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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024 - Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Trinity College.
- 2020-24 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Trinity College
- 2017-19 Coordinator, Joint Institute for Strategic Management, Argentine National Ministry of Security
- 2017-19 Visiting Professor, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Universidad Nacional de San Martín and Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina)
- 2016-17 Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2016
- M.A. Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2011
- B.A. Department of Political Science, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2022 *The informal regulation of criminal markets in Latin America*. Cambridge University Press.

Peer reviewed articles

- 2024 “Voting with their guns: an integrated framework of how police politically administer violence,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592724000653>
- 2023 “The politics of police accountability: police expulsions in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina,” *Governance* 37(2): 453-473. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12779>
- 2022 “The politics of police violence: political competition and police killings in Brazil,” *Journal of Urban Affairs*, Special Issue on Police and Policing in the 21st century.
- 2020 “Controlling bureaucracies in weak institutional contexts: The politics of police autonomy in Latin America,” *Governance* 33(3): 639-656.
- 2019 “State regulation of organized crime: Politicians, police, and drug trafficking in Argentina,” *Latin American Politics and Society*, 61(3): 104-128.
- 2018 “Policía, política y violencia: Regulación del narcotráfico en el Cono Sur,” *Revista de Estudios en Seguridad Internacional*, 4(1): 37-53.

- 2018 “Who protects whom? Politicians, police and the regulation of drug trafficking in Argentina.” *Kellogg Institute for International Studies Working Paper Series #426*, January.
- 2016 **Flom, H.** and A. Post. “Blame avoidance and policy stability in developing democracies: The politics of public security in Buenos Aires,” *Comparative Politics*, 49(1): 23-46, October.
- 2012 Bergman, M. and **H. Flom**. “Determinantes de la confianza en la policía: una comparación entre Argentina y México,” *Perfiles Latinoamericanos* 40: 97-122, July.

Non-peer-reviewed publications

- 2024 “Lessons from effective Offices of Violence Prevention”, with Alfredo Malaret Baldo, *Peace in Our Cities*, Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego.
- 2022 “Guiding principles and inspiring actions: Operationalizing the resolution to reduce urban violence”, *Peace in Our Cities*, Center on International Cooperation, New York University.
- 2018 “Police, politics, and political science,” *Comparative Politics Newsletter*, 28:1, Spring 2018, 34-38.
- 2018 “The political economy of citizen security: a conceptual framework.” Inter-American Development Bank, Technical Note IDB-TN-1343.
- 2016 “La regulación del narcotráfico en América Latina: La relación entre política, policía y delito,” *Boletín de seguridad ciudadana (CELIV)* 6, August 2016.
- 2015 Bergman, M., **H. Flom**, C. Vilalta and D. Masello. "Penitentiary surveys in Latin America: conceptual and methodological tools for their design, implementation and evaluation." Inter-American Development Bank: Washington, DC. 2015
- 2014 Fleitas, D., **H. Flom** and G. Lodola. "Crime and violence in Latin America and the Caribbean." Asociación para Políticas Públicas (APP): Buenos Aires.
- 2012 “The Politics of Argentine Insecurity.” *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*. Fall, 56:59.
- 2009 Cafferata, F. and **H. Flom**. “Public and private security systems: Argentina, Brazil and Chile.” Department of Public Safety, Organization of American States
- 2008 Bergman, M. and **H. Flom**. “Policía y comunidad: una comparación entre fuerzas policiales del Distrito Federal y Estado de México y la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires,” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE), Working Paper #33, December.

Book chapters

- 2023 “The popularity and limits of tough on crime policies in Argentina”, Jonathan D. Rosen and Sebastián A. Cutrona, eds., *Mano dura policies in Latin America*, Routledge Studies in Latin American Politics

Book reviews

- 2023 Diego Esparza, Policing and Politics in Latin America: When Law Enforcement Breaks the Law Lynne Rienner, 2023, x + 173 pp. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 55(4), 735–737.

Working papers

Police shirking: Why do the police abstain from violent enforcement?

“Subnational criminal politics: the case(s) of drug trafficking in Argentina”

“Structural power and policing” (with Belén Fernández Milmanda, Trinity College)

“Expulsions or purges: how and when politicians dismiss police in developing democracies”

Op-eds, blogs, and media appearances

- 2023 [“Do impeachment efforts threaten Ecuador’s Lasso?”](#) Featured Q & A, *Latin America Advisor*, March 27.
Podcast interview on book for the New Books Network, March 16. [Link](#).
[“Rosario: Orígenes y posibles salidas a la violencia”](#), *El Estadista*, March 13.
Interview on Radio con Vos, March 12. Audio [here](#).
Interview on Radio Rivadavia, March 7. Audio [here](#).
“Who protects whom?” research cited in *Odisea Argentina*, March 7. Video [here](#).
[“What can be done to lower Ecuador’s homicide rate?”](#) Featured Q & A, *Latin America Advisor*, Jan. 26.
[“La trampa de dosificar el narco”](#), Revista Ñ, Clarín, Jan. 6. Book interview.
- 2022 [“Especial: ‘Los narcopolicías’; agentes y altos mandos al servicio de los jefes narco de Rosario.”](#) *La Política Online*, August 30.
[“The politics of policing in Latin America,”](#) Fifteen eighty-four, Academic perspectives from Cambridge University Press, August 1.
- 2021 [“Hernán Flom: ‘Las fuerzas federales son una política de paños fríos. No soluciona ningún problema de fondo’,”](#) *Suma Política*, September 22.
- 2020 [“El narcotráfico en tiempos del coronavirus,”](#) *Clarín*, May 18.
[“Salidas carcelarias con criterio,”](#) *Clarín*, May 4.
- 2018 [“¿Corre peligro la democracia brasileña con Bolsonaro?”](#) *Clarín*, October 28.
- 2017 [“Sistema débil, presidentes fuertes,”](#) *La Nación*, August 17.
- 2015 [“En materia de seguridad habrá un efecto dominó,”](#) *Clarín*, December 2.
[“El tipo de cambio”](#), *Bastión Digital*, November 24.
[“No estás tan solo Buenos Aires”](#), *Bastión Digital*, November 12.
[“Un debate modelo”](#), *Bastión Digital*, October 15.

[“Dilemas de la segunda vuelta”](#), *Bastión Digital*, July 8.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2023	APSA Centennial Center Grant
2022	Faculty Research Grant, Trinity College
2021	Research Completion Grant, Trinity College
2021	Community Learning Faculty Fellow, Center for Hartford Engagement and Research, Trinity College
2017	Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
2016	Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA)
2014	Herbert York Fellowship, Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California, San Diego
2014	John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies. Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2013	“Contributions to Democratic Security” Research Subsidy, National Ministry of Security, Argentina
2011	Tinker Summer Research Grant for preliminary fieldwork in Latin America, Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2010	Fulbright Master-Ph.D. Fellowship
2010	1 st IPSA-USP Summer School on Methods and Concepts in Political Science and International Relations (at University of São Paulo, Brazil)
2009	5 th International Course for Training in Crime Prevention for Young Professionals, Centro de Estudios de Seguridad Ciudadana (CESC, Universidad de Chile)
2008	Fulbright – Civic Initiative Scholar

INVITED TALKS

2023	“Impact of drug trafficking on Argentine society and the construction community.” Argentine Construction Chamber Annual Convention, June 29. Book conference. Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, Feb. 15.
2022	“Police, politics, and violence in Latin America”, Political Science Department, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, Nov. 2. Department of Peace and Conflict Research Speaker Series, Uppsala University, October 20. Book presentation. Center for Latin American Studies on Insecurity and Violence (CELIV), Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, August 24.
2021	“Política del gobierno policial”, Political Science and International Studies Seminar, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, August 12.

- “Designing and implementing police training curricula”, National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, Workshop #2: Evidence to advance reform in the global security and justice sectors, May 24 & 27.
- 2020 "Criminal Justice, Policing and Corruption in Argentina.” San Diego State University study abroad program, Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 6.
- 2017 Workshop “Seguridad, policía y democracia”, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, September 14-15.
- “Drug trafficking, criminal violence and the state in Argentina and Brazil”, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, February 8.
- “Police, politicians and the regulation of drug trafficking in Latin America”, Latin American Working Group, Department of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 8.
- 2016 “Policías, políticos y regulación del narcotráfico en América Latina”, Center for Latin American Studies on Insecurity and Violence (CELIV), Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 19.
- 2015 “Subnational regulation of drug trafficking in Argentina and Brazil”, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, September 15.
- “Subnational state responses to drug trafficking in Latin American metropolitan areas”, Harvard-MIT Latin American Discussion Group, Harvard University, March 24.
- 2014 “Politicians, police and drug traffickers: persistence and collapse of informal crime regulation strategies in Argentina”, Harvard-MIT Latin American Discussion Group, Harvard University, May 5.

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2016, 2021, 2023
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024
Latin American Political Economy Network (REPAL)	2017, 2021, 2023
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2015, 2023, 2024
International Political Science Association (IPSA)	2023
Argentine Political Science Association (SAAP)	2023

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2020 “Politics of police use of lethal force in Brazil,” Department of Political Science, Trinity College, December 8.
- “Policing and Punishment Webinar,” Department of Political Science, Trinity College, June 26.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Trinity College

Political Science Research Methods (Spring/Fall 2021, Fall/Spring 2022, Spring/Fall 2023)
Politics of Violence (Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
Policing and Human Rights (Spring 2021, Spring 2023/2024, Summer 2023)
Comparative Urban Development (Fall 2020/2021, Fall 2023)
Democratization and Regime Change (Spring 2021)

Universidad Nacional de San Martín (Argentina)

Political Economy (Spring 2019)
Latin American Politics (Fall 2019)

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina)

Topics in Security (Fall 2018/2019)

Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (Argentina)

Masters' Dissertation workshop (Fall & Spring 2017/2019)

Universidad de San Andrés (Argentina), co-instructor

Argentine Politics and Society" (Fall 2017/2018)

University of Notre Dame, co-instructor

Research Workshop on Large-Scale Criminal Violence (Spring 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service

Faculty Advisor, La Voz Latina (2023-)

Advisor for Students' Theses at Trinity College: Daniel Santos Ramírez (POLS 2023, honors), Chris Chiasera (POLS 2024)

Peer Reviewer

Policing & Society, Governance, Comparative Political Studies, Political Studies, Journal of Latin American Studies, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Journal of Human Rights, Law & Society Review, Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, Comparative Policing Review, Política y Gobierno, Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP), Revista de Estudios de Seguridad Internacional.

RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Consultant on Business Victimization in Latin America and the Caribbean, Inter-American Development Bank.
- 2023 Consultant, “Constructing effective Offices of Violence Prevention,” Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego.
Consultant, reviewer of projects to use penitentiary systems surveys to build effective prison governance, Inter-American Development Bank.
- 2022 Consultant, “Roadmap on Principles and Inspiring Actions to Reduce Urban Violence,” Peace in Our Cities Network.
Consultant, “Evidence-based Platform on Security and Justice”, Inter-American Development Bank.
Consultant, “Implementation of Organized Crime Strategy Toolkit. Regional chapter: Latin America and the Caribbean”, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
- 2017 Consultant, “The Political Economy of Citizen Security and Criminal Justice,” Inter-American Development Bank.
- 2014 Research Assistant for Steven Levitsky (Harvard University) and Lucan Way (University of Toronto). “The durability of revolutionary regimes.”
- 2013 Consultant. “Prison survey design and analysis.” Inter-American Development Bank and Center of Latin American Studies on Insecurity and Violence, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Consultant. “National reports on security and armed violence.” Action on Armed Violence and Small Arms Survey, Geneva, Switzerland.
Consultant. “Report on Crime and Violence in Latin America.” Asociación para Políticas Públicas and Latin American Public Opinion Project.
- 2009 Analyst. National Ministry of Defense (Argentina). “Result-oriented management in the Defense sector.”
- 2008 Analyst. “Victimization surveys,” Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE, Mexico).
Consultant. “Public and private security institutions in Latin America.” Organization of American States (OAS).
- 2007 Survey supervisor and analyst. “Victimization Survey,” Government of the City of Buenos Aires-Universidad de San Andrés

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2015-present

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 2012-present

Argentine Political Analysis Association (SAAP), 2007-2012

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2014-2015

SKILLS

Languages Spanish (native), English (bilingual), Portuguese (fluent), French (basic)
Software Stata, R, ArcGIS, LaTeX
Certificates Equity Certificate Program (Trinity College, 2020)

REFERENCES

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