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EMPLOYMENT

University of Georgia 2025-

Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs

Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS)

Harvard University 2024-2025

Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, **University of Notre Dame** May 2024

- **Dissertation**: "Challenging Stigma from Below: How Human Rights Movements Contest Repressive States and Shape Democratic Citizenship."
  - ∗ Best Dissertation Award, APSA Political Psychology Section
  - ∗ Best Dissertation Award, APSA Experimental Research Section
  - ∗ Best Dissertation Award on Democracy and Human Development, Kellogg Institute (2024)
  - ∗ Best Dissertation Honorable Mention, International Society of Political Psychology
- **Fields**: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methods

M.A. in Political Science, **University of Notre Dame** 2020

M.A. in Political Science, **Universidad Torcuato Di Tella** 2018

B.A. in Political Science, **Universidad de Buenos Aires** 2015

B.A. in Journalism, **Taller Escuela Agencia** 2012

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

8. González, Yanilda and **Skigin, Natán**. "Contesting Repression in Divided Democracies: Can Counternarratives Reduce Support for Police Violence?" *American Journal of Political Science* 1–26. https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.70073

7. **Skigin, Natán** and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. 2025. "Preemptive Multipartism and Democratic Transitions." *Political Science Research and Methods*. FirstView, pp. 1–20.

6. Trejo, Guillermo and **Natán Skigin**. 2024. "Silencing the Press in Criminal Wars: Why the War on Drugs Turned Mexico into the World's Most Dangerous Country for Journalists." *Perspectives on Politics*. FirstView, pp. 1–22.

5. **Skigin, Natán**. 2024. "Prosocial Behavior amid Violence: The Deservingness Heuristic and Solidarity with Victims." *Political Psychology*. 45(2): 341–361.

4. Nieto-Matiz, Camilo and **Natán Skigin**. 2023. "Why Programmatic Parties Reduce Criminal Violence: Theory and Evidence from Brazil." *Research and Politics* 10(1): 1–8.
   - Media coverage: The New York Times

3. **Skigin, Natán**. 2023. "Let the Voters Decide: Incumbents, Opposition, and Contested Primaries in Argentina." *Party Politics* 29(6): 1147–1160.
   - Argentine Society of Political Science Best Paper Awards (2015 & 2017)

2. Lucardi, Adrián, Juan Pablo Micozzi, and **Natán Skigin**. 2022. "Resignation as Promotion? Executive Turnover and Early Departures in the Argentine Congress, 1983–2017." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 47(4): 823–854.

1. **Skigin, Natán**. 2019. "Spreading Influence through Weak Ties: Cosponsorship, Legislative Networks, and Bill Success in Fragmented Congresses." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 44(2): 239–269.

Book Projects

Córdova, Abby and **Natán Skigin**. "Dangerous Stereotypes: Correcting Misperceptions about Undocumented Immigrants to Promote Inclusionary Preferences." [Under advance contract, *Cambridge University Press, Elements in Comparative Political Behavior*.]

"The Stigmatizing State: Political Violence, Human Rights Movements, and the Struggle for Accountability in Democracy"

Working Papers

5. **Skigin, Natán** and Guillermo Trejo. "Mobilizing for Accountability amid Persistent Impunity: Why Victims' Voices Mitigate Partisan-Motivated Opposition to Transitional Justice."
   - Media coverage: Pie de Página
4. González, Yanilda and **Skigin, Natán**. "Political Violence as a Vocation: How Politicians Shape Citizens' Demand for Police Repression."
3. Córdova, Abby and **Natán Skigin**. "Reducing Citizen Support for State Violence against Undocumented Immigrants through Victims' Testimonies and Information Campaigns."
2. Trejo, Guillermo, Shannan Mattiace, and **Natán Skigin**. "Bringing Communities Back to Community Policing: Why Robust Citizen Participation Deepens Support for Community Police in Indigenous Mexico."
1. González, Yanilda and **Skigin, Natán**. "Unpacking Victimization: How Victims' Proximity to Violence and Perpetrator Type Shape Civic Engagement."

Work in Progress

3. **Skigin, Natán**. "Mobilized Against Injustice: State Repression, Victims' Activism, and Public Opinion on Human Rights Violations."
2. López-Pérez, Laura, Abby Córdova, Mayra Ortiz Ocaña, and **Natán Skigin**. "Gendered Expectations: Why Women Mobilize for Justice in Patriarchal Conflict Settings"
1. Trejo, Guillermo, Laura López-Pérez, and **Natán Skigin**. "Clerical Attacks amidst Criminal Governance: Why the War on Drugs Turned Mexico into the Western Hemisphere's Most Lethal Country for Catholic Priests"

External Awards & Fellowships

Best Dissertation Award, APSA Political Psychology Section

Best Dissertation Award, APSA Experimental Research Section

Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP, 2025)

APSA Political Psychology Distinguished Junior Scholar Award — 2023

U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP): Peace Scholar Fellowship ($20,000) — 2023-2024

Harry Frank Guggenheim Emerging Scholar Award ($25,000) — 2023-2024

External Grants

J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative (with Manuel Moscoso-Rojas, Reynell Badillo Sarmiento, and Bengisu Şimşek). "Words as Weapons: Misinformation and Criminal Governance in Colombia." Amount: $9,936. — 2026

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Peace & Recovery Program ($57,097). For "Countering Prejudice and Discrimination toward Victims of Criminal Violence: A Field Experiment in Mexico." — 2022-2023

National Science Foundation (NSF)-American Political Science Association (APSA) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant ($14,990). For "The Political Psychology of Criminal Violence and Solidarity with Victims." — 2021-2023

Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) (co-PI with Abby Córdova). Amount: $15,000. For "Overcoming Prejudice and Discrimination against Central American Immigrants in Mexico." 2022-2023

Internal Awards, Grants & Fellowships

Best Dissertation Award on Democracy and Human Development, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame 2024

Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award in Social Sciences, Graduate School, University of Notre Dame 2024

Outstanding Doctoral Student Contributions Award, Kellogg Institute for International Studies 2024

Ford Program, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame ($45,198) 2022-2025

Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame ($4,000) 2022

Graduate Research Grant, Kellogg Institute ($13,720) 2022

Program Initiation Grant, University of Notre Dame ($9,790) 2022

Resilience and Recovery Grant, University of Notre Dame ($25,000) 2021-2022

Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame ($4,000) 2020

Other Publications

4. **Skigin, Natán** and Iván Seira. 2017. "Uniendo a los Socios: Estrategias de Designación de Gabinetes en Gobiernos de Coalición Presidenciales." *Revista Iberoamericana* 61: 246-251.
3. **Skigin, Natán**. 2016. Book Review of Alfredo Remo Lazzereti and Fernando Manuel Suárez, "Socialismo y Democracia." *Revista SAAP* 109(1): 170-172.
2. **Skigin, Natán**. 2015. "Coaliciones bajo Diseños Presidenciales. Incentivos del Sistema Chileno". *Revista de Ciencia Política* 25.
1. **Skigin, Natán**. 2015. Book Review of Renee Mengo, Hugo Pizarro and Pablo Tenaglia, "Integración latinoamericana y medios de comunicación: cambios, impactos y usos del periodismo digital." *Revista Latinoamericana de Política Comparada* 9: 169-171.

Teaching

University of Georgia

Instructor of Record:

Latin American Politics — Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Latin American Politics (graduate) — Fall 2025

University of Notre Dame

Instructor of Record:

How to (Not) Lie with Statistics — Summer 2023

Math Camp (graduate) — Summers 2020-2022

Teaching Assistant:

Regression I (graduate) — Spring 2021
Instructor: Luis Schiumerini

World Politics: Intro to Comparative Politics — Fall 2020
Instructor: Luis Schiumerini

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Instructor of Record:

Public Opinion and Political Behavior (graduate) — Summer 2022

Impact Evaluation: Experimental and Quasiexperimental Methods — Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant:

Quantitative Techniques in Political Science (graduate) — Fall 2018
Instructor: Carlos Gervasoni

Introduction to Comparative Politics — Spring 2018
Instructor: Catalina Smulovitz

Logic and Research Design in Social Sciences — Fall 2017
Instructor: Javier Zelaznik

Universidad de Buenos Aires

Teaching Assistant:

Political Sociology — 2016 - 2018
Instructor: Miguel De Luca

Teaching Awards

Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Notre Dame — Fall 2020

Pedagogical Training

Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Notre Dame

Certificates: Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching — 2022

Workshops: Eight workshops on college pedagogy — 2018-2023

Travel Grants and Other Awards

APSA's Comparative Politics Section ($500) — 2023

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Travel Grant ($500) — 2023

Professionalization Grant, Kellogg Institute For International Studies, University of Notre Dame. $1,250 to participate in "Design and Implementation of Web Surveys," University of Michigan's Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, Institute for Social Research (ISR). — 2021

Kellogg Institute For International Studies, University of Notre Dame. $852 travel grant to attend LASA 2019. — 2019

Graduate Student Union (GSU), University of Notre Dame. $200 travel grant to attend LASA. — 2019

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (CSDI), Vanderbilt University. $600 travel grant to attend the Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS). — 2019

Argentine Society of Political Science - "Alberto Petracca" Award
Best paper on political institutions — 2017

Argentine Society of Political Science
"Juan Carlos Portantiero" Award for the best paper on parties — 2015

Government of Buenos Aires - "Strengthen your institutions" Award
Best paper on political parties, statewide competition. — 2013

Invited Talks

12th Comparative Politics Annual Conference (CPAC), Washington University in St. Louis, April 25, 2025

Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University, March 31, 2025

Weatherhead Research Cluster on Identity Politics, Harvard University, March 25, 2025

Poverty, Violence, and Governance Lab, Stanford University, January 27, 2025

Tuesday Seminar Series, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, November 19, 2024

MIT Latin American Working Group, November 4, 2024

Programa para el Estudio de la Violencia, CIDE (Mexico), October 11, 2023

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

SouthEastern Rights Network (SERN) 2025

OAS-Notre Dame International Migration Conference 2025

Harvard Kennedy School Junior Faculty Workshop 2025

Politics of Victimization Conference, Harvard University 2024, 2025

Politics of Identity Across the Subfields (PIAS), MPSA 2023, 2024, 2026

PRIEC: Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Conference, Ohio State University 2024

Peace Science Society (International), University of Michigan 2024

International Borders in a Globalizing World, University of Pennsylvania 2023

Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, NYU 2023

Latin American Peace Science Society (LAPSS) 2021, 2023

Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS) 2019, 2022

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) 2022

Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) 2022

Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University 2020

Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference, University of Michigan 2020

Notre Dame Comparative Politics Workshop 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Latin American Politics Workshop, University of Notre Dame 2019, 2021, 2023

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2019

Annual Democratization Cluster Workshop, University of Notre Dame 2019,

Graduate Student Exchange, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2019

Latin American Political Science Association (ALACIP) 2015, 2017

World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) 2015

Argentine Society of Political Science (SAAP) 2015, 2017

XII National Congress and V Congreso International Congress on Democracy 2016

Additional Methods Training

"Adding to the Experimental Toolbox: Complementing Lab Experiments with Survey Data" Workshop, Behavioral Research Lab, Rice University 2023

Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2), Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences 2021

ICPSR Summer School 2020

Summer School in Mix Methods, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile 2017

Other Academic & Professional Activities

Editorial Assistant, Latin American Research Review (LARR). 2019-2020

Research Associate, Notre Dame Violence and Transitional Justice Lab (V-TJLab), directed by Guillermo Trejo. 2019-Present

Research Assistant for Professor Guillermo Trejo 2019-2020
- Project: *Ecosystems of Local Violence and Criminal Governance in Mexico*

Research Assistant for Professors Luis Schiumerini and Noam Lupu 2019
- Project: *Campaigns, Learning, and Political Knowledge*

Research Assistant for Professor Sebastián Etchemendy 2016-2017
- Project: *The Rise of Segmented Neo-Corporatism in South America: Wage Coordination in Argentina and Uruguay*

Research Assistant at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee 2016-2017
- Project: *The Effect of the Argentine Economic Crisis on Poverty within the Jewish Population*

Journalist at Infobae 2014-2016

Journalist and researcher at NGO Legislative Directory 2014

Languages

Spanish (native), English (proficient), Portuguese (intermediate), Italian (basic), Hebrew (basic)

Lab Affiliations

Violence and Transitional Justice Lab, University of Notre Dame

Eliminating Violence Against Women Lab, University of Notre Dame

Poverty, Violence, and Governance Lab, Stanford University

Service

Editorial Board

Political Psychology (2023-)

Reviewer

Journal of Politics; Political Psychology; American Journal of Sociology; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Political Behavior; British Journal of Politics and International Relations; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Latin American Politics and Society; Social Justice Research; Violence - An International Journal; Revista de Ciencia Política; Revista Colección

Award Committees

APSA Political Psychology Best Dissertation Award Committee

APSA Experimental Research Best Dissertation Award Committee

Conference Organization

Section 49 (Crime, Policy and Social Control) Chair, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2026

References

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