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## Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2012-  
Affiliate Faculty, Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean and Latin American Studies, 2012-  
Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, Center for Latin American Studies, 2011-2012

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2011  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Latin America, and Research Methods  
M.A., Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2005  
B.A., Political Science, Swarthmore College, 2003 (High Honors)

## Books

2017. *Water and Politics: Clientelism and Reform in Urban Mexico*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press.

## Peer Reviewed Articles

2017. "From Participatory Promises to Partisan Capture: Local Democratic Transitions and Citizen Water Boards in Mexico." *Comparative Politics*. 49 (4). July. pp. 479-499.

- Winner of Best Paper Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association
- Noted in Washington Post, "How to build the better cities of tomorrow? It takes careful planning-and political science research," by Jeffrey W. Paller, October 20, 2016.

2014. (with Alison Post). "Can Developing Countries both Decentralize and Depoliticize Urban Water Services? Evaluating the Legacy of the 1990s Reform Wave." *World Development*. Volume 64 (December). pp. 621-641.

2014. "Does Commercialization Undermine the Benefits of Decentralization for Local Services Provision? Evidence from Mexico's Urban Water and Sanitation Sector." *World Development*. Volume 56. (April). pp. 16-31.

- Selected for inclusion in the National Science Foundation funded "Qualitative Data Repository" pilot project, <https://qdr.syr.edu/>

## Works in Progress

"Triangulation for Qualitative Political Research: On Meaning, Measures, and Method (under review), (with Kelly Delaney).

“Unlocking the State’s Front Door: Principled Commitment NGOs and Environmental Rights in Argentina and Colombia” (under review).

“Transparency Technology in Qualitative Research: The Pros, the Cons, and the User Experience” (journal article in preparation)

“The Institutional Activation of Participatory Mechanisms in the Judiciary: Lessons from Colombia” (journal article to be presented at APSA 2017) (with Lindsay Mayka).

“The Urban Global Sewage Crisis and Collective Responses in the Global South” (journal article in preparation).

“The Politics of Pollution: Constructing Environmental Citizenship in Latin American Cities” (book manuscript).

### **Selected Fellowships and Awards**

Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Spring 2018

Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fellowship Office of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2017-2018

American Association of University Women Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2017-2018

Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2016-2017

Competitive Large Grant, Research Excellence Program, Office of the Vice President, UCONN, \$24,403, 2015-2016

Best Paper Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2014

Clarence Stone Early Career Award, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2013

SSRC Dissertation Completion Grant, SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, 2010

Simpson Memorial Fellowship, Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley, 2008

Dissertation Research Fellowship, UC Institute for Mexico and the United States, 2008

Fulbright Fellowship, Institute for International Education, Mexico, 2007-2008

Teaching Effectiveness Award, Graduate Division, 2007

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, Graduate Division, 2006

High Honors, Political Science, Swarthmore College, 2003

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2002-2003

### **University of Connecticut Awards**

Humanities Institute Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2017-2018 (declined)

SHARE Award (Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts Research Experience), UCONN, co-awarded to PI and undergraduate research assistant, (Emily Steck, 2017; Renato Muguerza 2015)

Humanities Institute Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2016-2017 (declined)

Collaborative Research Funds, UConn Political Science, 2016, with Kelly Delaney

Alan Bennett Honors Funds Research Assistant Grant, UConn Political Science, 2013 (Ashley Palma), 2016 (Cheyenne Holliday, Isabel Blank)

### **Additional Publications**

Forthcoming, "Understanding the User Experience: Lessons from a Guinea Pig for Active Citation," Syracuse, NY: Qualitative Data Repository.

2017, "Toxic Exposure and Grassroots Activism in Latin American Cities," *Just Environments Series, Items: Insights from the Social Sciences. Social Science Research Council.* August.

2017. "It's not just lead that's poisoning the water. It's also politics." *Washington Post, Monkey Cage.* February 28.

2015. Data for: "Does Commercialization Undermine the Benefits of Decentralization for Local Services Provision? Evidence from Mexico's Urban Water and Sanitation Sector." 2013. *World Development*, 56 (1): 16-31. Active Citation Compilation, QDR: 10050. Syracuse, NY: Qualitative Data Repository. <http://doi.org/10.5064/F6F769GQ>

2014. Review of "Practical Authority: Agency and Institutional Change in Brazilian Water Politics" by Rebecca Neaera Abers and Margaret E. Keck. *Latin American Politics and Society.* Summer. 56 (2)

2012. "When Decentralization Matters: Subnational, Municipal, and New Inter-tier Relations." *Latin American Politics and Society.* 54 (2). 153-163. (review essay)

2008. (with Céline Kauffmann). "Analyses of Private Participation of the Water and Sanitation Sector in Select Latin American Countries," 2008 OECD Working Paper, OECD Investment Division, Water Investment Project

2008. "New Actors, Old Problems: The Rise of Special Interests in Mexico," Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley.

2007. "The Persistence of Peronism," *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies.* Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley.

2005. “Fujimori’s Quiet Coup d’Etat and the Restoration of Peru’s Constitutional Court,” Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley.

## **Professional Activities**

### **Invited Speaker or Presentation**

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Nov 2018 (scheduled)  
University of Washington, Center for Environmental Politics, Jan 2018 (scheduled)  
“Water and Politics,” Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment, Environmental Institutions Seminar, April 2017  
Guest Lecture in “Urban Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability Course,” Urban Planning and Design Department, Harvard Graduate School of Design, April 2017  
“The Politics of Pollution and Environmental Inequality in Latin American Cities,” Short Course, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, Drexel University, Aug 2016  
Commentator for K. Jaros, “Urban Champions: The Politics of Metropolitan Bias in China,” Author’s Workshop, Ash Center, Harvard Kennedy School, Jan 2016  
“A Political Economy Analysis at the Sectoral Level: Urban Water,” Swiss Agency for Cooperation & Development, Urban Political Economy Workshop, Lima, Peru, Oct 2015  
“Urbanization and Local Politics in the Developing World,” Short Course, American Political Science Association, Woodrow Wilson Center, Aug 2014  
“Water Networks: Political Coalitions and Policymaking in Urban Mexico,” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Watson Institute, Brown University, 2013  
“Urban Water Governance Challenges in Mexico,” Global Urban Studies Program, Michigan State University, 2013  
“On Urban Ecology,” Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China, 2012  
“Mayors, Markets and Municipal Reform: The Politics of Water Delivery in Mexico,” Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, 2011  
“The Politics of Urban Water Delivery in Mexico,” Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, 2010

### **Conference Presentations**

American Political Science Association: 2017 (planned), 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009  
Latin American Studies Association: 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2007  
International Studies Association: 2017  
REPAL (Red para el estudio de la economía política de América Latina): 2017  
Midwest Political Science Association: 2010

### **Additional Experience**

Field Research: Peru (2017), Argentina (2017, 2016), Colombia (2016), Mexico (2007-2008, 2012)

Contributor to Qualitative Data Repository Pilot Project, Consortium for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Maxwell School of Syracuse University (NSF Funded), 2013-2014

Research Consultant, OECD Water and Sanitation Investment Division, 2009

## **Professional Service**

### Reviewer

Annals of the American Association of Geographers, Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Comparative Politics, Governance, Journal of East Asian Studies, Journal of Human Rights, National Science Foundation, Latin American Politics & Society, Oxford Development Studies, Utilities Policy, World Development, Arizona University Press

Qualitative Transparency Deliberations Committee Working Group Member on Text Based Sources, American Political Science Association's Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section (NSF Funded), 2016-2018 (with Robert Mickey and Nikhar Gaikwad)

Best Paper Award Selection Committee, Political Institutions, Latin American Studies Association, 2016

Nominating Committee for Executive Council, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2016

Chair, Best Paper Award Selection Committee, Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2015

### Panel Organizer

American Political Science Association: 2017, 2014, 2013

Latin American Studies Association: 2015, 2013

### University of Connecticut Service

Faculty Advisory Board, Environmental Studies Program (2017-)

Affiliate Advisory Board, El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean and Latin American Studies (2015-2017)

Elected Member, Department Executive Committee, Department of Political Science (2015-2016, 2014-2015)

Member, Political Science Comparative Politics Search Committee (2015)

Member, Political Science Colloquium Committee (2012-2015)

### Member

American Political Science Association

Section Membership: Comparative Politics, Urban Politics, Qualitative and Multi-Methods, Science, Environment & Technology

Latin American Studies Association

Section Membership: Political Institutions, Subnational Politics and Society, Environment

International Studies Association

Section Membership: Environmental Studies