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Academic Appointments

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	
Assistant Professor, Institute of Political Science	2025–
University of Notre Dame	
Postdoctoral Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center	2023–2025
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center	2021–2022
Security Studies	
Managing Editor	2020–2022

Education

University of Minnesota	2023
Ph.D., Political Science	
Committee: Tanisha Fazal (co-advisor), Ronald Krebs (co-advisor), Mark Bell (Minnesota), Jason Lyall (Dartmouth)	
Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil	2017
M.A., Public Administration	
Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil	2014
B.A., International Relations	

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- [4] “Military Medicine and Military Effectiveness” (with Tanisha Fazal). *Security Studies* (2025). Published online October 23, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2025.2558844>
- [3] ‘The Soldier in the State: Explaining Public Trust in the Armed Forces” (with Ron Krebs). *Comparative Political Studies* 58, no. 13 (2025): 2795–2830.
- [2] “The Political Behavior of Defense Ministers: A Study of Portugal, 1976–2015” (with Octavio Amorim Neto). *Democracy and Security* 19, no. 4 (2023): 389–424.
- [1] “Presidents and Generals: Systems of Government and the Selection of Defense Ministers” (with Octavio Amorim Neto). *Armed Forces & Society* 48, no. 1 (2022): 136–63.

Book Chapters

“Brazil, Colombia, and the Korean War: Small Powers’ Reasons for Joining Military Coalitions, and What Do They Gain?” In *New Studies on Civil-Military Relations and Defense Policy in Brazil*, edited by Octavio Amorim Neto. Editora FGV, 2022.

Manuscripts Under Review

“All Well on the Western Front: The Myth of U.S. Military Decline” with Harrison Greenleaf (University of Notre Dame). *Security Studies*. (Revise and Resubmit)

“The Coalition Paradox: How Military Cooperation Reduces Foreign Aid”

Selected Work in Progress

“The Politics of Post-War Military Reforms” (book manuscript)

“Does America No Longer Win Wars?”

“Economic Shocks and Civil-Military Relations: Evidence from Commodity Price Fluctuations in Latin America” with Octavio Amorim Neto (Getulio Vargas Foundation)

“Population Structure, Conflict Intensity, and the Strategic Logic of Child Soldier Recruitment” with Gabriel Cepaluni (São Paulo State University)

“Guns versus Governance: Explaining Defense Spending in Military Regimes” with İbrahim Öker (Union College)

“Explaining Latin American Participation in U.S. Military Coalitions”

Awards, Grants, & Fellowships

Research Account, Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (8,000,000 CLP; approximately USD \$8,600), 2025

Pasquale Fellowship, Klau Institute, University of Notre Dame (\$5,000), 2024

Research Account, Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame (\$5,000), 2023

Getulio Vargas Foundation Applied Research Fund Grant (FPA FGV), with Octavio Amorim Neto (R\$ 380,000; approximately USD \$76,000), 2021

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota Political Science Department (\$4,000), 2021

Claggett Research Fellowship 2020, University of Minnesota Political Science Department (\$4,000), 2021

Travel Grant, University of Minnesota Political Science Department, 2019, 2020, 2022

Conference & Workshop Participation

Annual Meetings (P = paper author/presenter, D = discussant)

American Political Science Association: 2024 (P, P), 2020 (P)

International Political Science Association: 2021 (P)

International Studies Association: 2025 (P, P, D), 2022 (P), 2020 (P, P)

International Studies Association Midwest: 2022 (D, D)

Latin American Studies Association: 2025 (P), 2019 (P)

Midwest Political Science Association: 2025 (P), 2024 (D)

Select Other Conferences/Workshops (invited participant)

Notre Dame Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship International Conference (Seoul, South Korea, June 2024)

Emerging Scholars Conference, Notre Dame International Security Center (discussant, South Bend, IN, May 2024)

Notre Dame International Relations Workshop (South Bend, IN, April 2024)

Notre Dame Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship International Conference (Sicily, Italy, June 2022)

Cato Junior Scholars Symposium (Washington, DC, October 2021)

University of Minnesota Political Science Department, International Relations Colloquium (Minneapolis, MN, August 2020)

Charles Koch Foundation's Winter Seminar on Foreign Imposed Regime Change (Atlanta, GA, February 2020)

Cato Junior Scholars Symposium (Washington, DC, October 2019)

Upper Midwest International Relations Conference (Minneapolis, MN, July 2019)

University of Minnesota Political Science Department, International Relations Colloquium (Minneapolis, MN, December 2018)

Teaching

Graduate Seminars:

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: Causal Inference (Fall 2025)

Undergraduate Seminars:

University of Minnesota: International Relations (Summer 2023)

Additional Training

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Columbia University (Summer 2021)

Summer Program in International Politics, Fudan University (Shanghai, China, Jun–Aug 2014)

Selected Media & Public Scholarship

Lo Que Importa, with Daniel Matamala, “Cómo salvar a una democracia” – Discussion of Bolsonaro conviction, Brazilian democracy, and US-Brazil relations (September 2025)

CNN Chile Conexión Global, “Bolsonaro Trials and Political Repercussions” – Analysis of ongoing trials and 2026 electoral impacts (September 2025)

Service

Journal Referee: *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Political Behavior*, *Armed Forces & Society*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Brazilian Political Science Review*

Proposal Reviewer: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

Minnesota Recruitment Coordinator, 2018–2020

Minnesota International Relations Colloquium co-organizer, 2018–2019

Last updated: November 2025