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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| Princeton University Postdoctoral Research Associate, Program in Latin American Studies Lecturer in Latin American Studies | Princeton NJ 2025- |
| University of Notre Dame Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, International Security Center | Non-Residential 2025-2026 |
| Boston University Global China Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Global Development Policy Center | Boston MA 2023-2024 |
| Visiting Appointments: 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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| Boston University 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 |
| Georgia Institute of Technology M.S. in International Affairs B.S. in International Affairs (Highest Honors, International Plan Designation) | Atlanta GA 2019 2018 |

PUBLICATIONS - PEER-REVIEWED

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

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

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

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

Conference Presentations

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| 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

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| 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

Princeton University – Lecturer in Latin American Studies

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| 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

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| Introduction to International Relations (IR 271): Summer 2023 |
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Boston University – Teaching Fellow

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| 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

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

Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop, University of Denver

2024

Fast & Furious & 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

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

To the Discipline

Latin American Studies Association, Panel Organizer

2026

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

Boston University

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| 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 |

Georgia Institute of Technology

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| 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^AT_EX(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