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APPOINTMENTS

Royce Family Associate Professor of Teaching Excellence in Political Science July 2024–present

Brown University

Associate Professor of Political Science (with tenure)

July 2016–present

Brown University (Previously Assistant Professor, 2008–2016)

Visiting Scholar

2017–2018

MIT Political Science

Faculty Fellow

July 2015–2017

Watson Institute, Brown University

Visiting Scholar

October 2012–June 2013

Juan March Institute

EDUCATION

Columbia University

May 2008

Ph.D. Political Science (Distinction), New York, NY

Princeton University

June 2001

A.B. Woodrow Wilson School (now School for Public and International Affairs), Summa cum laude

- Larkin Memorial Prize for Best Senior Thesis in Political Economy
- Certificates in Spanish and Latin American Studies

PEER REVIEWED BOOKS

Persistent Citizens: Pursuing Social Welfare Benefits in Brazil and Argentina, with Matthew S. Winters (Cambridge University Press, 2026).

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

In all cases, author order is alphabetical following standard disciplinary practice unless otherwise indicated.

** indicates Brown University graduate student co-author, + indicates other institution graduate student co-author.*

1. "State-Centric Persistence: Pursuing Social Welfare Benefits in Brazil," with Matthew S. Winters. 2025. *Governance* 38.4 (October).
2. "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(654): 1–10.
3. "Political Knowledge in the Context of Changing and Informal Institutions," with Sofia Vidotto* and Matthew S. Winters. 2025. *Political Research Quarterly* 78.1 (March): 87–101.
4. "Credit Claiming by Labeling," with Virginia Oliveros and Matthew S. Winters. 2023. *Comparative Political Studies* 56(13): 2099–2127.
5. "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.
6. "Knowledge of Social Rights as Political Knowledge," with Matthew S. Winters. 2023. *Political Behavior* 45(4): 1911–1931.
7. "Corruption Victimization and Anti-Incumbent Voting," with Aimee Bourassa* and Matthew S. Winters. 2022. *Governance* 35(4): 1163–1181.
8. "Voter Beliefs and Strategic Voting in Two-Round Elections," with Luke Plutowski+ and Matthew S. Winters. 2021. *Political Research Quarterly* 74(4): 852–865.
9. "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. (Author order non-alphabetical; equal author contribution)
10. "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.
11. "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.
12. "Who's in Charge Here? Voter Punishment of Municipal Corruption," with Matthew S. Winters. 2016. *Political Research Quarterly* 69(2): 207–219. (Author order non-alphabetical; equal author contribution)
13. "Political Corruption and Partisan Engagement: Evidence from Brazil," with Matthew S. Winters. 2015. *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 7(1): 45–81. (Author order non-alphabetical; equal author contribution)
14. "Lacking Information or Condoning Corruption: When Do Voters Support Corrupt Politicians?" with Matthew S. Winters. 2013. *Comparative Politics* 45(4): 418–436. (Author order non-alphabetical; equal author contribution)
15. "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
16. "The Link Between Voting and Life Satisfaction in Latin America," with Matthew S. Winters. 2011. *Latin American Politics and Society* 53(4): 101–126.
17. "Why Primaries in Latin American Presidential Elections?" with Özge Kemahlioglu and Shigeo Hirano. 2009. *Journal of Politics* 71(1): 339–352.
18. "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

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

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Strategic Voting in the 2015 Argentine Presidential Election," with Matthew 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 PROGRESS

- "Partisan Perceptions of the Front-line State in Argentina," with Matthew S. Winters. *Under review*
- "Environmental Attitudes and Support for Fuel Subsidy Removal in Bolivia," with Sanghyun Cho⁺ and Matthew S. Winters. *Under review*
- "Constitutional Rights and Attitudes toward Natural Resource Extraction in Bolivia," with Sanghyun Cho⁺ and Matthew S. Winters. *Under review*
- "Do Social Rights Resonate? Experimental Analyses from Brazil and Argentina," with Matthew S. Winters.
- "The Politics of Esteem: How Dignity, Recognition, and Social Standing Shape Politics in the Global South," with Adam Auerbach and Mashail Malik. *Under commission at Annual Review of Political Science*.
- "Third-Person versus Second-Person Vignettes in Survey Experimental Research" (with Matthew S. Winters), *dormant*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Book review, *Poverty Shaping Politics: Machine Parties and Their Unexpected Challengers* by Rodrigo Zarazaga, Cambridge University Press. 2025. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 2026.
- "Will Trump's name on stimulus checks help win him votes in November?" (with Virginia Oliveros and Matthew S. Winters) 2020. The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post [Washington Post Article Link](#)
- 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 Foundation, 2006. *Perspectives on Politics* 6:4, 2008

GRANTS

Research Seed Award, "Political Knowledge and Citizenship in Developing Country Democracies"	2019
<i>Brown University (\$25,000)</i>	
Salomon Faculty Research Award, "Controlling Corruption with Credible Information? Evidence from Argentina"	2015
<i>Brown University (\$15,000)</i>	
Watson Institute Collaboration Grant	2014
<i>Brown University (for conference on accountability and public goods provision, \$10,000)</i>	
Salomon Faculty Research Award	2010
<i>Brown University (\$15,000)</i>	
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

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

MIT, Latin America Working Group	March 2026
Tulane University, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research	March 2026
Duke University, Political Economy/Political Institutions Seminar	February 2026
Boston University, Comparative Politics Workshop	November 2025
Tulane University	April 2024
University Torcuato di Tella, Argentina	May 2023
Harvard DRCLAS	February 2023
NYU Comparative Politics Speaker Series	November 2022
University of Gothenburg Quality of Governance Workshop	June 2021 (virtual)
Norwegian Political Economy Workshop	May 2021 (virtual)
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	April 2021 (virtual)
Cornell University, Latin American Studies Program	April 2021 (virtual)
Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse	November 2020 (virtual)
University of Washington, Seminar in Comparative Politics	January 2019
Boston University, Workshop in Comparative Politics	October 2018
Washington University in St. Louis, Political Science Speaker Series	October 2018

University of California San Diego, Political Economy Lunch Group	April 2018
CIDE, Mexico	April 2018
Tulane University, Workshop on Argentina's 2015 Election in Comparative Perspective	May 2016
Harvard University, Conference on Institutional Weakness in Latin America	May 2016
University of Texas, Austin	October 2015
Universidad Nacional de San Martin, Argentina	May 2015
Boston University	April 2015
University of Pittsburgh, Global Politics Seminar	March 2015
UC Berkeley, Conference on Brokering Votes: Clientelism in Comparative Perspective (discussant)	February 2015
MIT, Comparative Politics Series	November 2014
Harvard University, Positive Political Economy Series	October 2014
USAID, Workshop on Ending Extreme Poverty	August 2014
Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies	April 2014
Columbia University Comparative Politics Seminar	March 2014
UNESP, Sao Paulo, Brazil	October 2013
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, Political Science Department	June 2013
University of Salamanca, Spain, Instituto de Iberoamerica	March 2013
Juan March Institute, Conference on Parties and Partisans	February 2013
Juan March Institute, CEACS Permanent Seminar	October 2012
Stanford University, Conference on Public Goods Provision and Governance	May 2012
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Comparative Politics Workshop	April 2011
NYU, Experimental Political Science Conference	March 2011
University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop	February 2011
Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies	April 2010
Yale University, Conference on Redistribution, Public Goods, and Political Market Failures	April 2010

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024

REPAL (Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina) Conference: 2024, 2026

Latin American Political Methodology Meeting: 2025

Toronto Political Behavior Workshop: 2023

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2005, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2020

Latin American Studies Association Congress: 2006, 2007, 2013

TEACHING AND ADVISING – BROWN UNIVERSITY

Graduate Courses

- **Becoming a Political Scientist (POLS 2053):** AY 2024–2025; 2025–2026
- **Strategies of Inquiry and Research Design (POLS 2000/2001):** Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2024

- **Political Development (POLS 2325):** Spring 2025
- **Proseminar in Comparative Politics:** Fall 2016, Spring 2019
- **American and Comparative Political Behavior (POLS 20901):** Spring 2015, Spring 2021
- **Theory and Research in Development (DS 2010):** Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Undergraduate Courses

- **Foundations of Political Analysis (POLS 500):** Spring, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
- **Democracy in Latin America (POLS 1285):** Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2018, Fall 2020
- **Corruption and Governance Across Democracies (POLS 1822H):** Spring 2011, Spring 2014, Fall 2020, Spring 2022
- **The Politics, Ethics, and Art of Corruption (POLS 09201):** Spring 2022, Spring 2026
- **Corruption in Politics and Policymaking (PPAI 2665):** Spring 2012
- **Comparative Policies (PPAI 1500; 0700J):** Fall 2008, 2010, 2011
- **Comparative Institutional Decision Making (PPAI 1701L):** Spring 2011

Dissertation Committees

Current Students:

- Debora Duque (PhD Expected May 2027), Chair
- Leja Joe Mathew (PhD Expected May 2028)
- Daniel Cabral (PhD Expected May 2028), Chair
- Shreya Singh (PhD Expected May 2029)

Former Students:

- Sofia Vidotto (May 2026), Chair
- Eva Rios (February 2026)
- Nicolas Taccone (October 2025)
- Manuel Moscoso-Rojas (May 2025)
- Cyril Bennouna (May 2024)
- Daniel Schulte (October 2023)
- Hannah Baron (October 2023), Chair
- Rehan Jamil (October 2022), Chair
- Kaustav Chakrabarti (October 2021)
- Aimee Bourassa (October 2021), Chair
- Jerome Marston (May 2019), Chair
- Poulomi Chakrabarti (May 2019)
- Rebecca Bell Martin (May 2019)
- Diego Diaz (May 2016)
- Maria Angelica Bautista (May 2014)

Senior Honors Thesis Advising

Total students: 4

SERVICE – BROWN UNIVERSITY

Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science
Graduate Placement Director, Political Science

2023–2027
2021–2022

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Political Science (Assistant Professor)	2021
Advisory/Executive Committee, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies	2010–2011, 2019–2020
Cogut Visiting Fellow Selection Committee, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies	2016–2017; 2018–2019 (Chair)
Office for the Vice President for Research, Seed Award Reviewer	2020, 2021; Salomon Award Reviewer, 2017
Steering Committee, Social Science Research Institute	2016–2018
Member, Faculty Search Committee, Political Science (Open Rank)	2018
Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Political Science (Open Rank)	2016
Executive Committee, Graduate Program in Development	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

Chair, Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, APSA	2026
Member, Robert A. Dahl Award Committee, APSA	2026
Member, Nominating Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA	2025–2028
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, Comparative Political Studies	June 2016–present
Member, Editorial Board, American Journal of Political Science	June 2021–2025
Member, Editorial Collective, Studies in Comparative International Development	2010–2021
Chair, Michael Wallerstein Award Committee, Political Economy Section, APSA	2019
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, Política 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.