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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina**

Assistant Professor of Political Science Aug 2023-present

### **University of South Carolina-Aiken**

Assistant Professor of Political Science Aug 2020-May 2023

### **The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project**

Venezuela Senior Researcher May 2021-Apr 2023

Consultant/Researcher: Latin America Team

Oct 2018-Aug 2020

### **Universidad Metropolitana**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Mar 2010-Mar 2013

### **Universidad Central de Venezuela**

Visiting Professor

Oct 2010-Oct 2011

### **Universidad Simón Bolívar**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Jan 2010-Dec 2010

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## EDUCATION

**PhD., in Political Science**, University of Missouri

May, 2019

*Fulbright Scholar*

**M.A., Political Science**, Universidad Simón Bolívar

Nov, 2009

*Graduated with honors*

**B.A., International Studies**, Universidad Central de Venezuela

June, 2006

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## PUBLICATIONS

### **Peer-Reviewed articles**

1. Domestic and International Factors of The Contemporary Russo-Venezuelan Bilateral Relationship. *Latin American Policy*. Forthcoming. (with Makram Haluani.)
2. The Path Toward Authoritarianism in Venezuela. 2021. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: *Oxford University Press*.

3. Venezuela 2019: A Tale of Two Presidents. 2020. *Revista de Ciencia Política*, 40 (2):539-565.
4. Convergencias y Divergencias en la asociación estratégica ruso-venezolana y sus implicaciones hemisféricas [Convergences and Divergences in the Russian-Venezuelan Strategic Partnership and Their Hemispheric Implications]. 2013. *Revista Cuaderno del CENDES*, 30: 67-107. Caracas, Venezuela: Universidad Central de Venezuela (with Makram Haluani).
5. ¿Liberalización Política o Democratización Política en el Mundo Árabe? Argumentos de Incompatibilidad entre la Democracia y el Islam [Political Liberalization or Political Democratization in the Arab World? Arguments about the Incompatibility Between Democracy and Islam]. 2010. *Revista Cuadernos del CENDES*, 73: 81-105. Caracas, Venezuela: Universidad Central de Venezuela.
6. Representación del intelectual en tiempos de totalitarismo: Ensayo sobre el límite de la obediencia de intelectuales rusos durante la era estalinista (1923-1953) [Representation of the Intellectual in times of Totalitarianism: Obedience of Russian Intellectuals During the Stalinist Era (1923-1953)]. 2010. *Revista Argos*, 27: 33-61. Caracas, Venezuela: Universidad Simón Bolívar.
7. Reformas en el Sistema Electoral Egipcio bajo el gobierno de Hosni Mubarak. ¿Consagración de un sistema electoral democrático o Dinastía Sucesoral? [Reforms in the Egyptian Electoral System under the Government of Hosni Mubarak. Consecration of a Democratic Electoral System or Successoral Dynasty?]. 2009. *Revista Facultad de Derecho*, 64: 173-206. Caracas, Venezuela: Universidad Católica Andrés Bello.
8. La Violencia Política en la Rusia de Putin. ¿Qué ocurrió con los opositores políticos de Vladimir Putin? [Political Violence in Putin's Russia. What Happened to the Political Opponents of Vladimir Putin?]. 2009. *Revista Análisis Político*. 67: 131-155. Colombia: Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Relaciones Internacionales.
9. Sobre la Representación Política y Parlamentarismo Social de Calle en Venezuela [Political Representation and Social Street Parliamentarism in Venezuela]. 2009. *Revista Politeia*, 32: 1-30. Caracas, Venezuela: Instituto de Estudios Políticos-Universidad Central de Venezuela.

## Book Chapters

1. Buenos Amigos: Putins Freunde in Lateinamerika. [Buenos Amigos: Putin's Friends in Latin America]. 2023. In Günther Maihold und Hartmut Sangmeister (Hrsg.) *Zwischen Moskau, Peking und Washington: Lateinamerika in der Großmacht Konkurrenz*. Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft mbH & Co. Pages: 79-88 (with Armando Chaguaceda).
2. Venezolanas investigan: ¿Por qué se crea y quienes la conforman?. 2021. In Paola Bautista (Edt.) *Venezuela invertebrada*. Caracas, Venezuela: Editorial Dahbar. Pp: 224-236.
3. Relaciones entre Venezuela y el Medio Oriente a partir de 1999. 2021. In Paola Bautista (Edt.) *Venezuela invertebrada*. Caracas, Venezuela: Editorial Dahbar. Pp: 75-85.
4. Los aliados (y principales) acreedores extraterritoriales de Venezuela: Rusia y China [The Allies (and main) Extraterritorial Creditors of Venezuela: Russia and China]. In Edmundo González Urrutia (Edt.) *Democracia, paz y desarrollo. Temas de Política Internacional*. 2013. Caracas, Venezuela: La Hoja del Norte. Pp: 193-206 (with Tomas Hernández).
5. Capítulo: Venezuela (Chapter: Venezuela). In Francisco Nieto Guerrero (Edt.) *Las relaciones interamericanas: Una visión hacia el futuro* [Inter-American relations: A vision towards the future]. 2011. La Sierra, Bolivia: Centro de Publicaciones-UPSA. Pp: 111-119 (with Jesus M Andrade Alvarado, et al.).

## Policy writing/ White papers

1. Colombia. Peace Talks, Worsening Violence, and a Deeply Fragmented Conflict Landscape. 2023. *Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project*. <https://acleddata.com/conflict-watchlist-2023/colombia/>.
2. What's Nicolas Maduro's foreign policy? 2022. *Global Americans*. <https://theglobalamericans.org/2022/09/what-is-nicolas-maduros-foreign-policy/>
3. Venezuela in Disorder in Latin America: 10 Crises in 2019. 2020. Edited by Roudabeh Kishi, Franziska Pfadt, Bhavani Castro, and Sam Jones. *Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project*. <https://acleddata.com/2020/03/12/disorder-in-latin-america-10-crises-in-2019/>
4. White Papers (*Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada*):  
The Democratic Action Party (2023), Access to Health Care in Venezuela (2023), Haitian Citizens in Venezuela (2023), Armed Groups in Venezuela (2022), Venezuela-Political Situation (2020).

## Non-peer reviewed publications

1. Russia in Latin America: The Illiberal Confluence. 2022. *London School of Economics Latin America and Caribbean blog (with Armando Chaguaceda)*. <https://bit.ly/3Salua6>
2. Dictaduras Afines: Las Alianzas Internacionales del Gobierno de Venezuela. 2022. *Democratización*. Edited by Instituto de Estudios Políticos, Económicos y Sociales FORMA. <https://bit.ly/3VgzvWJ>
3. Rusia en Latinoamérica: La Confluencia Iliberal [Russia in Latin America: The Illiberal Convergence]. 2022. *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, 22 (3):11-17 (with Armando Chaguaceda). <https://bit.ly/3jocTqc>
4. Rusia en América Latina: ¿Qué Tipo de Alianzas se Forjaron Durante La Marea Rosa y Cuáles Continúan? [Russia in Latin America: What type of alliances were formed during the pink tide and which ones continue?]. 2022. *DemoAmLat*. <https://bit.ly/3766wBZ>
5. Venezolanas Investigan: Why was it created and who is part of it?. 2021. *Democratización*. Edited by Instituto de Estudios Políticos, Económicos y Sociales FORMA. <https://bit.ly/3lEeju5>
6. Relations between Venezuela and the Middle East since 1999. 2021. *Democratización*. Edited by Instituto de Estudios Políticos, Económicos y Sociales FORMA. <https://bit.ly/3CveZZC>
7. The menu of strategies used by Maduro to mitigate the effects of sanctions. 2020. *Foro Cubano*, 3 (23). <https://www.programacuba.com/the-menu-of-strategies-used-by-madu>
8. ¿Puede la personalidad de Peña Nieto, Trudeau y Trump afectar las negociaciones del NAFTA? [Can the personality of Peña Nieto, Trudeau and Trump affect the NAFTA negotiations?]. 2018. *Revista Puentes*. Edited by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development. Geneva, Switzerland, 19 (1): 9-12. <https://bit.ly/3HKtV9x>
9. The Role of Latin American Presidents in Foreign Policy Decision-Making. 2017. *International History Politics Newsletter*, American Political Science Association, 3(4): 8-10. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KgiqK8MiDuk7rsT7PupM5U9wmPX0cng-/view>
10. As conseqüências do governo Chávez para o comércio exterior venezuelano [The Consequences of Hugo Chávez's Government for Venezuelan Foreign Trade]. 2014. *Revista Pontes*. Edited by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development. Geneva, Switzerland, 10(5): 16-19. <https://bit.ly/3HEzflH>
11. 13 años de diplomacia a espaldas de los venezolanos [Thirteen Years of Diplomacy at the Back of Venezuelans]. 2013. *Venepolicy, Diploos Política Exterior Venezolana*. Caracas, Venezuela: 13-21. <https://bit.ly/39jY0N1>

12. Moscú mira hacia América Latina: Estado de situación de la alianza ruso-venezolana [Moscow Looks to Latin America: Status of the Russian-Venezuelan Alliance]. 2011. *Nueva Sociedad*. Buenos Aires, Argentina: Fundación Friedrich Ebert (with Makram Haluani). [https://static.nuso.org/media/articles/downloads/3804\\_1.pdf](https://static.nuso.org/media/articles/downloads/3804_1.pdf)
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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Assistant Professor**

#### **The Citadel [tenure-track] (Aug 2023-present)**

- Democracy & Dictatorship (in-person)
- Latin American Affairs (in-person)
- International Politics (in-person)

#### **University of South Carolina Aiken [tenure-track] (Aug 2020- May 2023)**

- The State of Democracy (in-person for the Center for Lifelong Learning)
- Digital Surveillance and Authoritarianism (online)
- Russian and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy (in-person)
- Scope & Methods in Political Science (in-person)
- Political Psychology and International Relations (in-person and online)
- Democracy & Dictatorships (in-person and online)
- Comparative Politics (in-person)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (in-person and online)
- Introduction to International Relations (Non-Western) (in-person and online)
- Introduction to Politics (in-person and online)

#### **Universidad Metropolitana [non tenure-track] (2010-13)**

- Teoría de las Relaciones Internacionales [Theory of International Relations]
- Métodos y Técnicas de Investigación [Methods and Research Techniques]
- Derechos Humanos [Human Rights]
- Geopolítica del Medio Oriente y Norte de África [Geopolitics of Middle East and Africa]

#### **Universidad Simón Bolívar [tenure-track] (2010)**

- Economía y Sociedad [Economy and Society]
- El Cuerpo Político y su Presencia en el Mundo [The Political Body and Its Presence in the World]

## Visiting Professor

### Universidad Central de Venezuela (2010-12)

- Política Internacional [International Politics]
- Relaciones Económicas Internacionales [Economic International Relations]
- Geopolítica del Medio Oriente y Norte de África [Geopolitics in Middle East and Africa]

## Instructor of Record

### University of Missouri (2016-17)

- Comparative Political Psychology (in-person)
- Introduction to International Relations (in-person)

## Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Culture and Health Literacy (online)
- Latin American Politics (in-person)
- Introduction to International Relations (in-person)
- General Psychology (in-person)
- General Psychology (*Honors*) (in-person)
- Cognitive Psychology (in-person)
- Cultura y Sociedad [Culture and Society]. (in-person)
- Economía y Sociedad [Economy and Society] (in-person)
- El Cuerpo Político y su Presencia en el Mundo [The Political Body and Its Presence in the World] (in-person)

## Research Assistant

- **Project:** Dealing with Demand for China Global Surveillance Exports, University of Missouri, Dr. Sheena Chestnut Greitens (2019)
  - **Project:** Protests in Peru, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Dr. Moises Arce (2016-17)
  - **Project:** Community Development, Cambio Center, University of Missouri, Coordinator: Lindsey Saunders (Summer 2017)
  - **Project:** Venezuelan Foreign Policy, Instituto de Altos Estudios para América Latina, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Dr. Makram Haluani (Fall 2008)
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## CONFERENCES & SELECTIVE TALKS

### Selected Conference Participation

- Leadership Trait Analysis of Female Leaders in Latin America 2023  
*International Studies Association, Montreal*
- Do all men and women presidents share same leadership style in foreign policy 2022  
*South Carolina Political Science Association, Rock Hill*
- Estudiar a Venezuela desde dentro y fuera de Venezuela 2022  
*Latin American Studies Association, virtual*
- Elite Purges in Venezuela. LASA 2021  
*Latin American Studies Association, virtual*
- Approaches and Challenges in Studying Presidents in Latin America. ISA 2019  
*International Studies Association, Toronto*
- Respuesta Internacional a La Consolidación del Autoritarismo en Venezuela 2019  
*Latin American Studies Association, Boston*
- Using Public Perceptions Towards China to Predict Voting Behavior in Latin America 2019  
*FLACSO-International Studies Association, Quito (with C. Drolc and M. Hendricks)*
- Dictators and The Choice of Military Intervention 2018  
*International Studies Association, St Louis*
- Motives Behind Vladimir Putin's Intervention in Syria 2017  
*International Studies Association, Baltimore*
- An Assessment of Gender Differences in Foreign Policy Decision Making 2016  
*International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh*
- Leaders, Belief Change, and Leadership Style in Foreign Policy Decision Making 2016  
*International Studies Association, St Louis*
- Leaders' Motivations Behind the Intervention in Syrian Civil War 2016  
*American Political Science Association, Philadelphia*
- Venezuelan Foreign Policy Towards Europe and Russia 2016  
*Latin American Studies Association, New York*
- Type of Leadership Style in Foreign Policy: The OpCode Analysis of Hugo Chávez 2015  
*International Studies Association, Atlanta*
- Type of Leadership in Latin America. The Case of Hugo Chávez 2015  
*International Studies Association, St Louis*

### Selected Invited Talks/Guest Lectures

- Russian Foreign Policy Toward Latin America, *Colegio de Veracruz* (virtual) 2023
- Liberalism in International Relations, *Colegio de Veracruz* (virtual) 2023
- Electoral Authoritarianism in Venezuela, *Michigan State University* (virtual) 2023
- Rusia en Latinoamérica: La Confluencia Iliberal, *Universidad Torcuato Di Tella* (virtual) 2022

- La Influencia de Rusia en América Latina, *DemoAmLat* (virtual) 2022
  - La Guerra en Ucrania, *Proyecto Base* (virtual) 2022
  - Nationalism and the War in Ukraine, *Universidad del Norte* (virtual) 2022
  - What's Happening in Venezuela, *International Relations Council*, (virtual) 2022
  - Latin American Female Presidents and Their Foreign Policy, *Liberal Arts Alley*, Aiken 2022
  - Third World War? The Crisis Between Ukraine and Russia, *Red Forma*, Caracas (virtual) 2022
  - Hispanic Heritage Month, *Aiken Scholars Academy* 2021
  - Inclusive Language: The Difference between Latinx, Latinos, and Hispanic, *USC Aiken* 2021
  - ¿Elecciones sin Democracia? Experiencias comparadas, *Fundación Juan Germán Roscio* (virtual) 2021
  - Venezuela en el Tablero Internacional, *Red Forma*, Caracas (virtual) 2021
  - The Use of Content Analysis, *Institute of Business Administration*, Karachi, Pakistan (virtual) 2021
  - The Use of Content Analysis, *Institute of Business Administration*, Karachi, Pakistan (virtual) 2019
  - Venezuelan Foreign Policy and International Relations, *IESA*, Caracas 2013
  - Situation and Prospects of Venezuelan Foreign Policy, *Red Forma*, Caracas 2012
  - Governance in Venezuela, *Instituto de Altos Estudios de América Latina*, Caracas 2012
  - Venezuelan Foreign Policy Perspectives 2012 - 2013, *Club Hebraica*, Caracas 2012
  - War and Revolution in The Maghreb and The Middle East, *Universidad Simón Bolívar*, Caracas 2011
  - Brazil: the New World Player, *CEDICE*, Caracas 2011
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## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & TRAVEL GRANTS**

- Honors, Awards and Scholarship Travel Award, University of South Carolina Aiken (\$1,000) 2023
- International Studies Association, Travel Grant (\$500) 2023
- RISE: Research Initiative for Summer Engagement, University of South Carolina (\$6,000) 2022
- International Studies Association, Travel Grant (\$500) 2019
- Missouri Excellence in Political Science Teaching Award, University of Missouri (\$500) 2018
- Edith Taylor Therrien Award, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri (\$500) 2017  
*This award is given to a highly accomplished women graduate student.*
- John Bies International Award. Office of Graduate Studies, University of Missouri (\$2,000) 2017
- American Political Science Association, Travel Grant (\$500) 2016
- ISA- Midwest, Margaret Hermann Award (\$500) 2016  
*This award is given for the best use of text analysis in leadership studies.*
- Graduate Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri (\$500) 2016-2018

- Graduate Fellowship, Department of Psychology, University of Missouri (\$500) 2015-2016
  - Graduate Professional Council, University of Missouri, Travel Grant (\$500) 2015-2016
  - Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Travel Grant (\$500) 2015-2018
  - International Society of Political Psychology, Travel Grant (\$700) 2015
  - Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship 2013-2015
  - Fundación Carolina Award, Young Ibero-American Leaders Program 2011
  - German Academic Exchange Service Scholarship, Alumni Summer School 2009
  - Outstanding Master Thesis in Political Science, Universidad Simón Bolívar 2009
  - German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Scholarship, University of Kassel 2008
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## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Selected Training

- Quality Course Development Certification, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2023
  - Remote Teaching Certification, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2022
  - Intro to Text Analysis. What is it? Is it for you?, *University of South Carolina* 2022
  - Course Design for Equity and Inclusion, *University of South Carolina* 2021
  - Communicating Effectively, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2021
  - Support Zone Training, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2021
  - Title IX, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2021
  - Introduction to Open Educational Resources and South Carolina Affordable Learning 2021
  - Supporting Students with Specific Learning Disabilities, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2021
  - Non-Native Writing Across The Curriculum, *University of South Carolina* 2021
  - Safe Zone Ally Program, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2020
  - Design: Planning an Online Course, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2020
  - Best Practices for Producing Video Lectures, *University of South Carolina Aiken* 2020
  - Innovative Pedagogy Conference, *International Studies Association-Midwest* 2018
  - Summer Academy, *International Society of Political Psychology* 2015
  - Intensive English Program, *Middlebury Institute of International Studies* 2013
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## SERVICE

- **External Reviewer.** Institutional Scientific Initiation Scholarship Program, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
*FGV/Sao Paulo School of Business Administration* 2023
- **Chair & Department External Reviewer.** Political Science Department, Americus, Georgia 2023
- **Discussant.** Leaders in Context: Temporality, Roles, and Ideology in Foreign Policy  
*Annual Convention International Studies Association, Montreal* 2023
- **Discussant.** Different Cultures, Same Institutional Boundaries? Foreign policy in  
Democratic and Autocratic Regimes *Annual Convention International Studies Association,*  
Montreal 2023
- **Member.** Gregg-Graniteville Scholarship Committee, *USC Aiken* 2023
- **Member.** Strategic Planning on the Cybersecurity Program, *USC Aiken* 2023
- **Member.** RISE Review Committee Funding Program, *University of South Carolina* 2023
- **Chair.** Campus Life Committee, *USC Aiken* 2022-2023
- **Discussant.** Así Nos habla el Kremlin. Los Medios Rusos en América Latina  
*Diálogo Político-Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, (virtual)* 2022
- **Discussant & Panel Co-organizer.** Consolidation of Authoritarianism in Venezuela  
*Annual Meeting Latin American Studies Association, (virtual)* 2022
- **Member.** Department's Subcommittee: Annual Evaluation, *USC Aiken* 2022
- **Member.** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Planning Committee, *USC Aiken* 2022
- **Member.** RISE Regional Review Committee, *USC Aiken* 2022
- **Advisor.** 6 students, Department of Political Science, *USC Aiken* 2021-2023
- **Member.** Campus Life Committee, *USC Aiken* 2021-2023
- **Member.** Scholarly Activity Award, *USC Aiken* 2021
- **Faculty Advisory Board.** Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics 2020-present
- **Internship Coordinator.** Human Rights Measurement Initiative, *USC Aiken* 2020-2022
- **Panel Chair.** Foreign Policy Decision Making  
*Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh* 2017
- **Officer-at-Large.** Foreign Policy Analysis Section  
*International Studies Association* 2016-2018
- **Moderator and Organizer.** Forum-U.S Presidential Elections in 2012  
*Universidad Metropolitana, Sponsored by the U.S Embassy in Caracas* 2012
- **Coordinator.** Summer Courses. Faculty of Law and Political Studies  
*Universidad Metropolitana, Caracas* 2011
- **Assistant Editor.** *Revista Derecho y Democracia* [Journal Law and Democracy]  
*Universidad Metropolitana, Caracas* 2011
- **Advisor,** 7 students and member of 12 BA committees, Liberal Arts School  
*Universidad Metropolitana, Caracas* 2011-2013
- **Co-founder & Co-director.** NGO Diploos Politica Exterior Venezolana 2010-2013

**Reviewer:**

Bulletin of Latin American Research; Caravel (Undergraduate journal); Caribbean Studies Association Journal; Cuadernos del Cendes; Foreign Policy Analysis; Foro Internacional; International Interactions; Latin American Policy; Libros FCPyS-UNAM; Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics; Perseitas; Political Psychology; Revista Andina de Estudios Políticos; Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional; Revista de Ciencia Política; Revista Foro Internacional; Security Studies; and Quality & Quantity International Journal of Methodology.

**Media commentary and coverage**

ABC (Spain), BBC Radio, Deutsche Welle, Diario de Cuba, El Comercio (Peru), El Nacional, El Pitazo, La Gran Aldea, Tal Cual, Univision, and Voice of America

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Foreign Policy Section, International Studies Association	2015-present
Member, Venezuelan Section, Latin American Studies Association	2009-present

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**TECHNICAL EXPERTISE**

Software:        $\LaTeX$ , Power BI, Panopto, Profiler Plus, R (basic) STATA, and Tableau (basic)

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**LANGUAGES**

**Spanish:** Native Speaker; **English:** Proficient; **French:** studied-DELF-certified; **German:** studied