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CONTACT

INFORMATION

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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*

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

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

“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. **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.

Solution Over Shortfall: Elite Frame Asymmetry and Policy Support in the Drug Crisis. **Under Review**. With Spencer Goidel and Adam Singer.

Local Distributive Politics: Bloc Voting and Public Service Provision in Brazil. **Under Review**. With Alicia Cooperman, Andrea Junqueira, and Manuela Muñoz.

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

Litigância Contra o Poder Público nos Estados Unidos. In: Rogério Bastos Arantes (Org.). *Relatório Final: Litigância Contra o Poder Público - Fase II*. A research project sponsored by the National Justice Council (CNJ). Produced by the University of São Paulo in **2026**. (Portuguese)

A Construção da Defensoria Pública no Brasil. In: José Augusto Garcia de Sousa, Murilio Casas Maia, and Rodrigo Baptista Pacheco (Org.). *A História Pedre Passagem: 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*. 1st 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*. 1st 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. **2026**.

Big Fish, Small Pond: Electoral Rules and Party System Fragmentation. With José Antonio Cheibub. **2026**.

Budget Increase and Electoral Accountability. With Bruno Martins Pessoa. **2026**.

Electoral Competition and the Adoption of Official Ballot: Costs of Making Voters in Mass Electorates. **2025**.

Legal Equality and Effective Inequality: Representation Across Neighborhoods. With José Antonio Cheibub and Andrea Junqueira. **2025**.

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

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

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**.

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). Tea-

ching 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** 3rd 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, 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
- Alicia D. Cooperman** Assistant Professor at George Washington University
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