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## EDUCATION

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### Purdue University

Ph.D., Political Science

Anticipated Completion: August 2024

- *Fields*: International Relations and Comparative Politics
- *Dissertation Title*: Sovereign Wealth Funds and Political Pushback
- *Committee Members*: Dr. Swati Srivastava (Chair), Dr. Kyle Haynes, Dr. Giancarlo Visconti, and Dr. William Winecoff.
- *Specialized Training*: IPE Seminar at University of Notre Dame under Dr. Jazmin Sierra.

M.A., Political Science

June 2020

### Eastern Washington University

B.A., International Affairs

B.A., Spanish

Minors in: Economics, and Business Administration

Certificate in: Latin American Studies

June 2018

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

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[Venezuela's Economic Meltdown & Road to Recovery](#). Sep 2018. The Jean Monnet/ Robert Schuman Paper Series. Vol 18, No. 2.

### Working Papers

- Sovereign Wealth Funds, Privateering, and Political Pushback.
- Violence as a Factor for Migration.
- Provision of Public Goods or Clientelism? Voting Behavior of Land Squatters in Mexico.

### Media Publications:

- [¿... y ahora? ¿Qué hacemos con el litio y sus bonanzas?](#) / ... and now? What should we do with the Lithium and its windfalls? Noticias Proyecto Puente. Sep 2022

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GUEST LECTURES

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Independent Instructor (Purdue University)

Semester:

- *POL 429; Political and Economic Development in Latin-America*  
advanced undergraduate course on the study of political economy

Summer '22

across Latin-America.

- *POL 141; Governments of the Word* Summer '21  
An introduction to the study of Comparative Politics
- *POL 235; International Relations Among Rich and Poor Nations.* Fall '21  
An introduction to major themes in contemporary International Spring '21  
Political Economy (IPE). The course examines such areas as Fall '20  
North-South relations, interdependence, international organizations, Summer '20  
and global development.

#### Teaching Assistant (Purdue University)

- POL 235; Rich and Poor Nations (IPE) - Purdue University Spring 22 & 23  
Dr. Dwayne Woods Fall 19, 22
- POL 335; China & the Challenges of Globalization - Purdue University Spring '23  
Dr. Dwayne Woods Fall '22
- POL 130; Intro to International Relations – Purdue University Spring '20  
Dr. Kyle Haynes

#### Undergraduate Research and Mentoring.

- *Undergraduate Research Collaboratory* Purdue  
Upon my request, the department of Political Science at Purdue University granted 3 undergraduate collaborators to research and University  
gather data from S&P Capital IQ database for an upcoming Fall '22  
academic paper. Students learned how to download investments  
from the database and we met once a week for instructions and analysis.
- *McNair Undergraduate Scholar Mentoring* Eastern  
Volunteered to mentor undergraduate McNair scholar B. Mohammed Washington  
on his graduate application by giving feedback on his writing sample University  
and other application documents. Also on what to expect upon arrival Fall '22  
at graduate school, and how to navigate resources.

#### Guest Lectures.

- *POL 151 Intro to International Relations – Dr. Bi Zhao* Whitworth  
Lectured on the economic and political consequences of natural University  
resource dependency (Commonly labeled the “resource curse”). Spring '22  
demonstrated
- *HIST 462; History of Mexico – Dr. J. Lenti* Eastern  
Lectured on Mexico’s economic policies in the 1980’s Washington  
and 90’s that led to severe financial crises, and the socio-political University

repercussions that followed.

Fall '21

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Teaching Award</b>	2021
Purdue University Center for Instructional Excellence Graduate Student Teaching Award.	
<b>Promise Grant Award</b>	2019
Purdue University Promise Grant to conduct research on clientelism and land title distribution in Mexico (\$1,500).	
<b>Ronald E. McNair Scholar Program</b>	2017
Faculty nominated at EWU into this federally-funded research and mentoring program to promote doctoral degree awards for students from underrepresented backgrounds and communities.	

## RESEARCH & CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

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### *Conference Presentations:*

#### Provision of Public Goods or Clientelism?

- Latin American Studies Association; Vancouver, Canada May '23

#### State Capitalism, Sovereign Wealth Funds, and Political Pushback

- International Studies Association; Montreal, Canada April '23
- British International Studies Association; Newcastle, U.K. June '22
- American Political Science Association; Seattle, WA September '21
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics; Virtual July '21
- Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago, IL April '21

#### Violence as a factor for Migration

- American Political Science Association; Seattle, WA September '21
- Latin American Studies Association; Vancouver, Canada May '21
- Midwest Political Science Association; Chicago, IL April '21
- Pacific North-West Political Science Association; Boise, ID November '20

#### Sovereign Wealth Funds as Modern-day Privateers:

##### The Case of the China Investment Corporation

- International Studies Association; Las Vegas, NV April '21
- International Studies Association north-East; Baltimore, MD November '20

#### Venezuela's Economic Meltdown and Road to Recovery

- Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies Association; Portland, OR April '18
- Jean Monnet / European Union Center Seminar  
at the University of Miami; Coral Gables, FL November '17
- Southwest Council of Latin American Studies; Campeche, Mexico March '17

### **Conference Participation:**

#### **Panel Co-Organizer**

- *Invasión: Houselessness & Squatting in an Inter-American Context.* April '22  
A Roundtable hosted by Eastern Washington University with housing activists, officials, and academics from the United States, Costa Rica, and Mexico
- *Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Conference* May '21  
Organized the panelists' participation, formats, and time structures at LASA Conference

#### **Chair and Discussant**

- *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference* April '21  
Organized the format and provided feedback on three paper presentations for the panel "International Relations: Regional Politics" at MPSA Conference

#### **Working Paper Presentations**

- "Crime as a Factor for Migration" Spring '22  
*Purdue Political Science Research Workshop*
- "Sovereign Wealth Funds as ModernDay Privateers:  
The Case of the China Investment Corporation" Fall '20  
*Purdue Political Science Research Workshop*

### **SPECIAL SKILLS**

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***Programming Languages:*** STATA and R.

***Higher-Ed Software Tools:*** BrightSpace, Blackboard, and Canvas

***Languages:*** English and Spanish (native).

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- American Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- International Studies Association

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- Graduate Student Representative (GSR). Purdue University Graduate School, 2019-2020.

## REFERENCES

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