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EXPERIENCE

NEW AMERICA, Washington DC (NYC Based)
Senior Data Analyst, Political Reform Program | 2022 – present

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY
Graduate Student Researcher and Teaching Fellow | 2015 – 2022

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, Washington DC
Intern | Summer 2014

MIT POVERTY ACTION LAB (J-PAL), Santiago, Chile
Policy & Training Analyst | 2011-2013

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York
PhD, Political Science, 2022
Fields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods

MPA, Economic and Political Development, 2015

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT
BA, Economics and Psychology, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

"Mixed-Member Proportional Representation and the U.S. House of Representatives." (2026). *Political Research Quarterly.* With Alex Keena & Natasha Romero Moskala

"Vaccine Diplomacy: How Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution in Latin America Increases Trust in Foreign Governments." (2023). *World Politics.* With Elena Barham, Sarah Daly, Julian Gerez & John Marshall
Media Coverage: Foreign Policy

"The Shot, The Messenger, and the Vaccine: Covid-19 Vaccine Acceptance in Latin America." (2021). *Nature Partner Journal: Vaccines.* With Pablo Argote, Elena Barham, Sarah Daly, Julian Gerez, & John Marshall

"Messaging Interventions that Increase Covid-19 Vaccine Willingness in Latin America." (2021). *PLOS One*. With Pablo Argote, Elena Barham, Sarah Daly, Julian Gerez, & John Marshall
Media Coverage: Communications Initiative

"Dynamic Transparency: An Audit of Mexico's Freedom of Information Act." (2019). *Public Administration.* With Paul Lagunes
Media Coverage: Chicago Policy Review

OTHER

"The Age Divide: How America's Electoral System Reinforces the Gerontocracy." (August 2025). *Protect Democracy and New America White Paper Series*, with Dustin Wahl.

"Expanding Citizen-Led Policymaking in the 21st Century." (July 2025). *New America Report*, with Mark Schmitt & Maresa Strano.

"What We Know About Fusion Voting." (July 2024). *New America Report*, with Maresa Strano.

"Can Proportional Representation Create Better Governance?" (May 2024). *Protect Democracy and New America White Paper Series*, with John Carey.

"Democracy Hypocrisy: New Insights From a Multi-Year Study on Public Attitudes Towards Democracy and Authoritarianism." (January 2024). *Democracy Fund Report*, with Lee Drutman & Joe Goldman
Media Coverage: The Economist, The Bulwark, Politico

"Understanding the Partisan Divide: How Demographics and Policy Views Shape Party Coalitions." (2023). *New America Report*, with Lee Drutman
Media Coverage: The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Atlantic

"Undecided Voters: Who They Are, What They Want, and How They Decide Our Politics." (2022). *New America Report*, with Lee Drutman

"Conditional Cash Transfers: International Experience and Policy Implications." (2013). Book chapter with Francisca de Iruarrizaga & Francisco Gallego

SKILLS

TECHNICAL AND QUANTITATIVE SKILLS

+ R, Stata, GIS, basic Python, Qualtrics, web-scraping.
+ Multivariate statistics, hypothesis testing (t-tests, randomization inference), regression analysis, methods of causal inference, experimental designs, survey design and analysis, text analysis, interview research.

LANGUAGES

+ Spanish (native), French (conversational), Portuguese (conversational).