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ACADEMIC  
POSITION

**Louisiana State University**

Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science

**Since August 2023**

EDUCATION

**Texas A&M University**

Ph.D. in Political Science

**2023**

**University of São Paulo**

Master's in Political Science

**2016**

B.A. in Social Sciences

**2012**

**Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo**

B.A. in Law

**2010**

RESEARCH  
INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods, Electoral Systems, Voting Behavior, American Elections

TEACHING  
INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods, American Elections, Electoral Systems, Voting Behavior, Political Economy

PUBLICATIONS

**Peer-reviewed Publications in English**

“Let Them Eat Pie: Addressing Sample Selection in Multiparty Elections.” **Forthcoming**. With Ali Kagalwala, Guy D. Whitten, and Yongzhi Xu. *Political Analysis*

“The Drug Crisis and Voting Behavior.” **2025**, with Spencer Goidel and Brenna Armstrong. *Perspectives on Politics*.

“Is it still the Economy? Economic Voting in Polarized Politics.” **2025**. *British Journal of Political Science*.

“Tumultuous Pies: Electoral Dynamics in the Brexit Era.” **2024**, with Ali Kagalwala and Guy D. Whitten. *Electoral Studies*.

“A Simple Approach to Dealing with Partial Contestation.” **2024**, with Ali Kagalwala and Guy D. Whitten. *Social Science Quarterly*.

“Party Realignment, Education, and the Turnout Advantage: Revisiting the Partisan Effect of Turnout.” *American Political Research*. **2023**, with Spencer Goidel and Brenna Armstrong.

“Dynamic Party System Fragmentation.” *Electoral Studies*, 76, 102440, **2022**, with José Antonio Cheibub, Gisela Sin, and Keigo Tanabe.

“Voting in a Global Pandemic: Assessing dueling influences of Covid-19 on turnout.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(5), pp. 2210-2235, **2021**, with Alicia D. Cooperman and Sara M. Constantino.

#### MANUSCRIPTS

Preventing a War of All Against All: Geographic Sorting in OLPR Electoral Systems. *Political Science Research and Methods*. **R&R**. With José Antonio Cheibub and Andrea Junqueira.

Fiscal Capacity, Distributional Consequences, and Preferences over Taxation. **Under Review**. With Florian Hollenbach and Jessica Gottlieb.

#### PUBLICATIONS IN PORTUGUESE

##### Peer-reviewed Publications in Portuguese

Institutional Disputes and Corporate Interests in the Justice System: Deadlocks in the creation of the Public Defender’s Office in Brazilian states. *Dados*, vol. 6, n° 4, **2019**.

Democracy, institutions of control, and justice from the perspective of state pluralism. *Opinião Pública*, vol. 25, n° 1, **2019**, with Rogério B. Arantes.

The constitutionalization of Public Defender’s Office: contest for space within the justice system. *Opinião Pública*, vol. 23, n° 3, **2017**.

##### Book Chapters and Funded Projects

A Construção da Defensoria Pública no Brasil. In: José Augusto Garcia de Sousa, Murílio Casas Maia, and Rodrigo Baptista Pacheco (Org.). *A História Pedagogizada: Estudos em homenagem aos 70 anos da Defensoria Pública no Brasil*. São Paulo: Tirant Brasil, **2024**. (Portuguese)

Defensoria Pública e Judicialização: expectativas e desenvolvimento histórico. In: Vanessa Elias de Oliveira (Org.). *Judicialização de Políticas Públicas no Brasil*. 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Rio de Janeiro: Fiocruz, **2019**. (Portuguese)

*Class actions in Brazil: proceeding, trial, and execution of collective rights*. A research project sponsored by the National Justice Council (CNJ). Produced by the Brazilian Public Law Association (SBDP) in **2017**. (Portuguese)

Public Defender’s Office and Legal Aid in the new Civic Process Code. In: Fredie Didier Jr. e José Augusto Garcia de Sousa (Org.). *Defensoria Pública e o Novo CPC*. 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Salvador: Juspodivm, **2016**, p.703-730, with Rogério B. Arantes. (Portuguese)

Creation of Public Defender’s Office in the Brazilian States: institutional and corporative conflicts in the standardization process of legal access. Master’s Thesis in Political Science defended in **2016** at University of São Paulo. (Portuguese)

#### WORKING PAPERS

Expanding the Constituency: The Incumbency Advantage in Preferential PR Elections. **2024**.

Electoral Competition and the Adoption of Official Ballot: Costs of Making Voters in Mass Electorates. **2024**.

Legal Equality and Effective Inequality: Representation Across Neighborhoods.

With José Antonio Cheibub and Andrea Junqueira. **2024.**

Two-Round Systems and Valid Votes. **2024.** With Andrea Junqueira, Sanjida Mehrin.

How do Mega Cities Decentralize Local Representation? Precinct-Level Voting Behavior and Municipal Service Provision: Evidence from Brazil and Colombia. **2023.** With Alicia Cooperman, Andrea Junqueira, and Manuela Muñoz.

Clarity of Responsibility, Media, and Political Accountability. **2023.** With Johanna Dunaway, Ana Beatriz Dutra, and Spencer Goidel.

Changing the Rule to Save Seats: Volatility and Personal Vote in “Audience Democracies.” **2022.**

Vested Interests and Intra-State Politics in the Court System: Policy Change in the Brazilian States Legal Aid. **2022.**

When the court faces the government: Evidence from the Brazilian Supreme Court. **2022.** With Thiago do Nascimento Fonseca.

Agenda Setting and Negotiation in Constitutional Court: Evidence from the Brazilian Supreme Court **2022.** With Thiago do Nascimento Fonseca.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**POLI 7964: Causal Inference** (Graduate). Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLI 7963: Regression Analysis** (Graduate). Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLI 7972: Seminar in Comparative Political Institutions** (Graduate). Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLI 4001: Research Methods in Comparative Politics.** Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLI 4063: Comparative Political Institutions.** Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLI 4060: U.S. Elections From a Comparative Perspective.** Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLI 2053: Introduction to Comparative Politics.** Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLI 4065: Latin American Governments and Politics.** Instructor of Record. Louisiana State University.

**POLS 323: Political Systems of Latin America.** Instructor of Record. Texas A&M University.

**Modern Regression.** Teaching Fellow. IPSA Summer School, National University of Singapore.

**POLS 603: Maximum Likelihood Estimation/GLMs** (Graduate). Teaching Assistant. Texas A&M University.

**Mathematics for Social Scientists: Core Foundation Course.** Teaching Fellow. IPSA Summer School, University of São Paulo.

COMPLEMENTARY  
EDUCATION

- 2022** EITM Summer Institute. University of California, Berkeley.
- 2018** Modeling Dynamics: Time Series and Pooled Time Series Analyses. IPSA-USP Summer School: Concepts and Methods in Political Science.
- 2018** Mathematics for Social Scientists. IPSA-USP Summer School: Concepts and Methods in Political Science.
- 2015** Refresher Course in Multiple Regression Analysis. IPSA-USP Summer School: Concepts and Methods in Political Science.
- 2015** Predicting Elections: Analytical Techniques and Illustrative Case Studies. IPSA-USP Summer School: Concepts and Methods in Political Science.
- 2009** 3<sup>rd</sup> Course of Education on State's Law, Institute of Administrative Law from São Paulo (IDAP).

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

- Since 2023** Assistant Professor at Louisiana State University
- 2018 – 2023** Research and Teaching Assistant at Texas A&M University
- 2016 – 2018** Lawyer, Studies and Projects Financing Agency (FINEP)
- 2014 – 2016** Research and Teaching Assistant at the University of São Paulo
- 2010 – 2014** Lawyer in Di Stefano, Chiavassa and Queiroz Associated Lawyers
- 2010 – 2011** Teaching Assistant at Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo

LANGUAGE  
PROFICIENCY

- Portuguese** Native Speaker
- English** Fluent
- Spanish** Proficient

REFERENCES

- José Antonio Cheibub** Full Professor at University of Pittsburgh  
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- Guy D. Whitten** Full Professor at Texas A&M University  
[g-whitten@tamu.edu](mailto:g-whitten@tamu.edu)
- Alicia D. Cooperman** Assistant Professor at George Washington University  
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