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## Education

- 2017-**      **Ph.D. in Politics & Social Policy. Princeton University/Woodrow Wilson School.**  
Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Empirical Methods
- 2015-2017**   **M.A. in Politics. Princeton University**
- 2009-2013**   **B.A. College of William and Mary**  
Major: International Relations (Honors)  
Minor: Economics  
Honors, Summa cum Laude, 1693 Scholar

## Dissertation

"Constructing and Reconstructing Memory: The Micro-Level Impacts of Transitional Justice" examines to what extent state transitional justice policies shape political behavior and reconciliation and whether effects vary by an individual's relationship to violence and the type of policy.

## Working Papers

"Do Museums Promote Reconciliation? A Field Experiment on Transitional Justice" with Laia Balcells and Valeria Palanza. *Under review.*  
Press coverage: El Mostrador

## Teaching

- Fall 2018**    *Teaching Assistant.*  
Politics 230. Introduction to Comparative Politics, Princeton University.  
Instructor: Alisha Holland.
- Fall 2017**    *Teaching Assistant.*  
Politics 345/Sociology 305. Introduction to Quantitative Social Science, Princeton University.  
Instructors: Marc Ratkovic and Matt Salganik.
- Spring 2018** *Graduate Coordinator.*  
Senior Thesis Poster Session. Department of Politics, Princeton University.  
Instructors: Joanne Gowa and Markus Prior.

## Field Research

- 2017**            Colombia (2 months): Bogota, Medellin
- 2016-2018**    Chile (5 months): Santiago
- 2016**            Ghana (1 month): Accra
- 2013**            Uganda (consulting for AidData/Development Gateway)

**2011** Argentina (6 months): Buenos Aires

## Awards

**2018** United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Dissertation Grant, \$20,000  
Project in Latin American Studies Grant  
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Grant

**2017** Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Grant  
Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Research Grant, \$10,000 (with Jake Shapiro)  
American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant

**2016** Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Grant  
Princeton Research in Experimental Social Sciences (PRESS) Grant

**2015** Fulbright English Teaching Award (declined)

**2009-2013** William & Mary Murray Scholarship (full tuition)  
William & Mary International Relations Department Award for Academic Excellence  
William & Mary Outstanding Greek Scholar Award  
William & Mary Reves Center Summer International Internship Scholarship  
Lawrence and Jean Irwin Memorial Internship Scholarships

## Talks & Presentations

### *Invited*

**2018** Instituto de Ciencia Política Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile  
Brown University Experiments Summer Workshop  
Waseda University Organization for Regional and Inter-regional Studies (ORIS)

**2016** State, Economy, and Inequality University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Conference

### *Conference*

**2018** International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Conference

**2017** American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference

**2015** Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference

## Professional Service

**2018** Princeton Research in Experimental Social Sciences (PRESS) coordinator  
Princeton Women in Political Science (PWIPS) co-coordinator

**2017** Princeton Research in Experimental Social Sciences (PRESS) coordinator  
Northeast Workshop in Experimental Political Science coordinator and discussant  
Princeton Women in Political Science (PWIPS) co-coordinator

**2016** Princeton Research in Experimental Social Sciences (PRESS) coordinator

## Non-Academic Employment

**Aug 2013 -** Booz Allen Hamilton, Washington, DC

**Aug 2015** *Senior Consultant*

Provided communications and management consulting services to federal government clients

**Aug 2009** - AidData, Williamsburg, VA and Kampala, Uganda

**Aug 2013** *Senior Consultant*

Encouraged use of AidData Center for Development Policy resources among Ugandan development finance community

Provided training to incoming interns

Directed projects analyzing AidData's database of almost one million active and past aid projects

Authored various blog posts featured on AidData's blog The First Tranche (<http://blog.aiddata.org/>)

**May 2012** - US Mission to NATO, Brussels, Belgium

**Aug 2012** *Communications and Armaments Division Intern*

Conducted research and authored reports presented to the US Ambassador to NATO

## Skills

- **Programming Languages**

*R, RMarkdown, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, LATEX, Qualtrics, SurveyToGo, Python*

- **Languages**

*Spanish*

## References

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**Department** Politics  
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