4. Empirical Evidence to Improve Informed Consent in the Social Sciences, funded by the National Science Foundation (with Sebastian Karcher, Dessislava Kirilova, and Derek Robey).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Evidence for Governance and Politics (EGAP) Innovation Grant, 2025
Community-Engaged Research Grant, The Center for Public Service, Tulane University, 2025
Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Program, 2024
National Science Foundation, Ethical and Responsible Research (ER2) Incubation Grant, 2024
The Emily Schoenbaum Community Grant, The Newcomb Institute, Tulane University, 2024
The Newcomb Institute Faculty Grant, Tulane University, 2024

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Peace and Recovery Program (P&R), 2022
 Predoctoral Fellow, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego, 2021-2023
 Peace Scholar Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, 2021-22
 Emerging Scholar Award, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2021-22
 Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies Research Seed Grant, 2020
 Graduate Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 2020-21
 International Travel Fund, Brown University, 2020 and 2017
 Graduate Fellow in Community Engaged Scholarship, Swearer Center, Brown University, 2019
 Graduate Program in Development Summer Research Grant, Watson Institute, Brown University, 2018
 Joukowsky Summer Research Award, Brown University, 2018
 Graduate Program in Development Fellow, Watson Institute, Brown University, 2017-18
 Tinker Field Research Grant for Research in Latin America, Brown University, 2017
 Stanley J. Bernstein 1965 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University, 2016-17
 Senior Thesis Grant Fellow, Ethnicity, Migration, & Rights, Harvard College, 2013

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS Democratic Erosion in Latin America, Invited Guest Speaker, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 2026
 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, 2024, 2026
 Bloomberg Center for Cities Urban Research Conference: Evidence for Problem Solving, Harvard University, 2025
 Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS), Tulane University, 2025
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, 2025
 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, 2022, 2024
 Department of Government Invited Colloquium Speaker, The College of William and Mary, 2023
 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2023
 Comparative Politics Speaker Series, UCLA, 2023
 LAPOP Workshop on International Survey Methods, 2023
 Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (USMEX) Seminar, UC San Diego, 2022, 2023
 Illicit Economies and Extra-legal Actors Conference, 2022
 Harvard Workshop on the Political Science of Lynching in Global Comparative Perspective, 2020
 Brown-MIT Development Workshop, 2020
 Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Symposium, Brown University, 2020
 Practices, Problems, and Promise of Sharing Human Participants' Research Data Ethically and Responsibly, APSA pre-conference workshop, invited participant, 2019
 Comparative Politics Workshop, Brown University, 2019
 Symposium on Violence, Organizations and Political Psychology in Latin America, Stanford University, 2019

TEACHING

Instructor

Democratic Erosion, a multi-university initiative, Summer 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
 Quantitative Analysis, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2026
 Research Methods, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2025
 Introduction to Political Science, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2025
 The Politics of Crime and Violence in Latin America, Junior Seminar, Brown University, Fall 2020
 Pre-semester Quantitative Methods Bootcamp, Brown Political Science PhD program, Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant

Politics of the Illicit Global Economy, Professor Peter Andreas, Brown, Fall 2018

Advanced Quantitative Methods, Professor Robert A. Blair, graduate course, Brown, Spring 2018

Democratic Erosion, Professor Robert A. Blair, Brown, Fall 2017

Globalization and Mentorship, Professor Meghan Kallman, College Unbound course at the women's prison of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, Spring 2017

Latin America and the United States in a Changing World, Professor Abraham F. Lowenthal, Intensive Fulbright Seminar, University of Buenos Aires, Fall 2015

**ACADEMIC
SERVICE**

Co-Founder and Fellowship Director of The Democratic Erosion Consortium (DEC), 2017-Pres. [Link](#).

Founding member and co-director of The Sexual Health, Education, and Rights (SHER) Lab, hosted by The Mary Amelia Center for Women's Health Equity Research and The Violence Prevention Institute, The Tulane University Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, 2024-Pres. [Link](#).

Referee, Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Peace Research

Coordinator of Graduate Peer Mentorship Program, Political Science (2018-19); Co-coordinator of CP & IR workshop (2018); Co-coordinator of Graduate Women in Political Science (2017-18), Brown University

SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in Spanish; proficient in Portuguese. Computing: R, \LaTeX .