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Academic Appointments

2018-present Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs. University of Georgia

2017-2018 Research Fellow, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP). Vanderbilt University

Post-Doctoral Researcher with the Trans-Institutional Brazil Health Policy Project. Vanderbilt University

Education

2016 Ph.D., Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University
2013 M.A., Political Science, Vanderbilt University
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology
2009 Political Science, *Cum laude*, University of California San Diego

Peer Reviewed Publications

2022 Mollie J. Cohen, Amy Erica Smith, Mason W. Moseley, and Matthew L. Layton. "Winners' Consent? Democratic Legitimacy when Illiberal Candidates Win Elections." *American Journal of Political Science.* DOI: https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12690

2021 Mollie J. Cohen and Zach Warner. "How to Get Better Survey Data More Efficiently." *Political Analysis* 29(2): 121-138. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/pan.2020.20

2021 Matthew L. Layton, Amy Erica Smith, Mason W. Moseley, and Mollie J. Cohen. "Demographic Polarization and the Rise of the Far Right: Brazil's 2018 Presidential Election." *Research and Politics.* DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168021990204

2021 Mollie J. Cohen. "Citizen Approval of Monetary- vs Goods-For-Votes Exchanges." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 8(1): 85-89. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2020.4

2020 Peter F. Rebeiro,* Mollie J. Cohen,* Heather M. Ewing, Marina Cruvinel Figueiredo, Lauren Saag Peetluk, Kleydson B. Andrade, Marshall Eakin, Elizabeth J. Zechmeister, Timothy R. Sterling. "Knowledge and stigma of latent tuberculosis infection in Brazil: Implications for tuberculosis prevention strategies." *BMC Public Health*, 80(297). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-09053-1 *Co-first author

2018 Mollie J. Cohen. "Protest Via the Null Ballot: An Assessment of the Decision to Cast an Invalid Vote in Latin America." *Political Behavior,* 40(2): 395-414. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-017-9405-9

2018 Mollie J. Cohen, Facundo E. Salles Kobilanski, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. "Electoral Volatility in Latin America." *Journal of Politics*, 80(3). DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1086/697464

2018 Mollie J. Cohen. "A Dynamic Model of the Invalid Vote: How A Changing Candidate Menu Shapes Null Voting Behavior." *Electoral Studies,* 53: 111-121

2016 Mollie J. Cohen and Amy Erica Smith. "Do Authoritarians Vote for Authoritarians? Evidence from Latin America." *Research & Politics*, 3(4). DOI: 10.1177/2053168016684066

Manuscripts in Submission

None of the Above: Protest Voting in Latin American Democracies. (Book manuscript)

"Reducing Non-Response to Vote Choice using Sensitive Survey Item Techniques." With Kaitlen J. Cassell (*Revisions requested*)

"How Worried Should We Be? The Implications of Fabricated Survey Data for Political Science." With Oscar Castorena, Noam Lupu, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister (*Revisions requested*)

"Rejecting Authoritarianism: When Threats to Democracy Shape Values." With Amy Erica Smith, Mason W. Moseley, and Matthew L. Layton

"Vote Buying and Trust in Elections in Latin America." With Elizabeth J. Zechmeister and Euiyoung Noh

Work in Progress

"Finding Voice through Political Action? Perceptions of Participatory Efficacy in Brazil's 2018 Presidential Election." With Amy Erica Smith, Mason W. Moseley, and Matthew L. Layton (Working paper)

"Patrolling the Polls: How Partisan Observers Affect Election Outcomes." (Working paper)

"Partisan Poll Watchers and Americans' Beliefs about Electoral Integrity." With Geoffrey Sheagley (Working paper)

"Mosquito Politics: The Zika Epidemic and Abortion Attitudes in Brazil." With Claire Q. Evans (Working paper)

"How Poll Worker Attendance Affects Elections: Evidence from Peru." With Mariana Ramírez Bustamante (In progress)

Policy Briefs, Research Reports and Chapters

"Watchers at the Polls: The Effect of Partisan Poll Watchers on Perceptions of Electoral Fairness." With Geoffrey Sheagley. *MIT Election Lab Blog,* August 31, 2021.

"Brazil's president is rallying his base — so that he can expand his power." With Amy Erica Smith, Matthew Layton, and Mason Moseley. *The Monkey Cage Blog,* May 11, 2021.

“Did Brazilians vote against democracy last Sunday?” With Amy Erica Smith, Matthew Layton, and Mason Moseley. *Mischiefs of Faction*, October 30, 2018.

“Latin American Views on Abortion in the Shadow of the Zika Epidemic.” With Claire Q. Evans. AmericasBarometer Topical Brief No. 33 (2018).

“Blaming the Victim: Knowledge of Tuberculosis is Associated with Greater Stigma in Brazil.” With Heather Ewing, Marshall Eakin, Timothy Sterling, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. AmericasBarometer Insights No. 131 (2018).

"Measuring Political Knowledge in the AmericasBarometer." With Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. AmericasBarometer Methodological Note No. 003 (2018).

"Assessing and Improving Interview Quality in the 2016/17 AmericasBarometer." With Sebastian Larrea. AmericasBarometer Methodological Note No. 002 (2018).

“Support for Electoral Democracy in the Americas.” Chapter in Eds. Cohen, Mollie J., Noam Lupu, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2017. *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2016/17: A Comparative Study of Democracy and Governance.*

“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.

“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.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

2021	Small Grant, Department of International Affairs, UGA (with Geoff Sheagley)
2021	Seed Grant, University of Georgia (with Geoff Sheagley)
2020	Seed Grant, Department of International Affairs, UGA
2020	Seed Grant, Department of International Affairs, UGA (with Ryan Powers)
2020	Seed Grant, School of Public and International Affairs, UGA (with Geoff Sheagley)
2019	South Eastern Conference Faculty Travel Program Grant
2017	Travel Award, Southeastern Latin American Behavior Mini Conference
2016	Graduate Student Pilot Grant, RIPS Lab, Vanderbilt University
2015	Erwin Hargrove Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Political Science Department, Vanderbilt University
2014-2015	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Enhancement Grant #1428326 "Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science: The Causes and Representative Consequences of Invalid Voting."
2014	Graduate Student Field Research Award, Latin American Public Opinion Project
2014	Summer Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Vanderbilt University
2014	Dissertation Enhancement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Vanderbilt University
2013	Graduate Student Pilot Grant, RIPS Lab, Vanderbilt University
2011	Summer Graduate Education Enhancement Award, Vanderbilt University
2011-2015	University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University

Teaching

Graduate, University of Georgia

Comparative Analysis and Method (Fall 2020)
Comparative Political Behavior (Spring 2019)
Intermediate Political Methodology (Spring 2020, 2021, 2022)
Research Design (Fall 2022)

Undergraduate, University of Georgia

Applied Survey Research (Fall 2022)
Electioneering Around the World (Spring 2020, 2021)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2018, 2020)
Latin American Politics (Spring 2022)

Graduate, Vanderbilt University

Math Camp (Instructor, Fall 2017)

Undergraduate, Vanderbilt University

The Politics of Global Inequality (Instructor, Fall 2015)

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

American Political Science Association (2017, 2018, 2020, 2022)
American Political Science Association Women's Mentoring Workshop (2018)
Election Law Program, Carter Center, and the National Conference of State Legislatures (2021)
Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration (2021)

FLACSO – Mexico (2020)
Illiberalism in Latin America – George Washington University (2022)
Jurado Nacional de Elecciones (Peruvian electoral commission; 2014)
Latin American Studies Association (2019, 2020)
MapleMeth (2022)
Midwest Political Science Association (2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021)
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú (Grupo de Investigación Política Subnacional; 2015)
Southern Political Science Association (2012, 2014)
Southeastern Latin American Behavior Mini Conference (2017, 2018)

Conference Panel Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association (2016, 2020, 2021)
Southeastern Latin American Behavior Mini Conference (2019)
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (2019)

Service

Reviewer: American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Electoral Studies, European Union Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Political Science Review, Journal of Elections, Public opinion and Parties, Journal of Experimental Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Política y Gobierno, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Politics and the Life Sciences, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, Representation, Social Science Research, Social Movement Studies, Swiss Political Science Review

Section Chair: Public Opinion, MPSA Annual Meeting (2020); Turnout and Political Participation, MPSA Annual Meeting (2021)

Award Committee Member: APSA EPOVB John Sullivan Award Committee (2021-2)

Department: Search committee member (2020, 2021); Comprehensive exam grader, methods (2020-21); Graduate affairs committee member (2020-)

Organizer: Southern Working Group in Empirical Political Science (UGA/ FSU) Co-Organizer (2021); Junior Faculty Speaker Series Co-Organizer (UGA, 2021)

Community: Student Liaison, Research Experience for Peruvian Undergraduates program (2012-2017); Co-organizer and speaker, roundtable on Georgia's new election law (2021)

Research Skills

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

Language Skills

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

Fieldwork and International Experience

Chile: 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2016
Ecuador: 2014
Mexico: 2008, 2018
Panama: 2014
Peru: 2013, 2014, 2022

Consulting

NORC (2021-2)
LAPOP (2019, 2021)

Statistical Packages/ Computing

STATA, R, Qualtrics, NVivo, LaTeX, Python