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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science

University of New Mexico *2017-Present*

Concentrations: Comparative Politics, International Relations

M.A. Political Science

University of New Mexico *2017-2019*

Second Year Paper: "Violence by the State: Severity of Repression on Human Rights Protests"

Ph.D. Level Pass - Committee: William Stanley (chair), Kathy Powers, Kendra Koivu

B.A. History and Political Science

University of New Mexico *2014-2017*

Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Conflict and State Repression

- Government repression and nonviolent resistance
- Dynamics within civil conflict
- Post-conflict violence within time periods of transitional justice

Regional Focus: Latin America

EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Assistant

University of New Mexico, Political Science Department:

Funding Awarded *2017-Present*

Instructor

University of New Mexico, Political Science Department:

POLS 2110: Comparative Politics - Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022

College of Arts and Sciences:

ARSC 198: Arts & Sciences First-Year Seminar - Fall 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Gabriel Antonio Solis, Tania L. Balderas, Iuri Bauler Pereira, Samantha R. Cooney, Cynthia Yuan Gao, David Helps, Ramona R. Malczynski, Emma B. Mincks, Isobel Plowright, Joseph A. Ukockis, and Lauren Whitmer. 2023. "Against Normalcy: A Collective Testimony of Student Workers Organizing During the Pandemic." *International Labor and Working-Class History*. Cambridge University Press.

Edited Volume Contributions:

Samantha R. Cooney and David Monda. 2022. "Comprehensive Exams" in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. Kevin G. Lorentz II, Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan, eds. APSA.

Samantha R. Cooney, Patrick Gauding, Christopher Macaulay, Anna Meier, and Kevin Reuning. 2022. "Community, Solidarity, and Collective Power: The Role of Graduate Student Organizations and Graduate Worker Unions" in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. Kevin G. Lorentz II, Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan, eds. APSA.

Samantha R. Cooney and Mala Htun. 2020. "Susana Martinez" in Mark P. Jones (eds.) *Voting and Political Representation in America: Issues and Trends*. ABC-CLIO.

INVITED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"Resources, the Environment, and Conflict" Panel Discussant. "Resources, Drugs, and Rebel Origins" Presenter. International Studies Association. Virtual due to COVID-19, April 2021.

"Conflict and the Natural World" Panel Presenter and Workshop Organizer together with Christina Boyes. Peace Science Society International. Hosted by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Virtual due to COVID-19, November 2020.

"Resources, Drugs, and Rebel Origins." Four Corners Conflict Network. Hosted by the University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ. January 2020.

"Violence, Repression, and Protests." University of New Mexico Shared Knowledge Conference. Albuquerque, NM. October 2019.

"Violence by the State: Severity of Repression on Human Rights Protests." Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2019.

“Violence by the State: Severity of Repression on Human Rights Protests.” Four Corners Conflict Network. Hosted by the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. April 2019.

“Understanding Subnational Repression in Mexico” with David Nunnally and Kathryn Overton. Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2018.

“Understanding Subnational Repression in Mexico” with David Nunnally and Kathryn Overton. Four Corners Conflict Network. Hosted by the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. March 2018.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record:

A&S First Year Seminar – ARSC 198, Fall 2023, University of New Mexico

Comparative Politics – POLS 2110, Fall 2022, University of New Mexico

Comparative Politics – POLS 2110, Spring 2021, University of New Mexico

Comparative Politics – POLS 2110, Fall 2020, University of New Mexico

Teaching Assistant:

Latin American Culture and Society - POLS 360/LTAM 360, Fall 2021, University of New Mexico

Introduction to Political Analysis - POLS 2140, Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 University of New Mexico

Topics in International Politics: International Politics of Climate Change - POLS 340, Spring 2021, University of New Mexico

International Political Economy - POLS 346, Spring 2020, University of New Mexico

International Politics - POLS 2120/240, Fall 2019 & 2017, University of New Mexico

Truth and Tribunals - POLS 300, Fall 2017, University of New Mexico

International Organizations - POLS 340, Fall 2017, University of New Mexico

Training:

Evidence Based Practices for Online Learning, UNM Center for Digital Learning 6-week course, 2020 - EBPTO course certified: Online Teaching Portfolio and Course Map credentials earned.

Invited Lectures:

“UNM Grad Worker Organizing, National Labor History, & New Mexico’s Unions” at ACE Leadership High School. September 2021.

“What is the PRO ACT: Labor Rights Panel on May Day” with CWA, MWWCNM, and DSA. May 2021.

“UNM Grad Worker Organizing: Part of a National Trend” at Salt of the Earth School: A School for Radical Education. April 2021.

“Human Rights Violations during the Dirty War in Argentina” at UNM, Truth and Tribunals, POLS 300, Fall 2018.

SERVICE

Elected Positions:

2022-present Data Chair- UGW-UE Local 1466

2021-present El Paso County Democratic Party, Precinct Chair 7

2021-present Bargaining Committee Representative- UGW-UE Local 1466

University Related Service:

2021-present Chair, Communications & Media Committee- UGW of UNM

2021-present Action/Event Planning Committee- UGW of UNM

2020-present Coordinating Committee, Organizing Committee - UGW of UNM

2018-present Programs Coordinator/Co-Chair- Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

2019 Grant Reader- Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)

2017-2018 Communications Coordinator/Co-Chair- Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

Professional and Academic Memberships:

Peace Science Society International

International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association (2018-2020)

National Society for Leadership and Success – Sigma Alpha Pi

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023 Dylan Balch-Lindsay Memorial Graduate Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico – Valued at \$950

2022 Michael Wallerstein Award, Department of Political Science,

University of New Mexico –Valued at \$850

2020 Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico

Valued at \$400 – 4CCN, Tuscon, AZ

2019 Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico

Valued at \$400 – 4CCN, Salt Lake City, UT

2018 Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico

Valued at \$400 – MPSA, Chicago, IL

2014-2017 Amigo Scholarship, University of New Mexico

Valued at \$67,200 (\$16,600 per year with additional stipend of \$200 per year –
renewable for 4 years)

WORKING MANUSCRIPTS

“Violence by the State: Severity of Repression on Human Rights Protests”

“Resources, Drugs, and Rebel Origins”

“Amnesty’s Downfall: El Salvador and Guatemala”

“Sexual Violence as a Means to Reshape a Population: The Dirty War of Argentina”

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Assistant, Dr. Sarah Dreier, University of New Mexico 2021-2023

Graduate Assistant, Dr. Sergio Ascencio, University of New Mexico 2021

Graduate Assistant, Dr. William Stanley, University of New Mexico 2017-2021

Graduate Assistant, Dr. Kathy Powers, University of New Mexico 2017-2020

Graduate Assistant, Dr. Lonna Atkeson, University of New Mexico 2020

Graduate Assistant, Dr. Tim Krebs, University of New Mexico 2019

Graduate Assistant, Dr. Mala Htun, University of New Mexico 2018-2019

Graduate Assistant, Dr. Jami Nelson-Nuñez, University of New Mexico 2018

VOLUNTEER WORK

2021-2023 Justicia Fronteriza Political Action Committee, Volunteer

2020-2023 Sunrise Movement Volunteer: El Paso, Leadership Member

2018-2020 Meals on Wheels Volunteer: Albuquerque, Driver

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages:

English (native), Spanish (limited proficiency – heritage language)

Software and Tools:

Stata, Latex, Excel, R (limited proficiency), Canva Graphic Design, Adobe Lightroom, Blackboard Learn, Google Classroom, Flipgrid