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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Princeton University</b> Postdoctoral Research Associate, Program in Latin American Studies Lecturer in Latin American Studies	Princeton NJ 2025-
<b>University of Notre Dame</b> Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, International Security Center	Non-Residential 2025-2026
<b>Boston University</b> Global China Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Global Development Policy Center	Boston MA 2023-2024
<b>Visiting Appointments:</b> Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) Ecuador Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Núcleo Milenio sobre los Impactos de China en América Latina	2024 2023

EDUCATION

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<b>Boston University</b> Ph. D. in Political Science Exam Fields: International Relations, Methodology Dissertation: Beyond the Great Powers: How South American States are Navigating US-China Competition in the 21st Century	Boston MA 2025
<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b> M.S. in International Affairs B.S. in International Affairs (Highest Honors, International Plan Designation)	Atlanta GA 2019 2018

PUBLICATIONS - PEER-REVIEWED

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- Defining the Belt and Road: How Ideas and Interests Shaped Argentina's Approach to the Initiative. 2025. *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional* 68 (2): e023. <https://doi.org/10.1590/0034-7329202500223>
- Bridging the Pacific: Chile and Uruguay's Positioning in the Face of China's Rise (with Diego Telias). 2025. *The Pacific Review*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09512748.2025.2601135>
- The Political and Pragmatic Determinants of Chinese Development Finance in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2008-2019. 2025. *Latin American Politics and Society* 67 (2): 78-97. <https://doi.org/10.1017/lap.2024.54>

WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Between the Great Powers: South American Non-Alignment in an Era of US-China Competition  
**Book Manuscript.**
- Latin American Small States in the Belt and Road Initiative: Narrating Status Amidst US-China Tensions (with Tom Long and Diego Telias)  
*Revise & Resubmit, Cambridge Review of International Affairs.*
- Securitizing China? How Discourse Shapes Latin American Foreign Policy in the Shadow of US-China Competition  
*Under review. Presented at ISA 2024.*
- The Limits of Hedging: South American Strategies for US-China Competition  
*Manuscript in progress. Presented at ISA 2025, LASA 2025.*
- Elite Interviews and Inductive Theory-Building: Insights from China-Focused Fieldwork in South America  
*Manuscript in progress. Presenting at ISA 2026.*

## PUBLICATIONS - POLICY

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China-Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Bulletin. 2021 (With Rebecca Ray and Kehan Wang), 2022 (Lead author, with Rebecca Ray and Nathan Liu), 2023 (Lead author, with Rebecca Ray and Nathan Liu), and 2024 (with Rebecca Ray and Enrique Dussel-Peters) editions. *Boston University Global Development Policy Center*.

How to Stop a Boom from Busting: A Policy-Oriented Research Agenda for Capitalizing on China's Demand for Transition Materials in Latin America (with Alex Clark, Juan Luis Dammert Bello, and Rebecca Ray). 2023. *Boston University Global Development Policy Center*. Available from the [Global Development Policy Center](#).

Can Escazú Turn Mining Green in the Lithium Triangle? Lofty Promises Meet a Thirsty Industry in the Desert (with Rebecca Ray and Kehan Wang). 2021. *LASA Forum* 52 (3): 42-47. Available from the [Latin American Studies Association](#).

## PUBLICATIONS - OP-EDS

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Pulling China In: The Political Goals and Project Needs Behind Latin America's Loans From China. 2024. *The China Global South Project*. Available from the [China Global South Project](#).

Lithium Rush: The Risks and Rewards of a China-Led Commodity Boom for Latin America and the Caribbean's Transition Materials. 2023. *The China Global South Project*. Available from the [China Global South Project](#).

Shifting Trade Winds between China and Latin America and the Caribbean as Free Trade Agreement Negotiations Progress (with Rebecca Ray). 2023. *The China Global South Project*. Available from the [China Global South Project](#).

New Data Shows China's Economic Relationship with Latin America and the Caribbean is Evolving (with Rebecca Ray). 2022. *The China Global South Project*. Available from the [China Global South Project](#).

Opinion: Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile need a responsible lithium boom (with Rebecca Ray and Kehan Wang). 2021. *Diálogo Chino*. Available from [Dialogue Earth](#).

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

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### Conference Presentations

Latin American Studies Association	2022, 2024-2026
International Studies Association	2024-2026
Seminario Internacional de la Red Académica de América Latina y el Caribe sobre China	2023, 2025
American Political Science Association	2024
Association of Chinese Political Studies	2024
Midwest Political Science Association	2023

### Invited Talks

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (Planned)	March 2026
Princeton Program in Latin American Studies (Planned)	February 2026
Latin American Politics Workshop, Princeton University	October 2025
Topics in Politics Workshop, Boston University	April 2025
Science, Technology, and International Relations Workshop, Georgia Tech	April 2025
Topics in Politics Workshop, Boston University	December 2024
MBTU Business School, Invited Talk on China-Latin America Relations	August 2024
Núcleo Milenio sobre los Impactos de China en América Latina	December 2023

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Princeton University – Lecturer in Latin American Studies

Latin American Perspectives on the Rise of China (LAS 323/POL 461): Fall 2025

Latin American Theories of International Relations (LAS 357/POL 471): Spring 2026

### Boston University – Instructor of Record

Introduction to International Relations (IR 271): Summer 2023

### Boston University – Teaching Fellow

Introduction to International Relations (IR 271): Fall 2021, Spring 2022 (Lead TF), Fall 2022 (Lead TF)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (PO 151): Spring 2023

**Georgia Institute of Technology – Teaching Assistant**

Economics in Latin America (INTA 4340): Summer 2019 in Argentina

The Political Economy of Development (INTA 3303): Summer 2019 in Argentina

Soccer and Global Politics (INTA 3242): Summer 2019 in Argentina

International Institutions (INTA 3101): Fall 2018, Spring 2019

**Guest Lectures**

Qualitative Methods Seminar (PO 842, Ph.D.): Boston University, November 2024

Pardee School Honors Program (IR 401, Undergraduate): Boston University, November 2024

Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 249, Undergraduate): University of Tennessee, September 2024

Socioeconomics of Institutions (Masters): FLACSO Ecuador, March 2024

Globalization, Development, and Governance (IR 789, Masters): Boston University, October 2023

**RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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**Boston University, Global Development Policy Center**

Graduate Research Assistant, Global China Initiative

Boston MA

September 2020 – August 2023

**Georgia Institute of Technology**

Research Faculty (Extension Professional), Enterprise Innovation Institute

Atlanta GA

July 2019 – July 2020

**United Nations**

Research Intern, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, Chile

January – April 2018

**Georgia Department of Economic Development**

Research Intern, International Trade Division

Atlanta GA

August – December 2017

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop, University of Denver

2024

Fast &amp; Furious &amp; Fair: Equitable and Nimble Grading, Boston University Center for Teaching and Learning

2023

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

2022

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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**External**

APSA Foreign Policy Section Graduate Student Travel Grant

2024

APSA Travel Grant

2024

Beca LASA 2024, Núcleo Milenio sobre los Impactos de China en América Latina

2024

LASA Endowment Fund Grant

2022

Possible Women Foundation International Scholarship

2016

**Internal - Boston University**

Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant

2025

Center for Innovation in Social Science Summer Mini-Grant

2024

Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship

2023-2024

Scott Palmer Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies

2023-2024

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Department of Political Science

2021-2022

Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future Graduate Summer Fellowship

2021

**Internal - Georgia Institute of Technology**

Naren Raghuraman Fellowship

2019

Herbert P. Haley Fellowship

2018-2019

International Plan Scholarship

2018

Faculty Honors

2015-2018

**SERVICE**

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**To the Discipline**

Latin American Studies Association, Panel Organizer

2026

International Studies Association, Panel Organizer and Discussant	2026
Association of Chinese Political Studies, Discussant	2024

<b>Boston University</b>	
Department of Political Science, Representative to the Director of Graduate Studies	2024-2025
BU Graduate Workers Union (BUGWU, SEIU Local 509), Department Representative	2021-2024
Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, Ph. D. Student Representative	2022-2023
Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer Range Future, Graduate Summer Fellows Application Reviewer	2022
Graduate Student Speaker Series Committee, Political Science Department	2020-2023

<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b>	
Institute Strategic Plan Working Group: Connect Globally	2020
GT 1000 Freshman Seminar Team Leader	2017, 2018
School of Modern Languages Student Advisory Committee	2016-2017
Ivan Allen College Dean’s Student Advisory Board	2015-2018

**Reviewer for:** Business and Politics, Revista de Ciencia Política

## RESEARCH AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

**Languages:** Spanish (Fluent), Mandarin Chinese (Novice), English (Native)  
**Field Experience:** Argentina (2019 & 2024), Chile (2018 & 2023), Ecuador (2024), Uruguay (2019)  
**Programming and Software:** R (Intermediate/Advanced), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X(Intermediate), NVivo (Novice)  
**Qualitative Methods:** Semi-structured interviews, process tracing, case studies, survey design, text analysis  
**Quantitative Methods:** Hypothesis testing, linear regression, maximum likelihood estimation, causal inference, time series methods, survey data analysis