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- APPOINTMENTS Royce Family Associate Professor of Teaching Excellence in Political Science, Brown University, July 2024-present
- Associate Professor of Political Science, Brown University, July 2016-present (Previously Assistant Professor, 2008-2016)
- Visiting Scholar, MIT Political Science, 2017-2018
- Faculty Fellow, Watson Institute, Brown University, July 2015-2017
- Visiting Scholar, Juan March Institute, October 2012-June 2013
- EDUCATION Ph.D. Political Science, May 2008 (Distinction)  
Columbia University, New York, NY
- A.B., Princeton University, June 2001 (Summa cum laude), Woodrow Wilson School (now School for Public and International Affairs)  
Larkin Memorial Prize for Best Senior Thesis in Political Economy  
Certificates in Spanish and Latin American Studies
- PEER REVIEWED BOOK “Curbing Clientelism in Argentina: Politics, Poverty, and Social Policy” (*Cambridge University Press*, 2014)  
Donna Lee Van Cott Book Award, Political Institutions Section, LASA 2015  
Reviewed in *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Publius*, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *Perspectives on Politics*
- PEER REVIEWED EDITED VOLUME “The Politics of Urban Informality: Innovations in Theory and Research Design from the City’s Margins.” Co-edited with Adam Auerbach, Adrienne LeBas, and Alison Post. Special issue for *Studies in Comparative International Development*, September 2018.
- PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES “Ignoring Women’s Performance: A Survey Experiment on Policy Implementation in Argentina” (with Gustavo Diaz, Virginia Oliveros, and Matthew S. Winters), 2025. *British Journal of Political Science* 55(e54): 1-10.
- “Political Knowledge in the Context of Changing and Informal Institutions” (with Sofia Vidotto and Matthew S. Winters), 2024. Online First. *Political Research Quarterly*

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“Credit Claiming by Labeling” (with Virginia Oliveros and Matthew S. Winters), 2023. *Comparative Political Studies* 56(13): 2099-2127.

“Voluntary Audits: Experimental Evidence on a Novel Approach to Bureaucratic Monitoring in Argentina” (with Ana De La O and Lucas Gonzalez), 2023. *World Development* 162: 106131.

“Knowledge of Social Rights as Political Knowledge” (with Matthew S. Winters), 2023. *Political Behavior* 45(4): 1911-1931.

“Corruption victimization and Anti-Incumbent Voting” (with Aimee Bourassa and Matthew S. Winters), 2022. *Governance* 35(4): 1163-1181.

“Voter Beliefs and Strategic Voting in Two-Round Elections,” (with Luke Plutowski and Matthew S. Winters), 2021. *Political Research Quarterly* 74(4): 852-865.

“Information Credibility and Responses to Corruption: A Replication and Extension in Argentina” (with Matthew S. Winters), 2020. *Political Science Research and Methods* 8(1): 169-177.

“State, Society, and Informality in Cities of the Global South” (with Adam Auerbach, Adrienne LeBas, and Alison Post), 2018. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 53(2): 261-280.

“Can Citizens Discern? Information Credibility, Political Sophistication, and the Punishment of Corruption in Brazil” (with Matthew S. Winters), 2017. *Journal of Politics* 79(1):60-74.

“Who’s in Charge Here? Voter Punishment of Municipal Corruption” (with Matthew S. Winters), 2016. *Political Research Quarterly* 69(2): 207-219.

“Political Corruption and Partisan Engagement: Evidence from Brazil” (with Matthew S. Winters), 2015. *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 7(1): 45-81.

“Lacking Information or Condoning Corruption: When Do Voters Support Corrupt Politicians?” (with Matthew S. Winters) 2013. *Comparative Politics* 45(4): 418-436.

“What Wins Votes: Why Some Politicians Opt Out of Clientelism,” 2012. *American Journal of Political Science* 56(3): 568-583.

Sage Prize for Best Paper in Comparative Politics presented at the 2011 APSA Annual Meeting

“The Link Between Voting and Life Satisfaction in Latin America” (with Matthew S. Winters), 2011. *Latin American Politics and Society* 53(4): 101-126.

“Why Primaries in Latin American Presidential Elections?” (with Özge Kemahlioglu and Shigeo Hirano), 2009. *Journal of Politics* 71(1): 339-352.

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“The Local Connection: Local Government Performance and Satisfaction with Democracy in Argentina,” 2008. *Comparative Political Studies* 41(3): 285-308. Best paper award, Political Institutions Section, LASA 2006

“Partisanship and Protest: The Politics of Workfare Distribution in Argentina,” 2006. *Latin American Research Review* 41(3): 122-147.

PEER REVIEWED “Strategic Voting in the 2015 Argentine Presidential Election” (with Matthew  
BOOK CHAPTERS S. Winters), in *Campaigns and Voters in Developing Democracies: Argentina in Comparative Perspective*,” edited by Noam Lupu, Virginia Oliveros, and Luis Schiumerini. University of Michigan Press. 2019.

“Continuity and Change in Public Attitudes toward Corruption” (with Matthew S. Winters and Kelly Senters), in *Routledge Handbook of Brazilian Politics*, edited by Barry Ames. 2018.

WORK IN “Persistent Citizens: Pursuing Social Welfare Benefits in Brazil and Argentina”  
PROGRESS (with Matthew S. Winters), Book manuscript. Book workshop held June 2024.  
*Under review*

“State-Centric Persistence: Pursuing Social Welfare Benefits in Brazil” (with Matthew S. Winters). *Revise and Resubmit, Governance*

“Do Social Rights Resonate? Experimental Analyses from Brazil and Argentina” (with Matthew S. Winters). *Under review*

“Partisan Perceptions of the Front-line State in Argentina” (with Matthew S. Winters).

“Third-Person versus Second-Person Vignettes in Survey Experimental Research” (with Matthew S. Winters), *dormant*

OTHER “Will Trump’s name on stimulus checks help win him votes in November?”  
PUBLICATIONS (with Virginia Oliveros and Matthew S. Winters) 2020. *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post* <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/04/29/will-trumps-name-stimulus-checks-help-win-him-votes-november/>

Book review, *Mobilizing Poor Voters: Machine Politics, Clientelism and Social Networks in Argentina* by Mariela Szwarcberg, Cambridge University Press. 2015. *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, 2016.

“Partisan Protesters and Nonpartisan Protests in Brazil,” 2014. Research note, *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 6(1):137-150, with Matthew S. Winters. (Peer reviewed)

“Political Participation and Quality of Life,” 2008. Inter-American Development Bank Working Paper 638, with Matthew S. Winters.

Book review, *Democracy and the Culture of Skepticism: Political Trust in Argentina and Mexico* by Matthew Cleary and Susan C Stokes, Russell Sage

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Foundation, 2006. *Perspectives on Politics* 6:4, 2008

GRANTS

Research Seed Award, “Political Knowledge and Citizenship in Developing Country Democracies,” Brown University, 2019 (\$25,000)

Salomon Faculty Research Award, “Controlling Corruption with Credible Information? Evidence from Argentina,” Brown University, 2015 (\$15,000)

Watson Institute Collaboration Grant, Brown University (for conference on accountability and public goods provision), 2014 (\$10,000)

Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University, 2010 (\$15,000)

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, August 2006

FELLOWSHIPS &  
AWARDS

TOP USA Massachusetts Award (with Gabriel Cepaluni), 2013

Edmond J. Safra Network Fellow at Harvard University (non-resident), 2012-2013

Honorable Mention, Best Fieldwork Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2008

Candidate address, PhD Convocation, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, May 2008

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2003-2006

Fulbright Fellowship, Argentina, November 2001 - May 2002

TEACHING AND  
ADVISING  
BROWN  
UNIVERSITY

**Recent Courses**

*Foundations of Political Analysis* (POLS 500, Undergraduate lecture)

*Quality of Democracy in Latin America* (POLS 1285, Undergraduate lecture)

*The Politics, Ethics, and Art of Corruption* (POLS 0920I, Sophomore seminar)

*Corruption and Governance Across Democracies* (POLS 1822H, Senior seminar)

*Strategies of Inquiry and Research Design* (POLS 2000, Graduate seminar)

*Political Development* (POLS 2325, Graduate seminar)

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## PhD Advising

### *Current Students*

Manuel Moscoso Rojas; Nicolas Taccone; Eva Rios; Sofia Vidotto (Chair); Debora Duque (Chair); Leja Joe Mathew; Daniel Cabral (Chair); Shreya Singh

### *Former Students*

Maria Angelica Bautista (May 2014); Diego Diaz (May 2016); Poulomi Chakrabarti (May 2019); Jerome Marston (May 2019), Chair; Rebecca Martin (May 2019); Aimee Bourassa (August 2021), Chair; Kaustav Chakrabarti (July 2021); Rehan Jamil (September 2022), Co-chair; Hannah Baron (June 2023), Chair; Daniel Schulte (August 2023); Cyril Bennouna (April 2024)

SERVICE  
BROWN  
UNIVERSITY

Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, 2023-present

Graduate Placement Director, Political Science, 2021-2022

Advisory Committee, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2010-2011; 2019-2020

Steering Committee, Social Science Research Institute, Brown University, 2016-2018

Executive Committee, Graduate Program in Development, Watson Institute: 2015-2017

Graduate Committee, Political Science: 2013-2014; 2018-2021

Undergraduate Committee, Political Science: 2009-2010, 2010-2011 (Chair), 2011-2012

SERVICE  
TO THE  
PROFESSION

Member, Theda Skocpol Prize Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA 2024

Member, AJPS Best Paper Award, MPSA 2024

Program Chair, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA 2023

Member, Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, June 2021-present

Member, Editorial Board, *Comparative Political Studies*, June 2016-present

Member, Editorial Collective, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2010-2021

Chair, Michael Wallerstein Award Committee, Political Economy Section, APSA 2019

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Member, Emerging Scholar Award Committee, EPOVB Section, APSA 2019

Secretary, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA, 2016-2018

Member, Executive Council, Comparative Politics Section, APSA, 2016-2018

Chair, Fiona McGillivray Best Paper Award, APSA 2016

Member, Sage Paper Award Committee, APSA 2016

Chair, Donna Lee Van Cott Award, LASA 2016

Chair, Sage Paper Award Committee, APSA 2013

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Bulletin for Latin American Research*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies* (Best reviewer award 2015), *Governance*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin America Research Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Politica y Gobierno*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Politics*, *World Development*, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, National Science Foundation

*(Current as of: March 2025)*