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Curriculum Vitae, July 2023

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## **Education**

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Ph.D., Political Science, University of Pittsburgh	2015
Latin American Studies Certificate, University of Pittsburgh	2013
ICPSR quantitative methods summer program, University of Michigan	2011
M.A., Political Science, University of Chile	2007
B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile	2002

## **Research Interests**

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Heads of Government, Political Psychology, Comparative Political Institutions, Latin America.

## **Books**

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*Presidential Personalities and Constitutional Power Grabs in Latin America, 1945-2021*. Under review.

## **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

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[15] 2023. “Dominant Personality and Politically Inexperienced Presidents Challenge Term Limits” Forthcoming in *Journal of Politics*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/723988>

[14] 2022. “When Do First Ladies Run for Office? Lessons from Latin America” (with Carolina Guerrero). *Latin American Politics and Society* 64(3), 93-116.

[13] 2022. “The ‘Big Five’ Personality Traits of Presidents and the Relaxation of Term Limits in Latin America” *Democratization* 29(1), 113-132.

[12] 2022. “The Quest for Uncontested Power: Presidents’ Personalities and Democratic Erosion in Latin America, 1945-2012” *Political Psychology* 43(3), 511-528.

[11] 2021. “Judicial Reshuffles and Women Justices in Latin America” (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán and Melanie Hughes). *American Journal of Political Science*, 65(2), 373-388.

[10] 2021. “The Personalities of Presidents as Independent Variables” *Political Psychology*, 42(4), 695-712.

- [9] 2019. “First Ladies as Members of the Political Elite” [In Spanish] (with Carolina Guerrero). *América Latina Hoy* 81: 31-49.
- [8] 2017. “Strategic Retirement in Comparative Perspective: Supreme Court Justices in Presidential Regimes” (with Aníbal Pérez-Liñán). *Journal of Law and Courts* 5(2): 173-197.
- [7] 2017. “Chile 2016: The Nadir of Democratic Legitimacy?” [In Spanish] *Revista de Ciencia Política*, 37(2): 305-334.
- [6] 2016. “What Drives Evo’s Attempts to Remain in Power? A Psychological Explanation” *Bolivian Studies Journal*, 22: 191-219.
- [5] 2016. “How to Assess the Members of the Political Elite? A Proposal Based on Presidents of the Americas” [In Spanish] *Política*, 54(1): 219-254.
- [4] 2016. “Aftershocks of Pinochet’s Constitution: the Chilean Post-Earthquake Reconstruction” *Latin American Perspectives*, 44(4): 62-80.
- [3] 2015. “Budgetary Negotiations: How the Chilean Congress Overcomes its Constitutional Limits” *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 21(2): 213-231.
- [2] 2013. “Informal Institutions and Horizontal Accountability: Protocols in the Chilean Budgetary Process” *Latin American Politics and Society*, 55(4): 74-94.
- [1] 2012. “Who whispers to the president? Advisors versus ministers in Latin America” [In Spanish] *Política* 50(2): 29-57.

## **Book Chapters**

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- [4] 2023. “Chavismo in Venezuela.” Forthcoming in Luca Anceschi, Alexander Baturu, and Francesco Cavatorta, eds., *Personalism and Personalist Regimes*. Oxford University Press.
- [3] 2020. “Executive-Legislative Relations: When do Legislators trust the President?” (with Carolina Guerrero). In Manuel Alcántara, Mercedes García Montero, and Cristina Rivas Pérez, eds., *Politics and Political Elites in Latin America*. Springer.
- [2] 2018. “Comparative Political Elites” In Ali Farazmand and Mauricio Olavarría-Gambi, eds., *The Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.
- [1] 2018. “The Electoral Emergence of Latin American First Ladies” [In Spanish] (with Carolina Guerrero). In L. M. Leibe and J. Suárez-Cao, eds., *La Política Siempre ha sido Cosa de Mujeres: Elecciones y Protagonistas en Chile y la Región*. FLACSO-Chile.

## **Other Journal Articles**

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2022. “[The Latinized Dragon: China and Latin America in the Twenty-First Century](#)” (with Hengyi Yang). *Latin American Research Review* 57(4), 972-982.

2019. “[To Impeach or Not to Impeach: Lessons from Latin America](#)” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*.

2018. “[Elecciones en Chile 2017: Congreso Remozado, Presidente Repetido](#)” *Iberoamericana* 18(69): 231-238.

November 2016. “[Democracia y matrimonios presidenciales: poca competencia y rotación en la élite política.](#)” *Nueva Sociedad* 266.

## **Book Reviews**

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2014. [From Enron to Evo](#), by Derrick Hindery. In *Bolivian Studies Journal* 20: 229-232.

2012. [Indelible Inequalities in Latin America: Insights from History, Politics, and Culture](#), by Paul Gootenberg and Luis Reygadas, eds. *The Latin Americanist*, 56(2): 191-192.

## **Media Publications**

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September 18, 2022. “[Bukele, reelección y caudillismo](#)” *Latinoamerica21.com*. Republished in [Folha de Sao Paulo](#) (Brazilian newspaper), [El Universal](#) (Mexico), [Clarín](#) (main Argentinian newspaper), [El Espectador](#) (Colombian Newspaper), [El Faro](#) (Salvadoran online newspaper), and [Confidencial](#) (Nicaraguan newspaper).

January 12, 2022. “[El proceso presupuestario en la nueva Constitución](#)” *La Tercera* (Chilean newspaper).

December 10, 2021. “[President of Honduras is a former first lady. Expect to see more former first ladies running for office](#)” *The Washington Post*.

November 25, 2021. “[¿Por qué Kast ganó a Boric en las 20 comunas más pobres?](#)” *Latinoamerica21.com*. Republished in [Clarín](#) (main Argentinian newspaper), [Folha de Sao Paulo](#) (Brazilian newspaper), [Tal Cual](#) (Venezuelan newspaper), and [Revista Dat0s](#) (Bolivian magazine).

November 4, 2021. “[El presidencialismo no muere](#)” *El Mercurio Online* (Chilean newspaper).

September 12, 2021. “[Bukele por siempre y el humo del bitcoin](#)” *Latinoamerica21.com*. Republished in [El Universo](#) (Ecuadorean newspaper) and [El Espectador](#) (Colombian Newspaper).

July 14, 2021. “[Chile, presidencialismo sin fin](#)” *Agenda Pública (El País, Spanish newspaper)*.

June 15, 2021. “[Bukele y su próximo asalto constitucional](#)” *Latinoamerica21.com*. Republished in [El Mostrador](#) (online Chilean news outlet) and [Folha de Sao Paulo](#) (Brazilian Newspaper).

March 6, 2020. “[La erosión de la democracia chilena y su potencial reversión](#)” *El Mercurio Online* (Chilean newspaper).

March 28, 2018. “[The ‘personal’ versus the ‘institutional’ presidency: An artificial divide](#)” *Presidential Power blog* (British blog).

May 5, 2017. “[5 lessons from former presidents on making good decisions](#)” *The Washington Post*.

February 26, 2016. “[Does it matter who the president is? If so, how does it matter?](#)” *Presidential Power blog* (British blog).

May 28, 2013. “[La discusión constitucional en perspectiva comparada](#)” *La Tercera* (Chilean newspaper).

## **Articles Under Review and Work in Progress**

*Dictatorships, Democracies and the selection of political leadership*. Book project with Alexander Baturó.

“World Leaders and Covid-19: Women, Populists, and Political Families Reacted Faster.”

“The facial structure of world leaders and Autocratization.” Working paper.

## **Professional Experience**

Institute for Security and Technology, Carnegie Mellon University	
Assistant Professor	2019-
Postdoctoral Fellow	2017-2019
Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	2015-2017
Postdoctoral Researcher	
Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh	2014-2017
Editor of <a href="#">Panoramas</a> Scholarly Platform	
ABC newspaper, Spain. Feature Writer, International News	2008
El Mercurio newspaper, Chile.	2002-2008
Feature Writer, International News (2002, 2004-2008), Business and Economic News (2003-2004)	

## **Original Databases**

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*Presidential Database of the Americas*: Biographical and psychometric database about the 342 presidents of the Western Hemisphere who governed from 1945-2021. Psychometric data is taken from an online survey completed by hundreds of experts. Biographical and other data comes from the expert survey and other sources.

*World Leaders Database Project*: Completed in 2021, the first part of the WLDP has unique biographical information about the more than 1,800 heads of government that have governed a country around the world from 1970-2020. The second will contain psychometric data.

## **Field Research**

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Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama July-August 2011  
Chile July 2009, January 2012

## **Other Affiliations, Consultancy, and Media Visibility**

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Faculty at CMU's Center for Informed Democracy & Social-Cybersecurity ([IDeaS](#)) 2021-  
Member of the [Democratic Erosion Consortium](#) 2021-  
Columnist for [latinoamerica21.com](#) 2021-  
Chile country expert for the Freedom House's *Freedom in the World* report 2016-  
Electoral Observer, Egypt's Presidential Election. Democracy International, Egypt 2014

## **Grants, Scholarships, and Awards**

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Provost's Inclusive Teaching Fellowship Award. Carnegie Mellon University 2021-2022  
LASA Annual Conference Travel Grant. Latin American Studies Association 2019  
APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant. American Political Science Association 2018  
Best Graduate from Master in Political Science. University of Chile 2018  
Multidisciplinary Research Project Award. Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María 2018  
FONDECYT (Chilean government agency). Postdoctoral Award 2015-2017  
Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship. CLAS, University of Pittsburgh 2013-2014  
International Studies Fund. UCIS, University of Pittsburgh 2013  
Richard Cottam Memorial Prize Fund. University of Pittsburgh 2012  
Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. University of Pittsburgh 2011-2012  
Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2011, 2012-2013  
David B. Houston Human Rights and Social Justice in Latin America Award 2010-2011  
CLAS, University of Pittsburgh  
Graduate Student Researcher, University of Pittsburgh 2009-2010  
Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh Summer 2009  
Arts & Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2008-2009  
Balboa Program Scholarship. Fundación Diálogos (Madrid, Spain) February-August 2008  
Visitors Program, European Union (Brussels, Belgium) June 2007

## Teaching Experience

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Carnegie Mellon University (CMU).

<i>Comparative Political Institutions</i> (graduate)	Fall 2016-
<i>Comparative Politics</i> (undergraduate)	Spring 2017-
<i>Latin American Politics</i> (graduate and undergraduate)	Spring 2020-
<i>Comparative Presidential Behavior</i> (graduate and undergraduate)	Fall 2019
<i>Qualitative Methods in Social Science Research</i> (graduate mini)	Fall 2020-2021
<i>Thesis Proposal Tutorial</i> (graduate mini)	Fall 2020-2021
<i>Geopolitical Challenges of a Changing Middle East</i> (Qatar, undergraduate mini)	Fall 2020

Personalized mentorship/advising courses

<i>Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member</i> : 2 students	Spring 2021-
<i>Master Thesis Advisor</i> : 5 students	Spring 2019-
<i>Undergraduate Research</i> : 67 students	Spring 2017-
<i>Humanities &amp; Social Science Senior Honors Thesis I&amp;II</i> : 1 student	Fall 2017-Spring 2018
<i>Undergraduate Internship</i> : 1 student	Summer 2019
<i>Graduate Internship</i> : 1 student	Summer 2021

University of Pittsburgh

<i>Latin American Political Development</i>	Summer 2014
Teaching Assistant in <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i>	Fall 2012
<i>Latin American Politics</i>	Summer 2011
Teaching Assistant in <i>Comparative Politics and International Organizations</i>	Fall 2010

## Professional Service

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Neustadt Award Committee member, Presidents & Executive Politics APSA Section 2019

Grant Reviewer, Chile's National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (3)

Article Reviewer: *Democratization* (1), *Government and Opposition* (1) *Comparative Political Studies* (1), *Studies in Comparative International Development* (1), *The Journal of Politics* (2), *Political Research Quarterly* (5), *Journal of Comparative Politics* (6), *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (2), *Latin American Research Review* (3), *Latin American Politics and Society* (8), *Estudios Públicos* (1), *Bolivian Studies Journal* (1), *Revista de Ciencia Política* (3), *International Journal of Social Welfare* (1), *European Political Science* (2), *International Political Science Review* (2), *Revista Pilquen* (1), *Política y Gobierno* (1).

Book reviewer: Oxford University Press (1), Routledge (1), Rowman & Littlefield (2)

Conference Chair: APSA (2018), LASA (2015), MPSA (2014, 2018), LASPP (2014)

Conference Discussant: GIGA (2020), IPSA (2009), MPSA (2013, 2014, 2018, 2019), LASPP (2019).

Carnegie Mellon University Search Committee for Assistant Teaching Professor, Assistant Professor, and Postdoctoral Fellows	2021-
Dietrich College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee	2021-2022
Academic Review Board and University Disciplinary Committee member	2019-
Master of Science in International Relations and Politics redesign committee	2019
Dietrich College Council Member	2019-2021

## **Conference and Workshop Participation**

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies. Hamburg, Germany	June 2020
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	2015, 2016, 2019
Latin American Social and Public Policy (LASPP)	2013, 2014, 2019
Chilean Society of Public Policy	2012
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2011, 2012, 2018
Political Psychology APSA pre-conference	2018
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019
Chilean Political Science Association (ACCP)	2010
International Political Science Association (IPSA)	2009
Euro-Latin American Network of Governability for Development (REDGOB)	2009

## **Invited Talks**

Universidad de Santiago de Chile (remote). Santiago, Chile	June 2023
University College Dublin. Dublin, Ireland.	April 2022
Carnegie Mellon University—Qatar (remote).	October 2020
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (remote). Quito, Ecuador	April & August, 2020
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Santiago, Chile	December 2019
University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, United States	January 2020, October 2017
Universidad Diego Portales. Santiago, Chile	May 2016
The European University at Saint Petersburg. Saint Petersburg, Russia	April 2015
Center for Research and Teaching Economics. Mexico City, Mexico	December 2013
Universidad de Santiago de Chile. Santiago, Chile	July 2010

## **Research Assistance**

Research Assistant to Dr. Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, University of Pittsburgh National Science Foundation project “Supreme Court Stability in Latin America”	2009-2011
Research Assistant to Dr. Scott Morgenstern, University of Pittsburgh US Agency for International Development project “Political Party Development”	2009-2011

## **Languages**

Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)

## **Professional Organizations**

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American Political Science Association, International Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Chilean Political Science Association

## **References**

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**Aníbal Pérez-Liñán**

Professor of Political Science  
University of Notre Dame

**John Carey**

John Wentworth Professor in the Social Sciences  
Dartmouth College

**David Barker**

Professor of Government  
American University

**Scott Morgenstern**

Professor of Political Science  
University of Pittsburgh