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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Thomas H. Jackson Distinguished University Professor, University of Rochester, 2022-
Professor, Political Science, University of Rochester, 2016-2022
Chair, Political Science, University of Rochester, 2011-2013; 2014-2017
Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Rochester, 2008-2016
Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Rochester, 2002-2008
Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 2001-2002
Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Rochester, 2001

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago, 2000
M.A., Political Science, University of California at Berkeley, 1994
B.A., Political Science, University of California at Berkeley, Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa,
1993

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Democracy Fund. Grant for Bright Line Watch. Co-PIs: John Carey, Brendan Nyhan, and Susan Stokes, 2017 – present (\$420,000)
William & Flora Hewlett Foundation. Grant for Bright Line Watch. Co-PIs: John Carey, Brendan Nyhan, and Susan Stokes, 2017 – present (\$530,000)
University of Rochester, PI, Pump Primer II for *In The Field*, April 2016-March 2017
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Fellowship, September 2010-June 2011 Washington, DC.
Kellogg/Notre Dame Award. Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA, Chicago, 2010
National Science Foundation, Co-PI, “Collaborative Research A Cross-National Study of Judicial Institutionalization and Influence,” April 2008-April 2010, #SES0751340
Weatherhead Center for International Studies, Academy Scholars Fellowship, Harvard University, 2002-3; 2004-5
Edward C. Corwin Award for Best Dissertation in the Field of Public Law, Honorable Mention, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2001
Visiting Fellow, The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2000
Congressional Quarterly Press Award for Best Graduate Student Paper Presented at the Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association Meeting, 1998
Mellon Fellowship for Final Year of Dissertation, University of Chicago, 1999-2000
Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1997-1998
National Science Foundation, Dissertation Research Award (SBR-9617896), 1997-1998
J. William Fulbright Scholarship, 1997-1998 (declined)

Century Scholar, University of Chicago, 1994-1998
Phoenix Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1994-1998

RESEARCH

Books

- Gretchen Helmke. 2017. *Institutions on the Edge: Inter-Branch Crises in Latin America*. Cambridge University Press.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2011. *Courts in Latin America*, co-edited with Julio Rios-Figueroa. New York: Cambridge University Press
- Translated and Reprinted. 2011. *Tribunales Constitucionales en America Latina. Supreme Corte de Justicia de la Nación*. Mexico City, Mexico.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2006. *Informal Institutions and Democracy: Lessons from Latin America*, co-edited with Steven Levitsky. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press
- Gretchen Helmke. 2005. *Courts under Constraints: Judges, Generals, and Presidents in Argentina*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Articles and Book Chapters

- Gretchen Helmke, Jack Paine and Mary Kroeger. 2022. "Democracy by Deterrence: Strategic Self-Entrenchment in U.S. Elections." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Gretchen Helmke, YeonKyung Jeong, and Jae-Eun Kim. Forthcoming. "Insecure Institutions: A Survivalist Theory of Judicial Manipulation in Latin America." *Journal of Law and Courts*.
- Gretchen Helmke, John Carey, Brendan Nyhan, Mitchell Sanders, Susan Stokes, and Shun Yamaya. Forthcoming. "The Effect of Electoral Inversions on Democratic Legitimacy: Evidence from the United States." *British Journal of Political Science*.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2022. "Judicial Manipulation in Latin America." *Oxford Handbook of Constitutional Law in Latin America*.
- Carey, J., Clayton, K., Helmke, G., Nyhan, B., Sanders, M. and Stokes, S., 2020. Who will defend democracy? Evaluating tradeoffs in candidate support among partisan donors and voters. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, pp.1-16.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2020. "Presidential Crises in Contemporary Latin America." In *Understanding Institutional Weakness: Power and Design in Latin American Institutions*. Cambridge University Press.
- Gretchen Helmke, John Carey, Brendan Nyhan, Mitchell Sanders, and Susan Stokes. 2019. "Searching for a Bright Line: The First Year of the Trump Presidency." *Perspectives on Politics* 17(3)
- Gretchen Helmke and Elena McLean. 2014. "Inducing Independence: A Strategic Model of World Bank Assistance and Legal Reform." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31(4): 383-405.
- Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos-Figueroa. 2011. "Introduction: Courts in Latin America." In *Courts in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Gretchen Helmke and Jeffrey K. Staton. 2011. "The Puzzling Judicial Politics of Latin

- America: A Theory of Litigation, Judicial Decisions, and Interbranch Conflict.” In *Courts in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2010. “Public Support and Judicial Crises in Latin America.” *Journal of Constitutional Law*. University of Pennsylvania 13(2):397-411.
- Gretchen Helmke and Alexandre Debs. 2010. “Inequality under Democracy: Explaining the Left Decade in Latin America.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 5(3):209-241. Awarded the Best Paper in Comparative Politics, 2009, MPSA, Chicago, 2010.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2010. “The Origins of Institutional Crises in Latin America.” *American Journal of Political Science* 54(3): 737-750.
- Gretchen Helmke and Frances Rosenbluth. 2009. “Regimes and the Rule of Law: Judicial Independence in Comparative Perspective.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 12: 345-366.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2009. “Ticket Splitting as Electoral Insurance? The Mexico 2000 Elections.” *Electoral Studies* 28:70-78.
- Gretchen Helmke and Barry Burden. 2009. “The Comparative Study of Split-Ticket Voting.” *Electoral Studies* 28:1-7.
- Gretchen Helmke and Mitchell Sanders. 2006. “Modeling Motivations: A New Technique for Inferring Judicial Goals.” *Journal of Politics* 68(4): 867-878.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2005. “Enduring Uncertainty: Court-Executive Relations in Argentina During the 1990s and Beyond.” In *The Politics of Institutional Weakness: Argentine Democracy*. Edited by Steven Levitsky and Victoria Murillo. Pennsylvania State University Press.
- Gretchen Helmke and Steven Levitsky. Reprinted 2012 [2004]. “Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda.” *International Handbook of Informal Governance* (edited by Thomas Christiansen and Christine Neuhold) Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Gretchen Helmke and Steven Levitsky. 2004. “Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda.” *Perspectives on Politics* 2(4):725-739.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2003. “Checks and Balances by Other Means: Strategic Defection and the ‘Re-reelection’ Controversy in Argentina.” *Comparative Politics* 35(2): 213-228
- Gretchen Helmke. 2002. “The Logic of Strategic Defection: Court-Executive Relations in Argentina under Dictatorship and Democracy.” *American Political Science Review* 96(2): 291-30.
- Translated and Reprinted. 2003. “La lógica de la defección estratégica: relaciones entre la Corte Suprema y el Poder Ejecutivo en la Argentina en los períodos de la dictadura y la democracia.” *Desarrollo Económico* 43(170):179-201.

Working Papers

- Gretchen Helmke, Jae-Eun Kim, and Seda Ozturk. September, 2021. "Sounding the Alarm: Transgressing Democratic Norms and the Effects of Political Pushback"
- Gretchen Helmke and Jack Paine. February, 2020. “When Strong Institutions Undermine Strong Democracies.” Memo prepared for the Columbia World Projects’ Workshop on Institutional Weakening.
- Gretchen Helmke, YeonKyung Jeong, Jae Eun Kim, and Seda Ozturk. 2019. “Upending Impunity: Prosecuting Presidents in Contemporary Latin America”

- Gretchen Helmke, YeonKyung Jeong, Ezgi Siir Kibris, Jae Eun Kim, Adriana Tobar, and Emily VanMeter. 2018. "Draining the Swamp? Partisan Bias in the Prosecution of Former Latin American Leaders." Working paper.
- Michael Gibilisco and Gretchen Helmke. 2013. "The Economic Effects of Executive Instability in Latin America." Working paper.
- Gretchen Helmke and Bonnie M. Meguid. 2012. "Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws." Working paper.

Other Publications

- John Carey, Gretchen Helmke, Brendan Nyhan, Mitch Sanders, Susan C. Stokes and Shun Yamaya. "How will Americans respond when there's another split between the electoral college and the popular vote?" September 2020. Monkey Cage. Washington Post.
- Gretchen Helmke and G. Bingham Powell. 2015. "Balancing Trade-offs and Leveraging Experience." *Comparative Politics Newsletter* 25(2):13-15.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2015. Review of "Cuba: A New Start, October 12–December 31, 2014"; Review of "Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream"; Review of "Venezuela: What Everyone Needs to Know." *Foreign Affairs* May/June 2015
- Gretchen Helmke. 2008. Review of "Institutional Games and the U.S. Supreme Court." *Journal of Politics* 70(4):1244-45.
- Gretchen Helmke. 2001. Review of "The Legacy of Human Rights Violations in the Southern Cone." *Comparative Political Studies* 34(1):123-126.

Original Datasets

- Leaders on Trial Dataset*. In progress.
- Compulsory Voting Dataset*. In progress.
- Inter-Branch Crises in Latin America*. 2015.
- Comparative Law Project*. 2015.
- World Bank Judicial Reforms Dataset*. 2014.
- Left Leaders in Latin America*. 2010.
- Argentine Supreme Court Decisions Database*. 2005.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Selected Professional Appointments

- Co-Founder and Co-Director. Bright Line Watch. 2017-.
- Advisory Board, Safeguarding Democracy Project, 2022-

Editorial Boards: *American Political Science Review* (2016-present), *American Journal of Political Science* (2012-present), *Journal of Theoretical Politics* (2010-present), *Journal of Politics* (2007-2013)

Comparative Politics Section Co-Chair, American Political Science Association Meetings, 2010
Executive Committee, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2007-2009

Section Chair, Comparative Politics in the Developing World, Midwest Political Science Association, 2007

Selected University and Department Service

Director of Graduate Studies (2021-)

Department Chair (2011-2013; 2014-2017)

Coordinator of Comparative Faculty Group (2014-)

Coordinator of Comparative Dissertation Group (2015-)

Search Committee for the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences (2015)

Race and Ethnic Politics Search Committee (2011)

Director of Graduate Studies (2009-2010)

Organizer and Founder of the Comparative Politics Workshop (2006-2010)

Field Research Grants (2008-present)

Deputy Director of Graduate Studies (2008)

Ralph Bunche Summer Program Advisor (2008)

China Committee, AS&E College (2008)

Area Studies Strategic Planning Committee, AS&E College (2007)

Comparative Politics Job Search Committee (2006)

Riker Seminar Series, Co-Organizer (2005-6)

Strategic Planning Committee (2005)

Fulbright Selection Committee, AS&E College (2003)

Take Five Scholars Program, Thesis Director (2003)

Graduate Selection Committee (2002-3)

Grant and Award Committees

Best Dissertation Award Committee, Edward S. Corwin Award Committee in Public Law.

American Political Science Association. 2016

National Science Foundation, 2016

National Science Foundation, 2009

National Science Foundation, 2008

Best Book Award Committee, Gregory Luebbert Best Book in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association, 2008

Judicature Best Paper Award Committee, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2008

National Science Foundation, 2007

National Science Foundation, 2006

National Science Foundation, 2005

Herman C. Pritchett Award Committee for the best book in Judicial Politics, American Political Science Association Meetings, 2003

Journal Referee

American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Gender and Politics; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations; Journal of Politics; Journal of Theoretical Politics; Law and Society Review; Latin American Research Review; Legislative Studies Quarterly; World Politics

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

Conference Organizer

- December 2019 Conference Co-Organizer (with Steven Levitsky) “Constitutional Hardball Round Tables.” Harvard University.
- May 2018 Conference Co-Organizer (with John Carey, Brendan Nyhan, and Susan Stokes) “Democracy’s resilience: Is America’s democracy threatened?” The Brookings Institution and Bright Line Watch.
- October 2017 Conference Co-Organizer (with John Carey, Brendan Nyhan, and Susan Stokes) “How Do Democracies Fall Apart (And Could It Happen Here)?” The Yale Program on Democracy and Bright Line Watch.
- May 2017 Conference Co-Organizer (with YeonKyung Jeong and Rabia Malik), “In The Field.” University of Rochester.
- May 2009 Conference Co-Organizer (with David Primo and Stuart Jordan) “Workshop on Positive Political Theory and the Law” University of Rochester.
- April 2009 Conference Co-Organizer (with Jack Knight, Margaret Levi, and Frances Rosenbluth) “Workshop on the Rule of Law” Yale University.
- March 2009 Conference Co-Organizer (with Julio Ríos Figueroa) Los Jueces Constitucionales en América Latina: Árbitros del Conflicto Político or Activos Defensores de Derechos?” CIDE, Mexico City.
- May 2006 Conference Co-Organizer (with Barry Burden and Sunshine Hillygus) for “Democracy, Divided Government and Split-Ticket Voting,” Harvard University, (funded by the Center for American Political Studies).
- April 2003 Conference Co-Organizer (with Steven Levitsky) for “Informal Institutions and Latin American Politics,” The Kellogg Institute for International Affairs, University of Notre Dame (funded by the Kellogg Institute and Coca Cola).
- April 2002 Conference Co-Organizer (with Steven Levitsky) for “Informal Institutions and Politics in the Developing World,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (funded by the Weatherhead Center and the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies).

Selected Presentations

April 2022	American Politics & Public Policy Workshop, Yale University
October 2021	American Political Science Association, “Creeping Authoritarianism: How Would-be Autocrats Subvert Democracy” Panel
April 2021	Virtual Roundtable on <i>Four Threats to Democracy</i> at Midwest Political Science Association
April 2021	University of Virginia, “Constitutional Crises at Home and Abroad” Panel
March 2021	University of Rochester, “Fading Democracy”
November 2020	Virtual Roundtable on the 2020 US Election (Brown University)
October 2020	American Democracy and the 2020 Election (University of Rochester)
October 2020	Virtual Roundtable on Voting and Electoral Manipulation (Brown University)
December 2019	Constitutional Hardball Roundtables. “Presidential Impeachment.” Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
August 2019	American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., “Formal Models of Democratic Backsliding.” Panel.
June 2019	University of Chicago. “Unending Impunity: Prosecuting Presidents in Contemporary Latin America”
April 2019	Duke University. “Unending Impunity: Prosecuting Presidents in Contemporary Latin America”
October 2018	Harvard University. “Draining the Swamp? Partisan Bias in the Prosecution of Former Latin American Leaders.”
September 2018	American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, “The Resilience and Erosion of Democracy.” Roundtable.
May 2018	University of Chicago. “The Puzzle of Purges: Presidential Instability and Judicial Manipulation in Latin America,” presented at the conference <i>Defending Human Rights in Times of Constitutional Crises</i> .
May 2016	Harvard University, “Institutional Weakness in Latin America Conference”, “From Power Gaps to Instability Traps: Reflections on Institutional Instability in Latin America.” Paper submitted, did not attend.
April 2013	Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, “The Economic Effects of Executive Instability in Latin America” (with Michael Gibilisco). Paper submitted, did not attend.
September 2012	American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, “An Introduction to the CompLaw Database” (with Clifford Carrubba, Matthew Gabel, Andrew Martin, and Jeffrey Staton) [conference cancelled]
April 2012	Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, “An Introduction to the CompLaw Database” (with Clifford Carrubba, Matthew Gabel, Andrew Martin, and Jeffrey Staton)
May 2011	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, “Institutions on the Edge: Inter-Branch Crises in Latin America.” Scholars Colloquium.

April 2011 Mexican Supreme Court, Mexico City, Mexico. “Tribunales Constitucionales en America Latina.” Book presentation.

October 2009 Harvard University, “The Origins of Institutional Crises in Latin America.” Latin American Discussion Group.

September 2009 American Political Science Association, Toronto, CN, “Courting Conflict: The Logic of Risky Judicial Decision-Making in Latin America” (with Jeffrey Staton)

April 2009 Yale University, “Courting Conflict: The Logic of Risky Judicial Decision-Making in Latin America.” (with Jeffrey Staton) Workshop on the Rule of Law.

April 2009 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, “Inequality under Democracy: Explaining the Left Decade in Latin America” (with Alex Debs)

March 2009 CIDE, Mexico City, “Courting Conflict: A Logic of Risky Judicial Decisions” (with Jeffrey Staton) Conference on Constitutional Judges in Latin America

August 2008 American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, “Inequality under Democracy: Explaining the Left Decade in Latin America” (with Alex Debs)

April 2008 Yale University, “The Origins of Institutional Crises in Latin America: A Unified Strategic Model and Test” Workshop on the Rule of Law.

April 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, “Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws” (with Bonnie Meguid)

February 2008 CIDE, Mexico City “The Origins of Institutional Crises in Latin America: A Unified Strategic Model and Test”

August 2007 American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, “Endogenous Institutions: The Origins of Compulsory Voting Laws” (with Bonnie Meguid)

March 2007 Northwestern University School of Law, “Explaining Institutional Instability in Latin America: A Crisis Bargaining Approach”

April 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, “Institutional Conflict and Crisis in Latin America: An Integrated Strategic Model and Test”

August 2006 American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, “Explaining Institutional Instability in Latin America: A Crisis Bargaining Approach”

May 2006 Conference on Democracy, Divided Government, and Split-Ticket Voting, “Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, “Dividing to Democratize? Ticket Splitting in the Mexico 2000 Elections.”

April 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, “Dividing to Democratize? Ticket-Splitting in the Mexico 2000 Elections.”

February 2006 Washington University in St. Louis, “Modeling Motivations: Decision-Making on the Argentine Supreme Court.”

- June 2005 Liberty Fund Conference, “Law, Liberty, and Judicial Review,” Big Sky, Montana, “Modeling Motivations: Decision-Making on the Argentine Supreme Court.”
- April 2005 Harvard University, “Ticket Splitting in the Mexico 2000 Elections: Uncertainty and Insurance.”
- April 2005 Duke University, “Inducing Independence: A Strategic Model of Lending and Legal Reform,” with Elena McLean.
- April 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, “Inducing Independence: A Strategic Model of Lending and Legal Reform,” with Elena McLean.
- February 2005 Córdoba, Argentina, “El Corte de Boleta en América Latina” [“Ticket-Splitting in Latin America”]
- December 2004 Harvard University, “Divided Government and Ticket-Splitting in Latin America.”
- April 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, “Ducking versus Defection: Signaling on the Argentine Supreme Court, 1990-2000.”
- October 2003 New York University School of Law, “Enduring Uncertainty: Court-Executive Relations in Argentina in the 1990s and Beyond.”
- September 2003 Riker Seminar Series, University of Rochester, “Modeling Motivations: A Game Theoretic Account of Decision-Making on the Argentine Supreme Court,” with Mitchell Sanders.
- August 2003 American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, “Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda,” with Steven Levitsky.
- August 2003 American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, “Modeling Motivations: A Game Theoretic Account of Decision-Making on the Argentine Supreme Court,” with Mitchell Sanders.
- April 2003 Conference, “Informal Institutions and Politics in Latin America,” University of Notre Dame, “Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda,” with Steven Levitsky.
- March 2003 Conference, “Rethinking Dual Transitions: Argentine Politics in the 1990s in Comparative Perspective,” Harvard University, “Enduring Uncertainty: Court-Executive Relations in Argentina in the 1990s and Beyond.”
- August 2002 American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, “Modeling Motivations: A Game Theoretic Account of Decision-Making on the Argentine Supreme Court,” with Mitchell Sanders.
- April 2002 Harvard University, “The Logic of Strategic Defection: Insecure Tenure and Judicial Decision-Making in Argentina Under Dictatorship and Democracy.”
- March 2002 University of Michigan, “The Logic of Strategic Defection: Insecure Tenure and Judicial Decision-Making in Argentina Under Dictatorship and Democracy.”
- November 2001 Conference, “Constitutional Courts,” Institute for Global Legal Studies, Washington University in St. Louis, “The Logic of Strategic Defection: Insecure Tenure and Judicial Decision-Making in Argentina Under Dictatorship and Democracy.”

- August 2001 American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, "The Logic of Strategic Defection: Insecure Tenure and Judicial Decision-Making in Argentina Under Dictatorship and Democracy."
- August 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., "Checks and Balances By Other Means: Strategic Defection and the 'Re-Reelection' Controversy in Argentina."
- October 1999 Conference, "The Scientific Study of Judicial Politics," Texas A&M University, "Ruling Against the Rulers: Insecure Tenure and Judicial Independence in Argentina, 1976-1995."
- October 1999 University of Chicago, Workshop on Comparative Politics and Historical Sociology, "Ruling Against the Rulers: Insecure Tenure and Judicial Independence in Argentina, 1976-1995."
- September 1999 American Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA, "Ruling Against the Rulers: Insecure Tenure and Judicial Independence in Argentina, 1976-1995."
- October 1998 Conference, "The Scientific Study of Politics," Michigan State University, East Lansing, "Judicial Independence in Argentina," Poster Session.
- September 1998 XXI International Congress of Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, "Judicial Independence in Argentina."
- May 1998 Universidad de San Andreas, Buenos Aires, Argentina, "Methods for Measuring Judicial Independence: Preliminary Findings for the Case of Argentina, 1976-1995."
- November 1997 Ciencias Penales y Sociales (INESYP), Buenos Aires, Argentina, "Studying Courts Comparatively: What is Judicial Independence?"

Selected Discussant

- "How Democracies Die." Authors Meet Critics Roundtable. American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2019.
- "Measuring Democratic Erosion." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2018.
- "Elite Politics and Early Political Development," the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.
- "The New Role of Courts in Latin America: Arbiters of Political Conflicts or Active Defenders of Rights" the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, CN, September 2009.
- "Toward the Construction of an Independent Judiciary: Judicial Reform in Latin America," Midwest Political Science Meetings, Chicago, IL, April 2006.
- "Judicial Independence and Judicial Careers in Latin America," Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 2004.
- "Repression and Reform under Electoral Authoritarianism," the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.
- "Presidentialism, Party Systems, and Horizontal Accountability," Conference on "Institutions, Accountability, and Democratic Governance in Latin America," Kellogg Institute for International Affairs, University of Notre Dame, May 2001.

“Formal Models of Judiciary Processes and Preference Aggregation,” Southern Political Science Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2001; “Latin American Political Economy,” Public Choice Society and Economic Science Meetings, San Antonio, Texas, 2001.
“Parties, Elections, and Legislatures in Latin America,” the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2000.

TEACHING

Undergraduate

Democratic Erosion (Undergraduate Seminar)
Democratic Regimes (Undergraduate Seminar)
Latin American Politics (Undergraduate Seminar)
Comparative Law and Courts (Undergraduate Seminar)
Measures for Justice (Undergraduate Experiential Seminar with Stuart Jordan)
Senior Honors Thesis Director for Brett Stark, 2007
Senior Honors Thesis Director for Daniela Schofield, 2009
Senior Honors Thesis Director for Grace Grande, 2015

Graduate

Dictatorship and Democracy (Ph.D. Seminar)
Development and Political Economy (Ph.D. Seminar with Alex Lee)
Advanced Research Seminar (Ph.D. Seminar with Scott F Abramson)
Comparative Politics Field Seminar (Ph.D. Seminar with G. Bingham Powell)
Comparative Parties and Elections (Ph.D. Seminar with Bonnie Meguid)
Latin American Politics (Ph.D. Seminar)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Current

Agabek Kabdullin, Political Science Department, University of Rochester
Sami Gul, Political Science Department, University of Rochester
Ezgi Kibris, Political Science Department, University of Rochester
Siqi Zheng, Political Science Department, University of Rochester

Former

YeonKyung Jeong, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2022
Jacque Gao, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2022
Seda Nur Ozturk (Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2021
Karen Albert, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2020

Olga Gasparyan, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2020
MaryClare Roche, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2020
Benjamin Laughlin (Co-Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2019
Sergio Ascencio (Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2018
Ian Sulam (Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2018
Barbara Piotrowska, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2017
Rabia Malik (Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2016
Miguel Rueda (Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2014
Shawn Ramirez, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2013
Patrick Kuhn, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2013
Matt Testerman (Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2012
Christian Houle, (Co-Chair), Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2011
Subhasish Ray, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2010
Fabiana Machado, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2010
Laura Flamand, Political Science Department, University of Rochester, 2004