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Curriculum Vitae
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Major Professional Interests

Inequality and representation; Causal inference; Multi-method research designs; Parties and party systems; Latin American and American politics; Extremism.

Education

University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D., 2006.

Fields: Comparative Politics, Latin America, Methodology.

Dissertation: "Crisis of Representation: Voters, Party Organizations, and Party-System Collapse in South America"

University of California, Berkeley, MA in Statistics, 2006.

University of California, Berkeley, MA in Political Science, 2000.

Brigham Young University, BS in Computer Science, 1999.

Pre-Doctoral Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2004-2005.

Social Science Research Council Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Recipient, 2004-2005.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2000-2003.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Fellowship, 1999-2000, 2003-2004.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

President, Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, American Political Science Association, 2019-21.

David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award, Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, American Political Science Association, 2018.

President-Elect, Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, American Political Science Association, 2017-19.

John D. and Catherine T. Macarthur Foundation Grant, with Benjamin Page, 2012-14.

Russell Sage Foundation Grant, with Benjamin Page, Christopher Jencks, Larry Bartels, and Fay Lomax Cook, 2010-14.

Northwestern University Research Grant, 2009.

Latin American Public Opinion Project Small Grant, 2008.

Employment

Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University, September 2018 – present.

Associate Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University, September 2014 – September 2018.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University, September 2007 – August 2013.

University Fellow, Northwestern University, September 2006 – September 2007.

Overseas Academic Affiliations

Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Department of Political Science, 2005.

Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Perú, Department of Social Science, 2005.

Universidad Simón Bolívar, Caracas, Venezuela, Department of Social and Economic Sciences, 2002-03.

Research Support

“Affluent Americans and the Common Good.” John D. and Catherine T. Macarthur Foundation Grant.

“Affluent Americans and the Common Good.” SAGE Foundation Grant.

“Affect and Party-System Change in South America.” URG Grant

“Representation in the Americas.” LAPOP Small Grant

“Party-System Collapse in South America.” National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2004-2005.

“Party-System Collapse in South America.” Social Science Research Council Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Recipient, 2004-2005.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“How do Social Scientists reach Causal Inferences? A Study of Reception in Multimethod Research.”
With Alejandro Avenburg and John Gerring. 2022. *Quality & Quantity*.

Finding Your Social Science Project: The Research Sandbox. With John Gerring. 2022. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- “Surprising Causes: Propensity-Adjusted Treatment Scores for Multimethod Case Selection.” 2021. With Daniel Galvin. Forthcoming. *Sociological Methods and Research*.
- “Beyond Mill: Why Cross-Case Qualitative Causal Inference is Weak, and Why We Should Still Compare.” 2021. *Rethinking Comparison: Innovative Strategies for Qualitative Political Inquiry*. Erica S. Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- “Shaping the People: Populism and the Politics of Identity Formation in South America.” 2021. With Rodrigo Barrenechea. *The Inclusionary Turn in Latin American Democracies*. Diana Kapiszewski, Steven Levitsky, and Deborah J. Yashar, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- “What Can Multi-Method Research Add to Experiments?” *Advances in Experimental Political Science*. 2021. James Druckman and Donald P. Green, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- “Party-System Change in Latin America.” *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. 2020. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- “Statistical Analysis of Democratization: A Constructive Critique.” *Democratization* 26 (1): 2019: 21-39.
- Billionaires and Stealth Politics*. With Benjamin I. Page and Matthew J. Lacombe. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2018.
- “The Life and Death of Political Parties Since Latin America’s Third Wave.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 60 (2), 2018: 103-112.
- “Roots in Society: Attachment between Citizens and Party Systems in Latin America,” in Scott Mainwaring, ed., *Party Systems in Latin America: Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 2018.
- “Nonparametric Combination (NPC): A Framework for Testing Elaborate Theories” with Devin Caughey and Allan Dafoe. *Journal of Politics* 79 (2), April 2017: 688-701.
- Multi-Method Social Science*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2016..
- “Case Selection in Small-N Research.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Aug. 2016.
- “The Case for Selecting Cases that Are Deviant or Extreme on the Independent Variable.” *Sociological Methods and Research* 45 (3), Aug. 2016: 493-525.
- “Better Multimethod Design: The Promise of Integrative Multimethod Research.” *Security Studies* 25 (1), 2016: 42-49.
- “Limited Diversity and the Unreliability of QCA.” *Sociological Methodology* 44 (Aug.): 118-21.
- “Rival Strategies of Validation: Tools for Evaluating Measures of Democracy” with David Collier. *Comparative Political Studies* 47 (1), Jan. 2014: 111-38.
- “Democracy and the Policy Preferences of Wealthy Americans” with Benjamin I. Page and Larry M. Bartels. *Perspectives on Politics*, 2013.

“Do Electoral Laws Affect Women’s Representation?” with Andrew Roberts and Jennifer Cyr. *Comparative Political Studies*, 2013.

Party-System Collapse: The Roots of Crisis in Peru and Venezuela. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2012.

“Putting Typologies to Work: Levels of Measurement, Concept Formation, and Analytic Rigor,” with David Collier and Jody LaPorte. *Political Research Quarterly*, 65 (1): 217-32.

“Outdated Views of Qualitative Methods: Time to Move On”, with David Collier and Henry E. Brady. *Political Analysis*, 18 (4) Fall 2010: 506-13.

“Political Representation and Class Distortion: The Nexus between Associational Participation and Partisan Politics,” in Ruth Berins Collier and Samuel P. Handlin, eds., *Popular Participation and Interest Regimes in Latin America: From Union-Party Hub to Associational Network* (University Park: Penn State University Press), 2009.

“Case-Selection Techniques in Case Study Research: A Menu of Qualitative and Quantitative Options,” with John Gerring, *Political Research Quarterly* 61:2 Spring 2008, 294-308.

“Techniques for Choosing Cases,” with John Gerring, in John Gerring, *Case Study Research: Principles and Practices* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 2006.

“Toward a Pluralistic Vision of Methodology,” with Henry E. Brady and David Collier, *Political Analysis* 14:3 Summer 2006, pp. 353-368.

“Qualitative Comparative Analysis *vis-à-vis* Regression,” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40:1 Spring 2005, pp. 3-26.

“Assumptions, Causal Inference, and the Goals of QCA,” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40:1 Spring 2005, pp. 39-42. (Reply to symposium organized around Seawright’s initial article.)

“Testing for Necessary and/or Sufficient Causation: Which Cases are Relevant?” *Political Analysis* 10:4 Spring 2002, pp. 178-193.

“What Counts as Evidence? Reply” *Political Analysis* 10:4 Spring 2002, pp. 204-207. (Reply to symposium organized around Seawright’s initial article.)

Other Scholarly Publications

“Introduction to the Second Edition: A Sea Change in Political Methodology,” with David Collier and Henry E. Brady. In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, 2nd edition, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2010: 1-10.

“Regression-Based Inference: A Case Study in Failed Causal Assessment.” In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, 2nd edition, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2010: 247-71.

- “Typologies: Forming Concepts and Creating Categorical Variables,” with David Collier and Jody LaPorte, in Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Henry E. Brady, and David Collier, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 2008.
- “Democracy and Growth: A Case Study in Failed Causal Inference,” in Gerardo Munck, ed., *Regimes and Democracy in Latin America: Theories and Method* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 2007.
- “Refocusing the Discussion of Methodology,” with Henry E. Brady and David Collier. In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2004, pp. 3-20.
- “The Quest for Standards: King, Keohane, and Verba’s *Designing Social Inquiry*,” with David Collier and Gerardo L. Munck. In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2004, pp. 21-50.
- “Claiming Too Much: Warnings about Selection Bias,” with David Collier and James Mahoney. In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2004, pp. 85-102.
- “Critiques, Responses, and Trade-Offs: Drawing Together the Debate,” with David Collier and Henry E. Brady. In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2004, pp. 195-227.
- “Sources of Leverage in Causal Inference: Toward an Alternative View of Methodology,” with David Collier and Henry E. Brady. In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2004, pp. 229-266.
- “Glossary,” with David Collier. In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. 2004, pp. 273-313.

Selected Professional Talks

- “Surprising Causes: Propensity-Adjusted Treatment Scores for Multimethod Case Selection.” Qualitative Research Seminar. Princeton University. Sept. 25, 2018.
- “Mixed Methods Research.” Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, July 23-Aug. 3, 2018.
- “Rage Against the Machine: Machine Learning and the Study of Populism.” Texas A&M University, Dec. 6, 2017.
- “Beyond Mill: Why Cross-Case Qualitative Causal Inference Is Weak, and Why We Should Still Compare.” Workshop on Rethinking Comparison in the Social Sciences. City University of New York. Oct. 20-21, 2017.
- “The Political Psychology of Populism: An Experimental Approach.” Workshop on the New Inclusion in Latin America. Princeton University. March 17-19, 2016.
- “Multi-Method Measurement: Hidden Challenges.” APSA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. Sept. 3, 2016.

“Multi-Method Social Science.” Master class, Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods, University of New Mexico, Nov. 12, 2015.

“Stealth Politics by US Billionaires.” With Ben Page and Matthew Lacombe. APSA Conference, San Francisco, Sept. 3, 2015.

“Multi-Method Social Science.” Short course, APSA Conference, San Francisco, Sept. 2, 2015.

“Mixed Methods Research.” Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, July 27-Aug. 7, 2015.

“Multi-Method Social Science.” Two-day book presentation at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 15-16, 2015.

“What Do the Forbes 400 Want from Government?” With Ben Page. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 3, 2014.

“Testing Elaborate Theories in Political Science: Nonparametric Combination of Dependent Tests.” With Allan Dafoe and Devin Caughey. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 13, 2013.

Multi-Method Social Science. Two-day seminar. Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research. Syracuse University. June 25 and 26, 2013.

Multi-Method Social Science. Two-week seminar. Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection. University of Essex. July 21 – August 2, 2013.

Multi-Method Social Science. Short course presentation. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago. August 28, 2013.

“Testing Elaborate Theories in Political Science: Nonparametric Combination of Dependent Tests.” With Allan Dafoe and Devin Caughey. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago. August 29, 2013.

“Multi-Method Research.” Panel Chair. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago. August 29, 2013.

“Warranting Methods: A Proposed Standard with Application to QCA.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago. August 30, 2013.

“Multi-Method Research.” Invited paper presentation. Conference on the History, Method, and the Future of Security Studies. Miller Center. University of Virginia. September 27, 2013.

Invited Lecturer, “Multi-Method Research Designs,” Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 23-27, 2012.

Invited Lecture. “Party-System Collapse: The Roots of Crisis in Peru and Venezuela.” InPuT and Political Parties Working Group, Political Science Department, Northwestern University, Oct. 30, 2012.

- Invited Lecturer, "Multi-Method Research Designs," Essex Summer School, July 23-Aug. 3, 2012.
- Invited Lecturer, "Multi-Method Research Designs," Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 23-27, 2012.
- Presenter, "Wealthy Americans and the Common Good: Findings from SESA," 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Sept. 1-4.
- Presenter, "Multimethod Research: From Slogan to Toolkit," 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Sept. 1-4.
- Presenter, "Matching Quantitative Case Selection Procedures with Case-Study Analytic Goals," 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Sept. 1-4.
- Invited Lecturer, "Multi-Method Research Designs," Essex Summer School, July 25-Aug.5, 2011.
- Invited Lecturer, "Multi-Method Research Designs," Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 13-24, 2011.
- Presenter, "Feeling Like a Change: Affect and the Decision to Vote for an Outsider Candidate," Conference on New Methodologies and their Applications in Comparative Politics and International Relations, Princeton University, Feb, 5, 2011.
- Invited Lecturer, "Explaining Party-System Collapse: Issues, Voter Emotions, and Party Organizational Constraints," Loyola University Chicago, Political Science Department, Nov. 16, 2010.
- Presenter, "Properties of Case-Selection Rules for Given Research Goals," 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Sept. 1-5.
- Invited Lecturer, "Multi-Method Research Designs," Essex Summer School, Aug. 2-13, 2010.
- Invited Lecturer, "Multi-Method Research Designs," Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 14-25, 2010.
- Presenter, "Feeling Like a Change: Affect and the Decision to Vote for an Outsider Candidate," CHICAGO POLPSYCH.
- Presenter, "Feeling Like a Change: Affect and the Decision to Vote for an Outsider Candidate," 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, CA, Sept. 3-6.
- Presenter, "Case Studies and Experiments," Short Course on Multi-Method Research, 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, CA, Sept. 2.
- Invited Lecturer, "Matching Methods in Political Science: Applications to Pseudo-Panel Inference and Causal Inference in the Face of Heterogeneity," Department of Political Science, University of Texas at Austin, April 22, 2009.
- Presenter, "Can Electoral Laws Increase Women's Representation?" University of Chicago

Comparative Politics Workshop, February 19, 2009.

Invited Lecture. "Civil Society and Unequal Political Representation in South America." Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, Feb.1, 2008.

Invited Lectures. "Choosing Cases to Contribute to Quantitatively-Based Discussions," "Causal Inference, Matching, and Case Studies," and "Quantitative Comparative Case Studies: Strategies for Cross-Context Comparison." January Institute on Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research, Arizona State University, Jan. 2-12, 2008.

Short Course Instructor. "Innovations at the Boundary Between Qualitative and Quantitative Research." American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., August 31-Sept. 3, 2008.

Presenter, "Political Elites and Party-System Vulnerability," Midwest Regional Workshops on Latin America, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana, May 15, 2007.

Presenter, "Political Elites and Party-System Vulnerability," 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15.

Presenter, "Four Measurement Traditions" and "Causal Inference in Quantitative and Qualitative Methods." January Institute on Qualitative Methods, Arizona State University, January 4-5, 2007.

Presenter, "The Underpinnings of Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution: Oil Revenues, Opposition Disunity, and Public Support," 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-Sept. 3.

Presenter, "Old Wine in New Bottles? The Partisan Representation of Latin American Civil Society," 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-Sept. 3.

Presenter, "Innovations at the Boundary Between Qualitative and Quantitative Research," Short Course on Innovations at the Boundary of Qualitative and Quantitative Methods, 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-Sept. 3.

Presenter, "Case-Selection Techniques in Case Study Research: A Menu of Qualitative and Quantitative Options," with John Gerring, 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Sept. 1-4.

Presenter, "Four Measurement Traditions: Axiomatic, Pragmatic, Structural-Equation, and Case-Based Approaches to Measurement," with David Collier, 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Sept. 2-5.

Presenter, "The 'Demand Side' of Party System Collapse: Ideology, Corruption, Economic Voting, and Votes for Insurgent Parties," Weekly Political Science Seminar, University Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 2005.

Presenter, "Qualitative Comparative Analysis vis-à-vis Regression Analysis: Comparing the Underlying Assumptions." 2003 Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Sept. 18-21, Marburg, Germany.

Presenter, “The ‘Demand Side’ of Party System Collapse: Political Preferences and Votes for Insurgent Parties,” 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 28-30.

Presenter, “Neighborhoods, Networks, and Political Participation: Emerging Patterns of Working-Class Representation in Peru.” 2003 Meeting of the International Political Science Association, June 26, Durban, South Africa.

Presenter, “Economic Voting and Party System Collapse in Latin America.” 2003 Latin American Studies Association Congress, March 27-29, Dallas.

Presenter, “Roundtable on Necessary Causation.” 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug. 29-Sept.1, Boston.

Presenter, “Democracy and Growth: A Case Study in Failed Causal Inference.” 2002 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Apr. 25-28, Chicago.

Presenter, “Democracy, Development, and Causation: Empirical Answers and the Logic of Inference.” 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, San Francisco.

Leaves of Absence

Fall quarter, 2008, Child-rearing leave. Funded under university policy.

Peer-Review and Related Activities

Served as a peer reviewer for Cambridge University Press, the Pennsylvania State University Press, the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Analysis*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *World Politics*, *International Organization*, *Political Opinion Quarterly*, the *Annual Review of Political Science*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Sociological Methodology*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Political Research Quarterly*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, and *Party Politics*.

Professional Affiliations and Service

Member of the American Political Science Association, the Society for Political Methodology, the Midwest Political Science Association, the Latin American Studies Association and the American Statistical Association. Served as a member of the at-large committee for the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section of the APSA from 2015 through 2017, and as the section chair for Methodology of the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings.

Teaching and Advising

I have taught courses in political methodology, comparative politics, and in the Mathematical Models in the Social Sciences program over the last five years. Specific courses are:

Political Science 210: Introduction to Empirical Research Methods (Fall, 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2018). This is a medium to large lecture course on empirical methods in political

science.

Political Science 250: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall, 2017). This is a large lecture course on politics within countries around the world.

Political Science 312: Statistical Research Methods (Fall 2007, Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Winter 2011, Fall 2011, Winter 2013, Spring 2017, Fall 2017). This is a medium to large lecture course on quantitative methods in political science.

Political Science 403: Probability and Statistics (Fall 2007, Fall 2014). This is a graduate lecture course in the political science methods sequence.

Political Science 406: Advanced Econometrics (Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013). This is a graduate lecture course in the political science methods sequence.

Political Science 406: Quantitative Causal Inference (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018). This is a graduate lecture course about quantitative methods and the potential-outcomes framework for causal inference.

Political Science 490: Time Series and Panel Methods in the Social Sciences (Fall 2018). This is a graduate lecture course about quantitative methods for longitudinal data.

Each of these courses has been a new preparation for me the first time that I taught it, obviously. However, my efforts in curriculum development have focused especially on the political science department's undergraduate and graduate methods sequences. For those courses, I have worked toward better coordinating the contents of the various courses, as well as toward finding opportunities for further student development after the course sequences are complete.

I have also supervised a number of independent-study courses:

399: Alex Samuel Grubman (Spring 2011)

499: Phillip Larkin Terrie (Spring 2007), Jennifer Cyr (Winter 2008), Cari Hennessy (Spring 2009), Mauro Gilli, Christoph Nguyen, Xin Sun (Winter 2010)

590: Carlos Freytes Frey (Winter 2010)

I have been a reader on second-year papers for the following students:

Jennifer Cyr

Christoph Nguyen

Michal Crowder

I was the chief advisor for:

Christoph Nguyen, 2009 — 2015

I have been a committee member for the following students over the last five years:

Laura Garcia Montoya

Rodrigo Barrenechea

Matthew Lacombe

Jennifer Cyr

Julieta Suarez-Cao

Phillip Larkin Terrie

Christoph Nguyen

Department, College, and University Service

Political Science Director of Graduate Studies, Sept. – Nov., 2018.

Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee Chair, 2017-18.

Political Science Field Coordinator for Comparative Politics and Methodology, 2013-18.

Political Science Methodology Search Committee Chair: 2016-17.

American Politics Search Committee: 2015-16.

Weinberg College Curriculum Review Committee Member, 2013-16.

Political Science Undergraduate Committee, Honors Committee, and Undergraduate Advisor:
2007-08, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12

Political Science Methodology Search Committee: 2007-08

Political Science Graduate Committee: 2008-09, 2012-13

Co-Coordinator for Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop (Joint Program Between Political Science and Sociology Departments): 2009-18.