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Academic Appointment

Research Fellow, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University

Education

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN. December 2016

Dissertation Title: "The Causes and Representative Consequences of Invalid Voting in Latin America"

Committee: Elizabeth J. Zechmeister (Chair), Mitchell A. Seligson, Jonathan Hiskey, Zeynep Somer-Topcu (University of Texas-Austin), Timothy Power (Oxford)

M.A. Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN (2013)

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

B.A. Political Science, 2009, Cum laude

University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Coursework:

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2007, 2012 (political science, Chilean studies)

Universidad de Chile, 2007 (Spanish literature and language)

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Graduate Student Pilot Grant, Research on Individuals, Politics, and Society Lab, Vanderbilt University (2016)

Erwin Hargrove Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Political Science Department, Vanderbilt University (2015)

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Enhancement Grant #1428326 "Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science: The Causes and Representative Consequences of Invalid Voting." (2014-2015)

Graduate Student Field Research Award, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University (2014)

Summer Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Vanderbilt University (2014)

Dissertation Enhancement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Vanderbilt University (2014)

Graduate Student Pilot Grant, Research on Individuals, Politics, and Society Lab, Vanderbilt University (2013)

Summer Graduate Education Enhancement Award, Vanderbilt University (2011)

University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University (2010-2015)

Peer Reviewed Publications

Cohen, Mollie J., & Smith, Amy Erica. 2016. "Do authoritarians vote for authoritarians? Evidence from Latin America." *Research & Politics*, 3(4): 2053168016684066.

"Protest Via the Null Ballot: An Assessment of the Decision to Cast an Invalid Vote in Latin America." (Forthcoming at *Political Behavior*)

Manuscripts in Submission

"Electoral Volatility and Political Fractionalization in Latin America." With Facundo Salles Kobilanski and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. (Under Review)

Manuscripts in Preparation

"Strategic Entry under Uncertainty: The Peruvian Case."

"Campaigning for No-One: Elite Mobilization of the Invalid Vote in Latin American Presidential Elections."

"A Dynamic Model of the Invalid Vote: How Shifting Features of Political Competition Shape Null Voting Behavior."

"The Effect of Messages Promoting Invalid Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections"

"Vote Buying and Democratic Public Opinion in the Americas." With Elizabeth J. Zechmeister

"The Structural Causes of Negative Partisanship: A Cross-National Analysis." With Nara Pavão and Carolyn E. Roush

Research Reports and Chapters

"Here's what citizens who vote for authoritarians have in common." With Amy Erica Smith, The Monkey Cage Blog, The Washington Post, November 2, 2016. Link [here](#).

"Declining Trust in Parties Likely to Increase Already-High Invalid Voting Rates in Peru's National Elections." AmericasBarometer Topical Brief No. 26 (2016)

"Who is Interested in Politics?" With Ariel Helms, Hillary Rosenjack, Kelly Schultz, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. AmericasBarometer Insights No. 126 (2016)

"Who Approves of Those Who Block Roads to Protest in the Americas?" With Christine Huang, Susan Ma, Kyle Uber, Lauren White, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. AmericasBarometer Insights No. 121 (2015)

“Low Levels of External Efficacy Can be Improved by Government efforts to Deliver Better Outcomes.” With Hannury Lee, Ginny Randall, Jackson Vaught, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. *AmericasBarometer Insights* No. 115 (2015)

“Effort Trumps Output in Predicting Satisfaction with Democracy.” With Kristina Bergmann, Kelly Perry, Kevin Zhang and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. *AmericasBarometer Insights* No. 117 (2015)

“Those with darker skin report slower police response time in the Americas.” With Elizabeth J. Zechmeister and Mitchell A. Seligson, *AmericasBarometer Topical Brief* No. 16 (2015) [also published at *The Monkey Cage Blog*, *The Washington Post*, February 9, 2015]

“Explaining Support for Interethnic Marriage in Four Countries.” *AmericasBarometer Insights* No. 77 (2012)

“Double Jeopardy: How U.S. Enforcement Policies Shape Tunkaseño Migration.” With Jonathan Hicken and Jorge Narvaez, in Cornelius, Wayne A. et al. (2010). *Mexican Migration and the U.S. Economic Crisis: A Transnational Perspective*. Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, San Diego, CA.

Teaching

Graduate, Vanderbilt University

Introductory Statistics, Dr. Suzanne Globetti (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

Undergraduate, Vanderbilt University

Seminar: Public Opinion and Democracy in Latin America, Dr. Noam Lupu (Spring 2017)

The Politics of Global Inequality (Instructor, Fall 2015)

Honors Seminar: Public Opinion and Democracy in Latin America, Dr. Elizabeth J. Zechmeister (Spring 2015)

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Dr. Katherine Carroll (Spring 2011)

Public Opinion and Democracy in Latin America, Dr. Elizabeth J. Zechmeister (Summer 2011, 2012)

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Midwest Political Science Association

2016: “Electoral Volatility and Political Fractionalization in Latin America.” With Facundo Salles Kobilanski and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister.

2016: “How Political Competition Affects Invalid Voting in Latin America.”

2014: “Apathy, Political Information, and Invalid Voting.”

Southern Political Science Association

2014: “Protesting What? An Exploration of Invalid Voting.”

2012: “Reluctant vs. Content Clients?: Vote Buying in the Americas.” With Brian Faughnan and Elizabeth Zechmeister.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú (Grupo de Investigación Política Subnacional)

2015: “Claridad de competencia y el voto de protesta en América Latina.”

Jurado Nacional de Elecciones (Peruvian electoral commission)

2014: “Nociones básicas de la opinión pública.”

2014: “Experimentos: obsesionados por el control”

Service and Volunteer Work

Referee, *Social Movement Studies*; *Swiss Political Science Review*; *Política y Gobierno*

Student Liaison, Research Experience for Peruvian Undergraduates program, Vanderbilt University (2012- present)

Graduate Liaison to the Job Search Committee, Vanderbilt University Political Science Department (2012)

Research Skills

Applied econometrics (statistics and regression, maximum likelihood estimation, Bayesian statistics, structural and simultaneous equation models, formal theory); survey research methods (question design, pre-testing, training, quality control); qualitative data analysis; experimental methods

Language Skills

English (native), Spanish (near native proficiency), Portuguese (intermediate), French (intermediate)

Statistical Packages/ Computing

STATA, R, Qualtrics, NVivo, Python, Beamer

References

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