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## Academic Appointments

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### **California State University, Fullerton, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice**

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2024 - Current)

### **Tulane University, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR)**

Postdoctoral Fellow (2022 - 2024)

### **University of Notre Dame, Dame International Security Center (NDSIC)**

Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow (2022 - 2023)

### **Getúlio Vargas Foundation (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), CPDOC School of Social Sciences**

Visiting Researcher (2020 - 2022)

## Education

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### **Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Riverside.** July, 2022.

Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations and Graduate Methods Certificate. GPA: 3.91

Dissertation: *The politics of military deployment for public security*

Committee: David Pion-Berlin (Chairperson), Miguel Carreras, and Nicholas Weller

### **Fulbright Visiting Graduate Student, University of California, San Diego.** 2015-2016.

Advisor: David R. Mares

### **M.A. in Political Science, State University of Rio de Janeiro.** December, 2013.

Advisor: Maria Regina Soares de Lima

### **B.A. in International Relations, Fluminense Federal University.** December, 2011.

Advisor: Marcial Suarez

## Research Interests

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Democracy and Armed Forces (Civil-Military Relations); Defense and Security; Latin American Politics

## Research

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### Books

2. *Armed Forces in Public Security in Brazil: The military point of view.* (with Celso Castro, Adriana Marques and Verônica Azzi). Rio de Janeiro: Editora FGV, 2023.
1. *Atlas of Brazilian Defense Policy.* (with Maria Regina Soares de Lima, Carlos Milani, Rubens Duarte, Marianna Albuquerque *et al.*). Rio de Janeiro: CLACSO and Latitude Sul, 2017.

### Peer-reviewed articles

9. "Military Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic Crisis in Latin America: Military Presence, Autonomy, and Human Rights Violations". (with David Pion-Berlin and Anaís Passos). *Armed Forces and Society*, 49 (2): 372-394, 2023.
8. "The Trump Election and Attitudes toward the United States in Latin America". (with Miguel Carreras and Giancarlo Visconti). *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 85 (4): 1092-1102, 2022.
7. "Explaining Military Responses to Protests in Latin American Democracies". (with David Pion-Berlin). *Comparative Politics*, 52 (2): 229-251, 2022.
6. "The militarization of responses to Covid-19 in Democratic Latin America". (with Anaís Passos). *Brazilian Journal of Public Administration (RAP)*, 55 (1): 261-271, 2021.
5. "Back to Center Stage: Causes and Consequences of the Political Role of the Military under Bolsonaro". (with Octavio Amorim Neto). *Journal of Democracy (in Portuguese)*, 9 (2): 1-29, 2020.
4. "The Return of the Latin American Military". (with David Pion-Berlin). *Journal of Democracy*, 31 (4): 151-165, 2020.
3. "Democratically Consolidated, Externally Threatened, and NATO Aligned: Finding Unexpected Deficiencies in Civilian Control". (with David Pion-Berlin and Andrew Ivey). *Democratization*, 26 (6): 1070-1087, 2019.
2. "Low Cost Terrorism or the Invisible Threat: Terrorism and Brazilian Anti-Terrorism Policies." (with Marcial Suarez). *AUSTRAL: Brazilian Journal of Strategy & International Relations*, 7 (14): 89-107, 2018.
1. "United (Mexican) States and the Spiral of Violence: For a Brief Critique of the Notion of Failed State". (with Simone Gomes). *Mural Internacional*, 6 (2): 278-92, 2016.

### Contributions to edited volumes

7. "The role of the military in the response to natural disasters and pandemics". (with Anaís Passos). In: Pion-Berlin, David and Aurel Croissant (Eds). *Research Handbook of Civil-Military Relations*. Elgar Edgar Publishers, 2024. Forthcoming.
6. "Limitações aos mandatos presidenciais sob o regime militar: Uma solução para as divisões políticas dentro das Forças Armadas". (with Octavio Amorim Neto). In: D'Araújo, Maria Celina and Lucas Rezende. *Manual Forças Armadas e Política na História Republicana Brasileira*. Belo Horizonte: UFMG Editora, 2024. Forthcoming.

5. "Not a little flu? militarized governmental responses to the Covid-19 pandemic". (with David Pion-Berlin and Anaís Passos). In: Villas Boas, Pedro, Carina Gouvea and Isabela Bezerra (Eds.). *State of Exception, Populism and the Militarization of Politics in the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Recife: UFPE Editora, 2023.
4. "Electoral Volatility in Latin America".(with Miguel Carreras). In: *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
3. "Presidential Term Limits as a Credible-Commitment Mechanism: The Case of Brazil's Military". (with Octavio Amorim Neto).In: *The Politics of Presidential Term Limits*. Edited by Alex Baturo and Robert Elgie. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
2. "Counterterrorism Policies in Brazil: A Securitization Syndrome?". (with Marcial Suarez and Fernando Brancoli). In: *Power Dynamics and Regional Security in Latin America*. Edited by Marcial A.G. Suarez, Rafael Duarte Villa, and Brigitte Weiffen. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 273-93, 2017.
1. "Reflections on Virtual to Real?: Modern Technique , International Security Studies and Cyber Security Environment." (with Marcial Suarez). In: *Cyberspace and International Relations: Theory, Prospects and Challenges*. Edited by Jan-Frederik Kremer and Benedikt Muller. Berlin: Springer, 269-80, 2014.

### *Other Publications*

4. "Por que Bolsonaro não utiliza os militares para missões de policiamento?". In: *Horizontes ao Sul*. 01.07.2021.
3. "Why isn't Jair Bolsonaro deploying Brazil's military for policing missions?". In: *Political Violence at a Glance*. 06.07.2021.
2. "Os Militares Podem Responder à Presente Crise?". In: *Horizontes ao Sul*. 06.04.2020.
1. "Como usar os militares no combate à Covid-19?". In: *Blog do IBRE-FGV*. 03.04.2020.

### *Selected Works in Progress*

6. "Presidentialism and Civil-Military Relations: Brazil in Comparative Perspective". (with Octavio Amorim Neto). Book manuscript in preparation. Under contract with Palgrave Macmillan's Palgrave Studies in Presidential Politics Series.
5. "Crime, civilian control over the military and military propensity: explaining military deployment for public security missions in Latin American democracies". Working paper.
4. "Crime or Politics? A subnational analysis of military deployment for public security operations in Brazil". Working paper.
3. "Explaining military deployments for public security purposes: evidence from large deployments in Brazil". Working paper.
2. "The challenge of Security Security Reform in Latin America". (with Andrew Ivey). Under review.
1. "The impact of domestic military deployment on favorability towards more deployments and coup favorability: Evidence from Brazil". (with Miguel Carreras and Giancarlo Visconti). In preparation.

## Conference Presentations since 2016

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Western Political Science Association (WPSA). 2019 (Presenter).

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). 2016 (Presenter), 2022 (Presenter).

Latin American Studies Association (LASA). 2021 (Presenter), 2023 (Presenter).

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA). 2022 (Presenter).

## Fellowships, Grants, and Other Awards

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University of Notre Dame, ND International Security Center (South Bend, IN)

- 2022-2023 Morgenthau J. Fellowship

University of California, Riverside (Riverside, CA)

- 2021 Dissertation Year Fellowship

University of California, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) (San Diego, CA)

- 2020-21 IGCC Dissertation Fellowship

University of California, Riverside (Riverside, CA)

- Departmental Award to attend the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR, Syracuse University), 2019

University of California, Riverside (Riverside, CA)

- Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, 2016-2022

The Fulbright Program (Washington DC)

- Visiting Graduate Student Fellowship to attend the University of California, San Diego, 2015-2016

Ministry of Science and Technology (Brazil)

- Graduate Fellowship, 2014-2015

Ministry of Education (Brazil)

- Graduate Fellowship, 2012-2013

## Teaching and Research Experience

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California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)

- Instructor of Record for Politics in Nation-States (POSC 330-02) (Undergraduate). Fall 2024.
- Instructor of Record for Latin American Politics (POSC 437-01) (Upper Division, Undergraduate). Fall 2024.

Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)

- Instructor of Record for Armed Forces and Society (Upper Division Seminar, Undergraduate). Spring 2023.

- Instructor of Record for Violence in Latin America (Upper Division Seminar, Undergraduate). Spring 2024.

University of California, Riverside (Riverside, CA)

- Instructor of Record for POSC 158 (Politics of Mexico, Undergraduate). Summer 2020 (Online).
- Teaching Assistant (3 weekly discussion sections, with 25 people each, designing section assignments, grading all materials), for Comparative Politics and International Relations, from 2016 to 2022

Getulio Vargas Foundation (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

- Research Assistant to Dr. Octavio Amorim Neto. 2012-2016.

State University of Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Social Science (Undergraduate). Dr. Fabiano Santos. 2013.

Fluminense Federal University (Niterói, Brazil)

- Teaching Assistant for Theory of International Relations (Undergraduate). Dr. Marcial A.G. Suarez. 2010.

## Additional Training

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**Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR), Naval Postgraduate School. 2015**  
Executive Program in Defense Decision Making

**Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University. 2019**  
Multi-Method Research, Process Tracing, Natural Experiments

## Other Skills

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Software: Stata, R and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate)

## Service

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### *Reviewer*

*The Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Democratization, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Armed Forces and Society, Economics Bulletin, Texas National Security Review, Revista Eletrônica de Ciência Política, Cadernos de Estudos Sociais e Políticos.*

## References

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