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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor**, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University,  
August 2018–Present

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Social Science**, California Institute of Technology. 2018.  
*Committee:* R. Michael Alvarez (chair), Phillip T. Hoffman, Jonathan N. Katz, Robert P. Sherman.  
*Dissertation:* “Unobserved Heterogeneity in Observational Studies of Political Behavior”

**M.Sc. in Social Science**, California Institute of Technology. 2015.

**Graduate Studies in Economics**, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT). 2010.

**BA in Economics**, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT). 2009.

## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

2023. “Assessing Public Support for Social Policy in Times of Crisis: Evidence from the Child Tax Credit during the COVID-19 Era in the United States,” *Policy & Society* joint with Mariely Lopez-Santana and Daniel Beland.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/polsoc/puad009>
2022. “Partial Effects for Binary Outcome Models with Unobserved Heterogeneity,” *Journal of Politics*, 84(1): 7–85.  
<https://doi.org/10.1086/715173>
2021. “Assessing the International Influence of Private Philanthropy: The Case of Open Society Foundations,” *Global Studies Quarterly*, 1(4) joint with G. Correa-Cabrera and H. Ludwig.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksab039>
2021. “The Effect of Local Campaigning in Great Britain,” *Journal of Electoral Studies*, 73 (October).  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2021.102384>
2020. “Conventional and Unconventional Political Participation in Latin America: What Drives Political Action and Agitation?,” *Political Science Research and Methods* joint with R. M. Alvarez, G. Katz, and I. Levin, 1-11.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2020.35>
2018. “Do Clientelistic Machines Affect Electoral Outcomes? Mayoral Incumbency as a Proxy for Machine Prowess,” *Journal of Electoral Studies*, 55: 109–119.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2018.08.010>
2018. “Research Replication: Practical Considerations,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 51(2): 422-426. Joint with R.M. Alvarez and E.M. Key.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096517002566>
2018. “A Taxonomy of Protest Voting,” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 21(1): 135-154. 2018. Joint with R.M. Alvarez and D.R. Kieweit.  
<https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-050517-120425>

2017. "The Four Faces of Political Participation in Argentina: Using Latent Class Analysis to Study Political Behavior," *Journal of Politics*, 79(4): 1386-1402. Joint with R.M. Alvarez and I. Levin.  
<https://doi.org/10.1086/692786>
2016. "Expressive and Strategic Behavior in Legislative Elections in Argentina," *Political Behavior*, 38(4): 899-920.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-016-9340-1>

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

2017. "Preferences, Constraints, and Choices: Tactical Voting in Mass Elections," in Fisher, J. (ed.) *Handbook of Public Opinion and Voting Behavior*. New York: Rutledge. Joint with R.M. Alvarez and D.R. Kiewiet.  
<https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315712390>

WORKING  
PAPERS

- "Loyalty and Defection: The Effect of Party Campaigns on Tactical Voting in Britain." (*under review*) [[link](#)]
- "The Veteran Advantage: The Impact of Previous Military Service on Electoral Performance in the United States" (*under review*) [[link](#)]
- "Protest Voting in Recent United Kingdom Elections." [[link](#)]
- "Local Cohorts Estimator for Synthetic Panels from Repeated Cross Sections." [[link](#)]
- "Assessing Sample Selection Bias in Fixed Effects Binary Outcome Models." [[link](#)]

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

- "Third Parties (and their Voters) in Recent U.S. Presidential Elections"
- "Partitioning Populist Rhetoric: A Three-Part Measurement Approach." Joint with Andrew Strasberg.<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup>Undergraduate student.

SOFTWARE

- "PFCRE: Penalized Flexible Correlated Random Effects." is an R package that implements the estimator from "Partial Effects for Binary Outcome Models with Unobserved Heterogeneity," *Journal of Politics*, 2022. Install via Github:  
`devtools::install_github("lnunez6/PFCRE")`

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

- "Most Americans support Biden's expanded child tax credit, our research finds. But there are caveats." *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* November 10, 2021.
- "Local campaigning: by relying on a variety of direct forms of voter outreach, parties can make substantial electoral gains," *London School of Economics British Politics and Policy Blog* September 3, 2021.

MEDIA  
COVERAGE

- "Foundations of international relations: Part I." *The World*, December 29, 2021
- "New Academic Study Grapples with George Soros's International Political Spending." *Capital Research Center*, January 13, 2022.

FELLOWSHIPS  
AFFILIATIONS  
& AWARDS

- 2023– **Affiliate**, Center for Advancing Human-Machine Partnership (CAHMP), George Mason University.
- 2020 Provost’s Summer Team Impact Project, George Mason University. Co-PI. Joint with Robert McGrath (GMU–Schar) and Mahdi Hashemi (GMU–Volgenau). Total grant USD 39,206.
- 2018– **Faculty Member**, Center for Micro-Economic Policy Research (CMEPR), George Mason University.
- 2017 National Science Foundation (NSF) travel support to attend the Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology.
- 2016 John O. Ledyard Prize for Graduate Research in Social Science, California Institute of Technology.  
National Science Foundation (NSF) travel support to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology.
- 2015 National Science Foundation (NSF) travel support to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology.
- 2013-2014 Institute Fellowship, California Institute of Technology.
- 2009 Best Undergraduate Thesis (Shared), Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT).

CONFERENCES  
& SEMINARS

- 2023 “Partitioning Populist Rhetoric: A Three-Part Measurement Approach.” Joint with Andrew Strasberg (presenter). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13–16.
- 2023 “Protest Voting in Recent United Kingdom Elections,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete, FL, January 7–10.  
“The Veteran Advantage: The Impact of Previous Military Service on Electoral Performance in the United States,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete, FL, January 7–10.
- 2022 “Loyalty and Defection: The Effect of Party Campaigns on Tactical Voting in Britain,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7–10.
- 2021 “Assessing Sample Selection Bias in Fixed Effects Binary Outcome Models,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, (Virtual), April 14–18.
- 2020 Accepted to present at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.  
Accepted to present at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2018 “Partial Effects for Binary Outcome Models with Unobserved Heterogeneity,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5–8.
- 2017 Accepted to present at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6–9.  
“Penalized Flexible Correlated Random Effects,” (poster presentation), Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, July 13–15.
- 2016 “Synthetic Panel Models for Modeling Dynamic Political Behavior,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7–10.  
“Local Cohorts Estimator for Synthetic Panels from Repeated Cross Sections,” (poster presentation), Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Rice University, Houston, TX, July 21–23.

2015 “Conventional and Unconventional Political Participation: New Approaches to Modeling Political Activity in Latin America,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16–19.

“Voter Transitions in Multiparty Settings: An Analysis of the 2013 Argentine Midterm Elections,” (poster presentation) Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16–19.

“Voter Transitions, Vote Wasting, and Strategic Behavior,” (poster presentation), Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, July 22–25.

## TEACHING

**George Mason University, Fairfax, VA USA.**

GOVT 300. Research Methods and Analysis (undergraduate).

FA2018, SP2019, FA2019, SP2020, FA2020, SP2021, FA2021, FA2022, S2023.

GOVT 496. Directed readings (undergraduate).

SP2019, FA2019, SP2020, SU2022, SP2023

POGO 500. The Scientific Methods and Research Design (graduate).

FA2022

POGO 511. Statistical Methods (graduate).

SP2019, FA2019, SP2020, FA2020, SU2021, FA2021, SU2023

POGO 611. Advanced Data Analysis for Policy and Government (graduate).

SU2022

POGO 796. Directed readings and research (graduate).

SP2022

**California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA USA.**

Teaching Assistant: PS 141b. A History of Budgetary Politics in the United States. Spring 2018.

Teaching Assistant: PS 141a. A History of Budgetary Politics in the United States. Winter 2018.

Teaching Assistant: PS 120. American Electoral Behavior and Party Strategy. Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant: PSY 20. Cognitive Psychology. Fall 2014.

**Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT), Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

Teaching Assistant: Econometrics (undergraduate). 2011.

Teaching Assistant: Financial Econometrics (graduate). 2010.

Teaching Assistant: Time Series Econometrics (graduate). 2010.

Teaching Assistant: Mathematics II. (undergraduate). 2009

Teaching Assistant: Mathematics I. (undergraduate).2009

## ADVISING

**Doctoral Dissertation Committees:**

- Muhammad Salar Khan (2022). “Absorptive Capacity and Economic Growth: How Does Absorptive Capacity Affect Economic Growth in Low-Income and Middle-Income Countries.”
- Benjamin Fernandes (2020). “Impact of Foreign Military Education and Training on Coups.”
- Daniel Grimaldi (in progress).
- Dersu Tanca (in progress).
- Heejoo Cheon (in progress).

**Master's Thesis:**

- Lois Osborne (2020). "The Electoral College Revisited: A Look at the Virtues and Flaws of the System Used to Elect the President."

**Undergraduate:**

- Saarah Baig, Elisa Sabet, Andrew Strasberg, Lucas Summers, David Maloney (2023). "Populism in American Politics." (undergraduate research).
- Andrew Strasberg (2022-2023). "Classifying Populist Appeals on Twitter – A Machine Learning Approach." (Honors Thesis).
- David Henry Maloney, Lucas Summers (2022-2023). "The Electoral Benefit of Military Veteran Status" (undergraduate research).
- Sophia Wallace, Yatarth Pandey (2021). "The Impact of Migrant Remittances on Political Behavior" (Undergraduate Research Assistants Program).
- Aditi Goel, Lucas Summers, Lydia Sigman, Dorian Dore, Morgan Swindall, Willem Richard Landis, Ryan Flake, Elizabeth Fortson, Cassidy Whitehurst (2021). "Building a Virginia Legislative Database." (Undergraduate Research Assistants Program, joint with Prof. Robert McGrath).
- Sagar Sharma (2020). "Upping the Ante in the Supreme Court: Examining the Relationship Between Having the Support of Financially Stronger Amici and Winning in a Case in the U.S. Supreme Court." (Honors Thesis).
- Delaney Hertel, Daniel Wheedleton (2019). "Third Party Voting in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." (Undergraduate Research Assistants Program).
- Nicholas Stares (2019). "Modeling the Impact of Increased Youth Registration on Presidential Election Outcomes in Texas." (undergraduate research).
- Sarah Younes (2019). "The Analysis of the Effects of the 2002 Steel Tariff on the Wind Turbine Industry the Forecasting of the 2018 Steel Tariff." (Honors Thesis).

**PROFESSIONAL  
& SCHOOL  
SERVICE**

**Referee:** *Journal of Politics; Electoral Studies; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Political Analysis; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Party Politics; Economics Bulletin; Democratization; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Revista de Ciencia Politica; Perspectives on Politics; Journal of Elections Public Opinion, and Parties; Social Sciences; Research and Politics..*

**Committee Member,** George Mason University Honors Committee (2023–present).

**Committee Member,** Comparative Politics Comprehensive Examinations (2023-2024), Schar School, George Mason University.

**Member,** 2023 Faculty Taskforce on Annual Evaluations, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University.

**Panel Chair and Discussant,** 2023 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete, FL, January 7–10.

**Schar School Representative,** University Advisory Committee on Learning Management System Review, George Mason University (2022-2023).

**Committee Member,** faculty hiring committee for Public Administration (2022), Schar School, George Mason University.

Co-Organizer, Schar School Brown Bag Workshop Series (Fall 2022-Present).

Reviewer, 2022 PreDoctoral Fellowship applications, Institute for Digital Innovation, George Mason University.

Panel Chair and Discussant, 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 7–10.

Reviewer, 2022 Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference, George Mason University.

Guest Speaker, PUBP 850 (2021), George Mason University.

Discussant, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14–18.

Speaker at the PhD Research Morning (2021), Schar School, George Mason University.

Reviewer for the assessment of methods courses for Masters and PhD in Political Science (2020), George Mason University.

Guest Speaker, PUBP 850 (2020), George Mason University.

Guest Speaker, PUBP 800 (2020), George Mason University.

Committee Member for the American Politics Comprehensive Examination (2020), Schar School, George Mason University.

Guest Speaker, PUBP 850 (2019), George Mason University.

Committee Member, faculty hiring committee for Public Administration (2019), Schar School, George Mason University.

Speaker at the PhD Research Morning (2019), Schar School, George Mason University.

Graduate Research Assistant: *Political Analysis* (2015-2017).

OTHER  
POSITIONS

2011-2013 Consultant, The World Bank, Development Research Group.

2010-2011 Research Assistant for Prof. González Rozada, Department of Economics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT).

2010-2010 Analyst, Center for Financial Research, Business School, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT).