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Academic Appointments

- Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Department of Political Science, 2021-present
- Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Department of Political Science, 2015-21
- Visiting Scholar, University of Texas at Austin, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, 2014-15
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Marquette University, Department of Political Science, 2013-14

Education

- Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2013)
- M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2007)
- B.A. in Government, *with highest honors*, University of Texas at Austin (2004)

Publications

Books

- *Military Courts, Civil-Military Relations, and the Legal Battle for Democracy: The Politics of Military Justice* (New York: Routledge, 2021), with Andrew G. Reiter
*Reviewed to date in Global Military Justice Reform Blog, *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Journal for Brazilian Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research* (Book Notes), *Perspectives on Politics*
- *Recycling Dictators in Latin American Elections: Legacies of Military Rule* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2016)
*Reviewed to date in *Democratization*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*

Articles

- “Militarized Justice in New Democracies: Explaining the Process of Military Court Reform in Latin America.” *Law and Society Review*, 47:2 (2013): 375-407, with Andrew G. Reiter
*Winner of the Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Article Prize at UW-Madison
- “Dictating Justice: Military Courts and Human Rights in Latin America.” *Armed Forces and Society* 38:1 (2012): 27-48, with Andrew G. Reiter

Invited Works

- “Diálogo entre autores: Intervencionismo militar en las democracias latinoamericanas” (Authors in dialogue: Military intervention in Latin American democracies: Brett J. Kyle and Andrew G. Reiter’s *Military Courts, Civil-Military Relations, and the Legal Battle for Democracy: The Politics of Military Justice* and Julio Ríos-Figueroa’s *Constitutional Courts as Mediators: Armed Conflict, Civil-Military Relations, and the Rule of Law in Latin America*). *Política y Gobierno*, 28:2 (2021): 1-15, with Andrew G. Reiter and Julio Ríos-Figueroa.
- “Honduras,” in *The Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice*, eds. Lavinia Stan and Nadya Nedelsky, 2nd edition (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)
- “National Commissioner for the Protection of Human Rights in Honduras,” in *The Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice*, eds. Lavinia Stan and Nadya Nedelsky, 2nd edition (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)
- “The Law, Security and Civil Society Freedoms,” in *Civil Society, Conflict and Violence*, eds. Wolfgang Dörner and Regina List (Bloomsbury Academic, 2012), with Mandeep Tiwana
- “Honduras,” in *The Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice*, eds. Lavinia Stan and Nadya Nedelsky, 2nd edition (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- “National Commissioner for the Protection of Human Rights in Honduras,” in *The Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice*, eds. Lavinia Stan and Nadya Nedelsky, 2nd edition (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012)

Public Scholarship

- “For Hemispheric Unity, a Change in U.S. Foreign Policy is Needed,” *North American Congress on Latin America*, April 7, 2022, Andrew G. Reiter; available at: <https://nacla.org/hemispheric-unity-change-us-foreign-policy-needed-latin-america>
- “Why Have Military Courts Become Such a Popular Tool of Repression?” *Political Violence at a Glance*, January 24, 2022, with Andrew G. Reiter; available at: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2022/01/24/why-have-military-courts-become-such-a-popular-tool-of-repression/>
- “A New Dawn for Latin American Militaries,” *North American Congress on Latin America: Report on the Americas*, Vol. 51, Issue 1 (March 2019), with Andrew G. Reiter
- “Brazil’s most popular politician, Lula, won’t be on the October presidential ballot. Here’s what comes next,” *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, September 5, 2018, with Andrew G. Reiter; available at: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/09/05/brazils-most-popular-politician-lula-wont-be-on-the-october-presidential-ballot-heres-what-comes-next/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.04563ad2a055
- “Militarization Redux: Across the Region, Latin America’s Militaries are Regaining Power through the Court Systems,” *North American Congress on Latin America*, July 27, 2018, with Andrew G. Reiter; available at: <https://nacla.org/news/2018/07/27/militarization-redux>
- “Justice and the Generals,” *Washington Report on the Hemisphere*, Vol. 22, Nos. 23-24 (December 17, 2002)
- “Recent Media Extravaganza Revives Immigration Debate,” *Washington Report on the Hemisphere*, Vol. 22, Nos. 21-22 (December 3, 2002)
- “Uruguay Faces Regional Challenges,” *Washington Report on the Hemisphere*, Vol. 22, No. 19 (October 22, 2002), with Jovana Garzón

- “Statistics & Resources: UNESCO’s Comparative Education Study,” *Washington Report on the Hemisphere*, Vol. 22, No. 19 (October 22, 2002), with Jovana Garzón

Book Reviews

- *Evidence for Hope: Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century*, by Kathryn Sikkink (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2017) in *International Dialogue* (2019)

Honors and Awards

- Faculty Development Fellowship, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2022
- Goldstein Center for Human Rights, Research and Creative Activity Grant, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2022
- Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Article Award, Department of Political Science, UW-Madison, 2012 (for “Militarized Justice in New Democracies: Explaining the Process of Military Court Reform in Latin America,” with Andrew G. Reiter)
- UW-Madison Department of Political Science Summer Initiative Award, 2012
- Vilas Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012
- Vilas Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011
- Institute of International Education, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, 2011 alternate
- Human Rights Initiative Dissertation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010-11
- Vilas Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Field Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese), 2007
- University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006-07
- Vilas Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Journal Fellow, 2004 alternate
- The William Jennings Bryan Award—1st place Government Honors Senior Thesis, University of Texas at Austin, 2004 (for “Yielding Power: The Transition from Military to Civilian Rule in El Salvador and Guatemala”)

Professional Presentations

Conference Presentations

- “Military Rebellion in Latin America,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Francisco, CA, May 5, 2022 (online)
- “Lithium Extraction and Political Institutions in Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile,” Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States (ESMOAS) Academic Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 13, 2021 (online)
- CRN 53 Transitional Justice Roundtable: New Books in the Field (*Military Courts, Civil-Military Relations, and the Legal Battle for Democracy: The Politics of Military Justice*), Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL, May 29, 2021 (online)
- “Opportunity for Development or One More Resource Curse? Lithium Extraction and Political Institutions in Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Boston, MA, May 24, 2019

- “Judges and Generals: Military Justice Meets the Rule of Law,” with Andrew G. Reiter, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Toronto, Canada, June 7, 2018
- “Ex-Military Rulers’ Presidential Campaigns in Bolivia, Guatemala, and Peru,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Barcelona, Spain, May 26, 2018
- “Recycling Dictators: Former Military Regime Governors in Argentina,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Lima, Peru, April 29, 2017
- “Recycling Dictators: Former Military Regime Governors in Argentina,” Annual Political Science Association National Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 3, 2016
- “Military Legal Prerogatives across the Globe,” with Andrew G. Reiter, 2016 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, New Orleans, LA, June 2, 2016
- “Recycling Dictators: Former Military Regime Governors in Argentina,” Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 7, 2016
- “Courts and Coups: Military Legal Prerogatives across the Globe,” with Andrew G. Reiter, 2014 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Minneapolis, MN, May 30, 2014
- “Recycling Authoritarians: Ex-Regime Officials in New Democracies,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2014
- “Recycling Authoritarians: Ex-Regime Officials in New Democracies,” Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2014
- “Asset or Albatross? Ex-Authoritarians and Historical Public Dialogue in Latin American Presidential Campaigns,” Columbia University Institute for the Study of Human Rights, New York, NY, December 7, 2013
- “Lobbying with the Sword: Military Rebellion in Contemporary Latin America,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington, DC, May 30, 2013
- “Lobbying with the Sword: Military Rebellion in Contemporary Latin America,” 71st Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2013
- “Roads to Reform: Typologies of Changing Military Courts in Latin America,” with Andrew G. Reiter, 2011 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Francisco, CA, June 4, 2011
- “Recycling Dictators: Ex-Regime Candidates in New Democracies,” 69th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, 31 March 2011
- “Dictating Justice: Military Courts and Judicial Reform in Latin America,” with Andrew G. Reiter, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL, May 28, 2010
- “Why Militaries Rebel: Military Mobilization in Contemporary Latin America,” 2009 International Biennial Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUSAFS), Chicago, IL, October 25, 2009
- “Dictating Justice: Military Rule and Judicial Reform in Latin America,” with Andrew G. Reiter, 67th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2, 2009
- “Recycling Dictators: Authoritarian Leaders and Democratic Integration,” 66th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2, 2008

- “Causes for Civil War and Failed Revolution in El Salvador,” 24th Annual Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association Conference, Austin, TX, February 14, 2004

Invited Talks

- “Authoritarianism vs. Democracy,” Nebraska Civic Leadership Program, June 7, 2022
- “Strategic Deterrence Session: History and Political Context of South America,” UNO Strategic Leadership Fellows, February 23, 2022
- “Human Rights,” International Studies: Global Challenges, University of Nebraska at Omaha, February 17, 2022
- “International Relations of Mexico: Migration,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 9, 2021
- “Human Rights,” International Studies: Global Challenges, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 2, 2021
- “Legacies of Military Rule,” History of Human Rights in Latin America, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 5, 2021
- “Military Courts, Civil-Military Relations, and the Legal Battle for Democracy: The Politics of Military Justice,” Constitution Day, University of Nebraska at Omaha, September 16, 2021
- “Is Venezuela a Failed State and How is this Affecting its Neighbors,” Nebraska World Affairs Council, June 29, 2021
- “Comparative Research on Military Justice,” with Andrew G. Reiter, Cornell Law School, April 29, 2021
- “Strategic Deterrence Session: History and Political Context of South America,” UNO Strategic Leadership Fellows, April 28, 2021
- “The Politics of Military Justice: A Global Study,” with Andrew G. Reiter, Global Military Justice Reform Town Hall 14, April 6, 2021
- “Transitional Justice: Accountability after Mass Atrocity,” War, Religion, and Human Rights, University of Nebraska at Omaha, February 2, 2021
- “Human Rights,” International Studies: Global Challenges, University of Nebraska at Omaha, February 1, 2021
- “The Idea of Democracy,” Introduction to Latino/Latin American Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 7, 2020
- “State and the Military,” Introduction to Latino/Latin American Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 5, 2020
- “Pandemic and Human Rights in Latin America,” with Dr. Pedro Cantisano and Rev. Dr. Helen Boursier, Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) charla and Human Rights Forum, September 29, 2020
- “Careers in Human Rights,” Human Rights Week, University of Nebraska at Omaha, September 25, 2020
- “Human Rights,” International Studies: Global Challenges, University of Nebraska at Omaha, September 2, 2020
- “Military Politics in Latin America,” Latin American Politics, Nebraska Wesleyan University, February 18, 2020
- “Transitional Justice in Sierra Leone,” Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, February 11, 2020

- “Protest and Change in Venezuela & Beyond: Current Human Rights Issues in Latin America,” with Dr. Cristián Doña-Reveco, Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) charla and Human Rights Forum, February 11, 2020
- “International Relations of Latin America, Flashpoint: Mexico,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 12, 2019
- “Human Rights,” International Studies: Global Challenges, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 6, 2019
- “Military Rule in Latin America,” Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 5, 2019
- “Human Rights in the 21st Century,” Dual Enrollment Workshop, University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 3, 2019
- “Visuals in Presentations,” Senior Capstone, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 26, 2019
- “Government and Politics of Mexico,” Omaha North High School, March 1, 2019
- “Government and Politics of Mexico,” Omaha South High School, February 26, 2019
- “Transitional Justice: Accountability after Mass Atrocity,” War, Religion, and Human Rights, University of Nebraska at Omaha, January 31, 2019
- “United States Foreign Policy Toward Latin America,” US Foreign Policy, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 13, 2018
- “Dictatorship and Democratization in Latin America,” Introduction to Latino/Latin American Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 31, 2018
- “International Relations and Human Rights in Latin America,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 29, 2018
- “Political Re-Ordering in Latin America: Presidential Elections, Peace Accords, and the End of Unasur,” with Dr. Cristián Doña-Reveco and Dr. Maria Arbelaez, Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) charla, September 18, 2018
- “Government and Politics of Mexico,” Omaha South High School, February 27, 2018
- “Marxism,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, February 12, 2018
- “State Terror in Argentina, 1976-83,” Religion and Human Rights, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 13, 2017
- “International Relations of Latin America, Flashpoint: Mexico,” Introduction to International Relations-Honors, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 7, 2017
- “Democracy and Dictatorship,” Dual Enrollment Workshop, University of Nebraska at Omaha, September 6, 2017
- “International Relations of Latin America, Flashpoint: Mexico,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 4, 2017
- “Government and Politics of Mexico,” Omaha South High School, March 2, 2017
- “US-Latin American Relations,” Dual Enrollment Workshop, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 9, 2016
- “2016 Presidential Election,” Wells Fargo Latin Connection Team Member Network, October 27, 2016
- “Military Legal Prerogatives across the Globe,” Senior Capstone, University of Nebraska at Omaha, September 20, 2016

- “Foundations and Fault Lines in Latin American Politics,” Nebraska Civic Leadership Program, June 6, 2016
- “International Relations of Latin America, Flashpoint: Mexico,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 29, 2016
- “International Relations of Latin America, Flashpoint: Mexico,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 17, 2015
- “International Relations of Latin America, Flashpoint: Mexico,” Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 16, 2015

Teaching Experience

- Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2021-present
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2022)
 - Latin American Politics (Fall 2021)
 - International Relations of Latin America (Spring 2022)
 - Politics and Practice of Human Rights (Fall 2021)
 - Graduate Seminar in Comparative Politics (Fall 2021)
- Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2015-21
 - Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
 - Introduction to Political Science-Honors (Fall 2016)
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)
 - Latin American Politics (Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020)
 - Inter-American Politics (Spring 2016)
 - International Relations of Latin America (Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2020)
 - Democracy (Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021)
 - Politics and Practice of Human Rights (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
 - Political Science Senior Capstone (Spring 2017)
 - Graduate Seminar in Comparative Politics (Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Marquette University, 2013-14
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2014)
 - Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Totalitarianism (Spring 2014)
 - Latin American Politics (Fall 2013)
- Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007-2012
 - Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2012)
 - Global Challenges: An Introduction to International Studies (Fall 2011)
 - Comparative Study of Genocide (Fall 2009)
 - Transitional Justice (Spring 2008)
 - Latin American Politics (Fall 2007)

Departmental Service

Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska at Omaha

- NCITE Search Committee, 2020-21
- Undergraduate Program Committee, 2017-present (Chair, 2021-22)

- Graduate Program Committee, 2015-17
- Department Liaison to the Criss Library, 2015-present

Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Comparative Politics Search Committee, Fall 2010
- “Review sessions,” presentation for Political Science Teaching Assistants, February 21, 2013
- “Organizing a Dissertation,” presentation for Political Science Graduate Association, December 8, 2011
- “Grading,” presentation for Political Science Teaching Assistants, October 8, 2010
- “Prelim preparation,” presentation for Political Science Graduate Association, May 1, 2009

College Service: Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS)

- Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) faculty, 2015-present
- Cinemateca Committee, 2016

Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Center for Human Rights (GCHR)

- Goldstein Center for Human Rights (GCHR) Affiliated Faculty, 2017-present
- Executive Committee, 2018-present
- Research and Creative Activity Committee Chair, 2019-present
- Research and Creative Activity Committee Co-chair, with Dr. Alecia Anderson, 2017-19
- Curriculum Committee, 2015-17
- Faculty Steering Committee, 2015-17

Other College of Arts and Science Service

- Educational Policy Committee (EPC), 2020-23
- Human Rights Essay Contest Award Committee, 2022
- Human Rights Essay Contest Award Committee, 2021
- “Our Population” Degree Discovery Panel, February 19, 2020
- Human Rights Essay Contest Award Committee, 2020
- Human Rights Essay Contest Award Committee, 2019
- Classroom Envisioning Focus Group, February 21, 2017
- “Advise the Dean: Looking ahead to 2020,” November 9, 2016

University Service: University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Pre-Tenure Faculty Leadership Forum Coordinator/Co-coordinator, Center for Faculty Excellence, 2017-21
- University Committee on Facilities Planning, 2016-19
- American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Scholarship Committee (ad hoc), March 2018
- New Faculty Orientation (Panel: Institutional Quality), August 23, 2019
- Professional Development Workshop for New Faculty, September 7, 2018

- New Faculty Orientation Panel, August 24, 2017
- RPT, Annual Review and Digital Measures Workshop Panel, Center for Faculty Excellence, September 12, 2016
- UNO Common Reader discussion, August 21, 2016
- New Faculty Orientation (Panel: Advice on Success at UNO), August 15, 2016

Professional Service

- Reviewer for *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, *Defence Studies*, *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, *Politics and Governance*; Cambridge University Press

Other Professional Experience

- Analyst, Stratfor Global Intelligence, Austin, TX, 2015
- Project Assistant, Steve Stern, Cluster Hire Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012-13
- Project Assistant, Scott Straus, Human Rights Initiative, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010
- Project Assistant, Alexandra Huneus, School of Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Research Associate, Council on Hemispheric Affairs, Washington, DC, 2002

Languages

- English – Native
- Spanish – Advanced
- Brazilian Portuguese – Basic

Professional Affiliations

- American Political Science Association
- Congress for New Urbanism (CNU Midwest)
- Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society
- Latin American Studies Association
- Law and Society Association