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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Assistant Professor of Political Science

San Antonio, TX

August 2025-Present

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University

Ph.D. in Political Science

Columbus, OH

August 2025

Dissertation: *Welcoming Migrants and Refugees: State Capacity, Sovereignty, and Brazil's Reception of Venezuelans*, Committee: Jennifer Mitzen (Chair), Sarah Brooks, Inés Valdez

The Ohio State University

M.A. in Political Science

Columbus, OH

May 2022

Exams: International Relations and Comparative Politics, *both passed with Distinction*

Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

M.A. in International Strategic Studies

Porto Alegre, Brazil

February 2019

Thesis: *(Re)Imagining Cuban Medical Internationalism: Individuals, Power Relations, and "Mais Médicos"*

Committee: André Reis da Silva (Chair), Silvia Ferabolli, Tatiana Vargas Maia, Eduardo Svartman

University of Florida

B.A. in Political Science, *cum laude*

Gainesville, FL

May 2014

B.A. in Latin American Studies, *magna cum laude*

May 2014

Minors in History and Anthropology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Migration and Refugee Politics, Security Studies, Global Health Politics, Political Violence, Latin American Politics, Race and Gender in Global Politics, State-building, Interpretivist and Field Research Methods

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS

9. José Pérez and Tarsis Brito, "Rethinking Migration Securitization: Bureaucratic Militarization and Racial Capitalism within Brazil's 'Operation Welcome,'" *European Journal of International Relations* 0.0 (2026): 1-26.

8. José Pérez, "Brazil's Foreign Policy and Security Under Lula and Bolsonaro: Hierarchy, Racialization, and Diplomacy," *Security Studies* 32.4-5 (2023): 653-679.

7. José Pérez and Vinícius Mendes, “The Intersectionality of Health (In)Security: Healthcare, Disposable Workers, and Exposure within Brazil’s Pandemic Politics,” *Security Dialogue* 54.2 (2023): 155-172.
6. José Pérez, “The Dilma Rousseff Presidency: From Motherly Discourse to Queer Impeachment,” *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 24.1 (2022): 40-62.
5. Eduardo Munhoz Svartman and José Pérez, “Brazil, Think Tanks, and the International System: A Discourse Analysis,” *Meridiano 47 - Journal of Global Studies* 21 (2020): 1-17.
4. José Pérez, “‘Mais Médicos’: Discourses, Bodies, and the Biopolitics of Medical Internationalism,” *Sexualidad, Salud y Sociedad* 34 (2020): 4-24.
3. André Reis da Silva and José Pérez, “Lula, Dilma, and Temer: The Rise and Fall of Brazilian Foreign Policy,” *Latin American Perspectives* 46.4 (2019): 169-185.
2. José Pérez and André Reis da Silva, “Cuban Medical Internationalism through a Feminist Perspective,” *Contexto Internacional* 41.1 (2019): 65-87.
1. José Pérez, “Venezuela and its Neighbors: The Discursive Struggle for Latin America,” *Relaciones Internacionales* 57 (2019): 53-69.

UNDER REVIEW

4. José Pérez, “From Racial Concealment to Display: The Emerging Illiberal International Order and the Rehabilitation of Racial Hierarchy,” *Under Review*
 3. José Pérez, “Making Housing, Making Everyday (In)Security: Individuals, Discipline, and Shelter Policy for Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Brazil,” *Under Review*
 2. José Pérez, “Street-level Bureaucrats and Venezuelan Migration to Brazil: Informal Strategies for Integration and Policymaking without Policy,” *Under Review*
- *Honorable Mention, 2025 Hayward R. Alker Student Paper Award, APSA IMM Group
- *Honorable Mention, 2025 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, APSA Migration & Citizenship Section
1. José Pérez, “Liberation and Protection for Whom? PrEP, Subjectivity, and the Uneven Politics of Sexual Healthcare,” *Under Review*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

3. José Pérez, “Governing by Omission: Migration, Citizenship, and State Ambivalence in Brazil,” *Book Manuscript in Progress*

2. José Pérez and Tarsis Brito, “The Case of Afghan Refugees in São Paulo-Guarulhos (GRU) International Airport: Migration Governance, Carcerality, and (Im)Mobility Resistance,” *Working Paper*

1. José Pérez, “Racial Alibis: People of Color in Positions of Power, Global Violence, and the Afterlife of Racial Capitalism” *Working Paper*

POLICY PAPERS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

4. José Pérez, “Trump Remakes the Military by Recentering Masculinity within National Security,” *Security in Context* Policy Paper 26-04 (2026).

3. Quoted in Amani Bayo, “Now What? Venezuelans in Columbus watch upheaval at home with uncertainty,” *The Columbus Dispatch* Jan 7, 2026

2. José Pérez, “What Will Help Brazil Recover From Deadly Flooding?” *Latin America Advisor* May 30, 2024

1. José Pérez, book review of “Women’s Empowerment and Disempowerment in Brazil: The Rise and Fall of President Dilma Rousseff,” *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 25.2 (2023): 361-363.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Tenure-track

Advancing Research Grants for Early Career Scholars (APSA, \$2,000)	2026
Honorable Mention, Hayward R. Alker Student Paper Award, APSA IMM Group	2025
Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, APSA Migration & Citizenship Section	2025
Migration & Citizenship Section Travel Grant (APSA, \$300)	2025

Graduate

Mathews and Gilkerson Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (OSU, \$500)	2024
Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals in the Profession Travel Grant (APSA, \$300)	2024
Lee Ann Fujii Travel Grant (APSA, \$550)	2024
Edward J. Ray Travel Award for University Service and Scholarship (OSU, \$1,000)	2024
International Studies Association Annual Conference Travel Award (\$600)	2024
International Studies Association - Northeast Region Conference Travel Award (\$150)	2024
Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship (U.S. Department of Education, \$32,906)	2023
Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship (OSU, \$5,000)	2023
Susan Pratt Munthe Scholarship for Study on Latin America (OSU, \$2,000)	2023
Political Science Department Research Grant (OSU, \$2,000)	2023
Francis Aumann Award for Best Published Paper (OSU, \$500)	2023
Mershon Center for International Security Studies Grant (OSU, \$1,000)	2023
Francis Aumann Award for Distinguished Departmental Service (OSU, \$500)	2022
Political Science Department Research Grant (OSU, \$2,300)	2022

American Political Science Association (APSA) Diversity Fellow (\$2,000)	2021
Mershon Center for International Security Studies Grant (OSU, \$2,800)	2021
Madison Scott Best Paper in Race and Ethnic Politics Award (OSU, \$500)	2021
Global Gateway Travel Grant (OSU, \$1,000)	2020
Latino Scholarship Summer Fellowship (APSA, \$400)	2020
Distinguished Graduate Enrichment Fellow (OSU, \$32,100 for 5 years)	2019
CAPES Fellowship (Brazilian Federal Government, \$4,900 for 2 years)	2017

Undergraduate

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant (U.S. State Department, \$16,800)	2016
Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant (U.S. State Department, \$16,800)	2015
Hall of Fame Inductee (University of Florida)	2014
Ronald E. McNair Scholar (University of Florida, \$2,500)	2013
Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship (Princeton University)	2013
J. Wayne Reitz Scholar (University of Florida)	2013
Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship (U.S. State Department, \$4,500)	2012
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (U.S. Department of Education, \$5,800)	2012
John V. Lombardi Scholar (University of Florida, \$5,400 for 4 years)	2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (**indicates multiple semesters)

Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Instructor of Record

POLS 4370: Global Migration Politics
POLS 4354: Government and Politics of Latin America
POLS 3351: Comparative Politics**
GOVT 2305: Federal Government**
GOVT 2306: Texas Government

The Ohio State University, Instructor of Record

POL 3910: Identity Politics**

Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Teaching Assistant

ECO 2048: Brazilian Foreign Policy 2 (1930-85), Professor André Reis
ECO 2052: Brazilian Foreign Policy 3 (1985-Present), Professor André Reis

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2024, 2026
International Studies Association-Northeast Conference	2020, 2021, 2024, 2025
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2024, 2025
International Studies Association-Annual Conference	2021, 2023, 2025
Urban Politics in the Global South Conference	2024

Brazilian International Relations Association Annual Conference	2018, 2021
Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress	2021
<i>Millennium Journal</i> Annual Conference	2020
<i>International Feminist Journal of Politics</i> Conference	2019
EUCROSS-Jean Monnet Network Conference	2019
International Studies Association-FLACSO Conference	2018

Invited Lectures and Talks

Amazonas State University, Invited Research Presentation	2023
Methodist University Center (Porto Alegre), Invited Research Presentation	2023
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Invited Research Presentation	2023
Ohio State Brazil Gateway Summer Series, Invited Research Presentation	2022

Workshops and Other Presentations

Race and International Relations Workshop, University of Notre Dame	2023, 2025
APSA Migration and Citizenship Dissertation Workshop	2024
<i>International Organization Journal</i> Editorial Café	2024
University of Brasilia Migration Research Workshop	2022
University of Chicago <i>Security Studies Journal</i> Conference	2022

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

University Study Abroad Scholarship Committee (Chair)	October 2025-Present
Political Science Program Budget Committee	September 2025-Present
Summer Undergraduate Qualitative Methods Training Program (Co-Organizer)	July 2026
Latin American Politics Roundtable Discussion (Organizer)	February 2026

The Ohio State University

Graduate Studies Committee	August 2019-May 2020 and August 2022-May 2023
Graduate Student Mentor	August 2020-May 2021 and August 2022-May 2023
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	January-May 2022
Ad Hoc Committee to Address Structural Inequality and Policies	August-December 2020

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

APSA Centennial Center Research Grants (Application Reviewer)	July 2026
Hayward R. Alker Student Paper Award Selection Committee (Member)	June 2026
APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students (Member)	September 2024-Present
Professional Memberships: APSA, MPSA, ISA, BRASA, LASA	

Peer Reviewer for: *Conjuntura Austral*, *Culture and Critique*, *Critical Studies on Security*, *Global Public Health*, *Human Arenas*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Relaciones Internacionales*, *Rotura—Revista de Comunicação*, *Cultura e Artes*

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native fluency), Portuguese (fluent), French (intermediate), Italian (beginner)

Fieldwork: Brazil (4 months/2024, 10 months/2023, 2 months/2022, 12 months/2018)

Pro Bono Work: Country expert testimony for asylum cases related to: Brazil, Cuba, and Venezuela.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mental Health First Aid for Higher Education Certified 2025

Texas A&M University-San Antonio New Faculty Academy 2025

International Studies Association “Pedagogy in Practice” program 2024

Qualitative and Multi-Methods Training: Syracuse University’s IQMR 2021

REFERENCES

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