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Employment

University of Connecticut

- Assistant Professor, Political Science 2007-2014
- Associate Professor with Tenure, Political Science 2014-Present
- Alan R. Bennett Honors Professor 2019-Present

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame

- Visiting Fellow 2015

Education

Ph.D. POLITICAL SCIENCE

December 2007

- Duke University
- Dissertation: *The Electoral Politics of Vulnerability and the Incentives to Cast an Economic Vote* (defended August 2007)
- Dissertation Committee: Karen Remmer (Chair), Herbert Kitschelt, John Aldrich.

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE, *with distinction*

May 2004

- Duke University

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE, *Summa Cum Laude*

April 2001

Brigham Young University

Publications: Edited Volume

Carlin, Ryan E., Matthew M. Singer, Elizabeth J. Zechmeister, eds. 2015. *The Latin American Voter: Pursuing Representation and Accountability in Challenging Contexts.* Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Publications: Peer Reviewed Articles

Carlin, Ryan, Timothy Hellwig, Gregory Love, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, and Matthew Singer. Forthcoming. "When Growth is not Enough: Inequality, Economic Gains, and Executive Approval" Forthcoming in *Political Science Research and Methods.*

Lee, Hoeun and Matthew M. Singer. Forthcoming. "The Partisan Origins of Economic Perceptions in a Weak Party System: Evidence from South Korea." Forthcoming in Political Behavior.

Carlin, Ryan, Timothy Hellwig, Gregory Love, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, and Matthew Singer. 2021. "When does the Public Get It Right? The Information Environment and the Accuracy of Economic Sentiment." Comparative Political Studies 54 (9): 1499-1533.

Singer, Matthew M. 2021. "It's NOT the Economy When People Are Dying: Accountability for Household Economic and Health Outcomes During the Pandemic." Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties 31 (S1): 155-66.

Singer, Matthew M. 2020. "Conditional Accountability for the Economy, Insecurity, and Corruption Across Latin American Party Systems." Latin American Politics and Society 62 (Nov): 126-52.

Singer, Matthew M. 2018. "Delegating Away Democracy: How Good Representation and Policy Successes Can Undermine Democratic Legitimacy." Comparative Political Studies 51 (November): 1754-88.

- Paper previously published in the Kellogg Institute's Working Paper Series, #420
- Winner of the 2019 Seligson Prize for the Best Paper using AmericasBarometer data

Singer, Matthew M. 2018. "Personal Economic Struggles and Heterogeneous Government Approval after the Great Recession." Public Opinion Quarterly 82 (October): 524-52.

Carlin, Ryan, Jonathan Hartlyn, Timothy Hellwig, Gregory Love, Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, and Matthew Singer. 2018. "Public Support for Latin American Presidents: The Cyclical Model in Comparative Perspective" Research and Politics (July-September): 1-8

Singer, Matthew M. and Zachary Gershman. 2018. "Do Changes in District Magnitude Affect Electoral Fragmentation? Evidence over Time at the District Level." Electoral Studies 54 (August): 172-181.

Singer, Matthew M. 2017. "Is the Party System Affected by Booms and Busts? Not Very Much." Electoral Studies 45 (February): 173-9.

Singer, Matthew M. 2016. "Elite Polarization and the Electoral Impact of Left-Right Placements: Evidence from Latin America, 1995-2009." Latin American Research Review 51 (2): 174-193.

Singer, Matthew M. 2016. "Informal Sector Work and Evaluations of the Incumbent: The Electoral Effect of Vulnerability on Economic Voting." Latin American Politics and Society 58 (2): 49-73.

- Singer, Matthew M. 2016. "Electoral Accountability for the Economy in Latin America." Política 53 (1): 35-70.
- Singer, Matthew M. 2015. "Does Increasing District Magnitude Increase the Number of Parties? Evidence from Spain, 1982–2011." Electoral Studies 28 (July): 118-26.
- Singer, Matthew M. 2013. "The Global Economic Crisis and Domestic Political Agendas." Electoral Studies 32 (2): 404-10.
- Singer, Matthew M. and Ryan E. Carlin. 2013. "Context Counts: The Election Cycle, Development, and the Nature of Economic Voting." The Journal of Politics 75 (3): 730-42.
- Singer, Mathew M. 2013. "Economic Voting in an Era of Non-Crisis: Economic Voting in Latin America 1982-2010." Comparative Politics 45 (2): 169-85
- Singer, Matthew M. 2013. "Should Nervous Workers Make Incumbents Worry about their Own Job Prospects?: Evidence from Developing Countries." The European Journal of Political Research 52 (2): 143-63.
- Singer, Matthew M. 2013. "Was Duverger Correct? Single-Member District Election Outcomes in 53 Countries." British Journal of Political Science 43 (January): 201-220.
- Singer, Matthew M. 2011 "When do Voters Actually Think "It's the Economy"? Evidence from the 2008 American Presidential Campaign." Electoral Studies 30 (December): 621-32.
- Carlin, Ryan E. and Matthew M. Singer. 2011 "Support for Polyarchy in the Americas." Comparative Political Studies 44 (November): 1500-26.
- Singer, Matthew M. 2011 "Economic Voting and Welfare Programs: Evidence from the U.S. States." European Journal of Political Research 50 (March): 479-503.
- Singer, Matthew M. 2011 "Who Says "It's the Economy"? Cross-National and Cross-Individual Variation in the Salience of Economic Performance." Comparative Political Studies 44 (March): 284-312.
- Singer, Matthew M. 2009. "Defendamos lo que hemos logrado: El voto económico en México durante la elección presidencial del 2006." (Defend what we have achieved: Economic voting in Mexico during the 2006 Presidential Election) Política y Gobierno 15 (Special issue on 2006 Mexican Elections, Fall 2009): 199-236.
- Hertel, Shareen, Matthew M. Singer, and Donna Lee Van Cott. 2009. "Field Research in Developing Countries: Hitting the Road Running." PS: Political Science & Politics 42 (April): 305-9

Singer, Matthew M. and Laura Stephenson. 2009 “The Political Context and Duverger’s Theory: Evidence at the District Level.” Electoral Studies 28 (March): 480-91

Anderson, Christopher J. and Matthew M. Singer. 2008. “The Sensitive Left and the Impervious Right: Multilevel Models and the Politics of Inequality, Ideology, and Legitimacy in Europe.” Comparative Political Studies (April): 564-99.

Morrison, Kevin M. and Matthew M. Singer. 2007. “Inequality and Deliberative Development: Revisiting Bolivia’s Experience with the PRSP.” Development Policy Review 25 (November): 721-40.

Publications: Editor Reviewed Articles

Singer, Matthew M. 2014. “The 2013 Legislative Elections in Argentina” Electoral Studies 35 (September): 370-73.

Alpert, Alexandra, Miguel Centellas, and Matthew M. Singer. 2010. “The 2009 presidential and legislative elections in Bolivia.” Electoral Studies 29 (December): 757-61.

Singer, Matthew M. and Carlos Fara. 2008. “The presidential and legislative elections in Argentina, October 2007.” Electoral Studies 27 (December): 756-60.

Singer, Matthew M. 2007. “The presidential and parliamentary elections in Bolivia, December 2005.” Electoral Studies 26 (March): 200-5.

Singer, Matthew M. 2005. “Presidential and parliamentary elections in Panama, May 2004.” Electoral Studies 24 (September): 531-7.

Singer, Matthew M. and Kevin Morrison. 2004. “The 2002 presidential and parliamentary Elections in Bolivia.” Electoral Studies 23 (March): 172-182.

Publications: Book Chapters

Singer, Matthew and Gabriela Ramalho Tafoya. 2020. “Voting Behavior in Latin America.” In Oxford Research Encyclopedia Online. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1666.

Ioannis Andreadis, Kirk Hawkins, Ivan Llamazares, Cristobal Rovira Kaltwasser, Matthew Singer. 2018. “Populist Voting in Chile, Greece, Spain, and Bolivia.” In The Ideational Approach to Populism: Concept, Theory and Method. Kirk Hawkins, Ryan Carlin, Levi Littvay, and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser. New York: Routledge. 238-278

Kitschelt, Herbert and Matthew M. Singer. 2018. “Linkage Strategies of Former Authoritarian Ruling Parties under Conditions of Democratic Party Competition.” In Life after Dictatorship: Authoritarian Successor Parties Worldwide. James Loxton and Scott Mainwaring, eds. New York: Cambridge University Press. 53-83.

Singer, Matthew M. 2018. "The Meaning, Origin, and Consequences of Populist Politics." In Oxford Research Encyclopedia Online. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.623

Carlin, Ryan E., Matthew M. Singer, and Elizabeth Zechmeister. 2015. "Introduction to the Latin American Voter." In The Latin American Voter: Pursuing Representation and Accountability in Challenging Contexts. Ryan E. Carlin, Matthew M. Singer, and Elizabeth Zechmeister, eds. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. 1-31.

Gélineau, Francois and Matthew M. Singer. 2015. "The Economy and Incumbent Support in Latin America." In The Latin American Voter: Pursuing Representation and Accountability in Challenging Contexts. Ryan E. Carlin, Matthew M. Singer, and Elizabeth Zechmeister, eds. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. 281-299.

Carlin, Ryan E., Matthew M. Singer, and Elizabeth Zechmeister. 2015. "Conclusion." In The Latin American Voter: Pursuing Representation and Accountability in Challenging Contexts. Ryan E. Carlin, Matthew M. Singer, and Elizabeth Zechmeister, eds. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. 346-70.

Patterson, Kelly D. and Matthew M. Singer. 2006. "Targeting Success: The Enduring Power of the NRA." In Interest Group Politics, 7th ed. Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis, eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press: 37-64.

Singer, Matthew M. and Thomas J. Scotto. 2005. "Trends in Opinion Research in New Democracies: Professionalization and Quality Control?" Public Opinion and Polling Around the World, ed. John Geer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO: 477-84.

Scotto, Thomas J. and Matthew M. Singer. 2005. "Survey Research In Established Democracies: Towards (or Closer to) a Science of Public Opinion?" Public Opinion and Polling Around the World, ed. John Geer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO: 491-6.

Patterson, Kelly D. and Matthew M. Singer. 2002. "The National Rifle Association in the Face of the Clinton Challenge," In Interest Group Politics, 6th ed. Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis, eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press: 55-78.

Book Reviews

Singer, Matthew M. 2020. Review of "Campaigns and Voters in Developing Democracies: Argentina in Comparative Perspective" Latin American Politics and Society 62 (2): 162-5.

Singer, Matthew M. 2019. Review of "Economic Voting: A Campaign-Centered Theory. By Austin Hart." Perspectives on Politics 17 (1): 289-91.

Singer, Matthew M. 2011. "Consolidating Mexico's Democracy: The 2006 Presidential Campaign in Comparative Perspective; Dominguez, Jorge I., Chappell Lawson, and Alejandro Moreno, eds." Bulletin of Latin American Research 30 (4): 512-3.

Singer, Matthew M. 2009. "The Legitimacy Puzzle in Latin America: Political Support and Democracy in Eight Nations; John A. Booth and Mitchell A. Seligson." Latin American Politics and Society 51 (Fall): 174-8.

Singer, Matthew M. 2008. "The Economy and the Vote: Economic Conditions and Elections in Fifteen Countries; Wouter van der Brug, Cees van der Eijk, and Mark N. Franklin." Journal of Politics 70 (April): 565-6.

Commissioned Reports

"Capítulo 3: Delincuencia, Corrupción, y Justicia en la República Dominicana" In *Cultura Política de la Democracia en la República Dominicana y en las Américas, 2018/19: Tomando el Pulso a la Democracia*, Rosario Espinal, Jana Morgan, Maria Fernanda Boidi, and Elizabeth Zechmeister, eds. Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University.

"Chapter Four: Crime, Violence, and the Police in the Americas." In *The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2016/17*, Mollie Cohen, Elizabeth Zechmeister, and Noam Lupu, eds. Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University.

"Chapter Four: Economic Development and Perceived Economic Performance in the Americas", "Chapter Five: Corruption in the Americas", "Chapter Six: Democracy, Performance, and Local Government in the Americas", "Chapter 7: A Decade of Democratic Legitimacy in the Americas" (with Ryan E. Carlin and Gregory J. Love as coauthors). Chapters for the Report "*The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2014: Democratic Governance Across 10 Years of the AmericasBarometer*", Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University.

"Electoral Politics in the Dominican Republic: Low Levels of Programmatic Competition" Report for International IDEA Project "Research and Dialogue on Programmatic Parties and Party Systems" IDEA Project –PO 134-01/2401

"Chapter Four: Questions of Performance: Economics, Corruption, Crime, and Life Satisfaction in the Americas", "Chapter Five: Local Government", Chapter Six: Political Legitimacy and Democratic Values" (with Ryan E. Carlin and Gregory J. Love as coauthors and with support from Amy Erica Smith, Frederico Batista Pereira, Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga, and Mollie Cohen). Chapters for the Report "*The Political Culture of Democracy in the Americas, 2012: Towards Equality of Opportunity*", Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University.

"Bribery Diminishes Life Satisfaction in the Americas" AmericasBarometer Insights: 2013, Number 89. Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University.

Published Working Papers

Singer, Matthew M. 2017. "Delegating Away Democracy: How Good Representation and Policy Successes Can Undermine Democratic Legitimacy." Working Paper #420. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame.

<http://kellogg.nd.edu/publications/workingpapers/WPS/420.pdf>

Rosas, Guillermo and Matthew M. Singer. 2006. "Perceptions of Economic Inequality and Presidential Approval: Evidence from Argentina." Working Paper #5, Observatory on Inequality in Latin America, University of Miami.

<http://www.sitemason.com/files/h1Thyo/WORKING%20PAPERS%205.pdf>

Invited Presentations:

"A Layout of the Literature on Political Representation" Keynote Address, HSS Seed Grant Workshop on "Elites, Masses and Representation: Designing a Cross-national Study for Southeast Asia." Singapore National University, January 2019.

"How Clientelism Reshapes Political Cleavages: Evidence from Latin America." Singapore Management University, January 2019.

"When Does a Weak Economy Lead Voters to Abandon the Government but Not Support the Opposition: Undecided Voters in Latin America" IE University, May 2018.

"Left, Right, or Undecided" Brigham Young University, June 2017.

"Dilemmas of Contemporary Capitalism: Political Representation and Economic Transformation in the Emerging Economies." Kings College, June 2016

"Fat Politics, Lean Politics: Political Survival in Good & Bad Economic Times II." Texas A&M, March 2016

"David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies" Harvard University, October 2015

"Fat Politics, Lean Politics: Political Survival in Good and Bad Times I" University of Maryland, May 2015

"Political Science Colloquium" Purdue University, April 2015

"Kellogg Institute Speaker Series" Notre Dame, Feb 2015

"Roundtable on Elections in Latin America" Brazilian Political Science Association (ABCP), Brasilia, Brazil. Aug 6, 2014

"Faculty Research Colloquium" Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, Sep 26, 2013

“Americas Quarterly Issue Launch—Latin America’s Real Middle Class”, Council of the Americas, Washington, D.C. April 10, 2013.

“Latin American Speaker Series”, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. April 9, 2012

“Valence Politics and the Continuing Economic Crisis in Comparative Perspective”
Texas A&M, March 2-3, 2012.

“Workshop on Elections, Electoral Behavior and the Economy in Latin America” Quebec City, Quebec, October 21-22, 2011

“Democratic Accountability Project” Duke University, Durham, NC, May 18-19, 2011.

“Survey Research in the Gulf: Challenges and Policy Implications” University of Qatar, Doha, Qatar, February 27-March 1, 2011

“Economic Shocks, Social Welfare and Democratic Sustainability in the Americas”
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, January 15-16, 2009.

“Las elecciones mexicanas de 2006” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas Mexico, July 2007.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2018)

Latin American Studies Association (2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2016, 2017, 2019)

Midwest Political Science Association (2003, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016)

Southern Political Science Association (2013, 2016)

World Association of Public Opinion Research, Latin American Congress (2010)

New England Council Latin American Studies (2010, 2017)

European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions (2018)

Conference Organizer

Workshop on “The Latin American Voter”, Nashville TN. May 17-18, 2013. Co-organized with Elizabeth Zechmeister (Vanderbilt) and Ryan Carlin (Georgia State).

Fieldwork

La Paz and Cochabamba, Bolivia (Summer 2002)

Buenos Aires, Argentina (Winter 2006, Summer 2005)

Lima, Peru (Spring 2006)

Mexico City, Mexico (Summer 2006)

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Summer 2009)

Undergraduate Teaching Experience:

Senior Seminar/Thesis Course

University of Connecticut: Fall-Spring 2019-2020, Fall-Spring 2020-2021

Political Science Colloquium

University of Connecticut: Spring 2021

Introduction to Comparative Politics

University of Connecticut: Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Electoral Systems and Parties

University of Connecticut: Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Campaigns and Elections in Comparative Perspective

University of Connecticut: Fall 2007, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
Duke University: Spring 2007

Latin American Politics

University of Connecticut: Summer 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Campaigns and Elections

Duke University: Summer 2004, Fall 2004

Graduate Teaching Experience

Political Competition and Voting in Comparative Perspective

University of Connecticut: Spring 2008, Spring 2012

Democratic Institutions

University of Connecticut: Spring 2009, Spring 2013, Fall 2015

Democratic Values and Political Participation

University of Connecticut: Spring 2014

Applied Maximum Likelihood Estimation

University of Connecticut: Spring 2010, Spring 2018

Short Course on Populism

Central European University, Summer 2016

University Service, the University of Connecticut:

Reviewer, Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF), University of Connecticut, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021

Member Course and Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011-2014, 2016

Elected Member, Department Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020

Chair, Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee 2012, 2018

Chair, Comparative Politics Subfield, 2015-2018

Chair, Colloquium Committee, 2017-2019

Co-Chair, Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Committee, 2020

Member, Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment Committee, 2019

Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies, Spring 2019

Honors Director, Political Science, 2019-Present

Professional Service:

Section Chair, Comparative Political Behavior, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (2012, 2016).

Section Chair, Comparative Political Behavior, Southern Political Science Association Meeting (2016).

Editorial Board, *Electoral Studies* (2016-2020)

Deputy Editor, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* (2021-)

Editorial Board, *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública* (2021-)

Awards and Fellowships:

- Seligson Prize for the Best Paper using AmericasBarometer data (2019)
- Research Excellence Program (REP) Grant, University of Connecticut (2015-2016)
- Visiting Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame (2015)
- Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience (SHARE) Grant, University of Connecticut (2010-2011)
- Latin American Public Opinion Project (Vanderbilt) Small Grant (2008-2009)
- Bass Instructorship, Duke University (2006-2007)
- Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship in the Areas of Democratic Governance and Human Welfare in South America (2005-2006)
- James B. Duke Fellow, Duke University (2001-2005)
- Valedictorian, Political Science Department, BYU (2001)
- Howard W. Hunter Presidential Scholarship, BYU (1995-2001)
- Eagle Scout (1993)