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Education

Ph.D. in Public Policy, Indiana University – Bloomington, IN, August 2016 - July 2022 (expected)

Fields: Public Management, Comparative Politics, and Public Policy

Dissertation: *“Too Complex to Deliver? Administrative Capacity, Governance, and Waste Management in Peruvian Municipalities”*

Committee: Jennifer N. Brass (chair), Sergio Fernandez, Lauren M. MacLean, Sean Nicholson-Crotty, Claudia N. Avellaneda, Matthew Baggetta

Master of Public Policy, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, May 2009

Fields: International Policy and Development

Thesis: *“Beyond agriculture: The role of economic distance on rural productive asset accumulation in Peru”*

Advisor: Gillette Hall

B.A. in Political Science, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, May 2005

Fields: International Relations and Latin American Development

Theses: *“Inequality in Brazil and Chile: Explaining the resurgence of left-leaning leaders within a neoliberal framework”* and *“Rights for undocumented immigrants: The limitations of the state”*

Advisors: Kris Thalhhammer and Katherine Tegtmeyer Pak

Academic Affiliations

Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University – Bloomington

Group for the Analysis of Development (GRADE), Lima, Peru

Latin American Institute for Human Development, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)

Academic Publications

Manuscripts Under Review:

- [de la Riva Agüero, Renzo](#). “Administrative capacity as a black box of climate change action in the Global South: A case study exploring administrative capacity, complexity, and performance in the Peruvian waste management sector.” (Invited to revise and resubmit, *State and Local Government Review*)
- Baggetta, Matthew, Brad R. Fulton, and [Renzo de la Riva Agüero](#). “The diversity layer: Organizational member associations and the pursuit of bureaucratic representation.” (under review)

Manuscripts in Progress:

- [de la Riva Agüero, Renzo](#). “Is governance enough? Assessing municipal capacity and organized civil society participation for complex service delivery.”
- [de la Riva Agüero, Renzo](#) and Claudia N. Avellaneda. “Organizational innovation after disaster: Do local governments transform in response to environmental pressures?”
- [de la Riva Agüero, Renzo](#), Sergio Fernandez, and Jennifer N. Brass. “Local government outsourcing, performance, and efficiency: Evidence from the provision of electricity in South Africa.”

Research and Teaching Interests

Public Administration in Developing Countries, Political Economy of Development, Collaborative Governance, Civil Society, Service Delivery, Local Governments, Organizational Theory and Behavior, Mixed-Methods Research, Field Research.

Honors, Awards and Grants

- American Political Science Association, Accessibility Grant. 2020. **Awarded.**
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Scholar. 2020. **Awarded.**
- Ostrom Workshop, Fellowship, Indiana University – Bloomington. 2020-2021. **Funded** (\$17,000).
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2020. Unfunded, with high scores.
- Political Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), National Science Foundation. 2019. Unfunded, with high scores.
- International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF), Social Science Research Council. 2019. **Final round out of 956 applications.**
- Integrated Program in the Environment, Sustainability Research Development Grant, Indiana University – Bloomington. 2019-2020. **Funded** (\$7,438).
- Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development, Research Support Grant, Indiana University – Bloomington. 2018-2019. **Funded** (\$4,878).
- Ostrom Workshop, Graduate Research Award, Indiana University – Bloomington. 2018-2019. **Funded** (\$3,778).
- Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), Tinker Field Research Grant, Indiana University – Bloomington. 2018. **Funded** (\$1,950).
- Association of O’Neill School Ph.D. Students, Indiana University – Bloomington, Best Workshop Paper Award (February 2018). **Awarded.**
- O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University – Bloomington, Fellowship to attend the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR) (June 2017). **Funded.**
- O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University – Bloomington, Scholarship for doctoral studies (2016–2021). **Funded.**

Conferences and Presentations

- “Is governance enough? Assessing municipal capacity and organized civil society participation for complex service delivery.” American Political Science Association. September 2020.
- “Local government outsourcing, performance, and efficiency: Evidence from the provision of electricity in South Africa” 12th International School of Public Management and Administration Conference, University of Pretoria, South Africa. October 2019 (coauthored with Sergio Fernandez and Jennifer Brass).
- “Opening the black box: Explaining the effects and mechanisms of municipal performance in climate change”:
 - Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop 6 (WOW6). June 2019.
 - Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). April 2019.
 - American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). March 2019.
- “Organizational innovation after disaster: Do local governments transform in response to environmental pressures?” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). April 2018.
- “Public goods and services as end-products of serial processing in bureaucracies: Can organizational bottlenecks explain limitations in their provision?” Association of SPEA Ph.D. Students (ASPS) Conference. Indiana University – Bloomington. February 2017.
- “How can the private sector contribute to social development and inclusion? PPPs.” 5th Finance, Tax and Auditing Conference. Universidad San Martín de Porres, Lima, Peru. October 2013.
- “Agriculture insurance in Guyana.” Agriculture Risk Insurance Conference. Georgetown, Guyana. December 2009.

- “Productive use of the land: Experiences of Afro-descendent communities with cacao.” Central American Land Administration Projects Conference. World Bank, Washington, DC. September 2009.

Additional Training

Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, June 2017

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR), Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse University, NY

Modules:

- Qualitative Methods for Causal Analysis (I and II). Instructor: James Mahoney and Gary Goertz
- Mixed Methods Research for Causal Inference (I and II). Instructor: Jason Seawright
- Natural Experiments and Multi-Method Research. Instructor: F. Daniel Hidalgo
- Causal Inference from Causal Models. Instructor: Alan Jacobs
- Process Tracing and Small-N Analysis for Causal Inference. Instructors: Andrew Bennett and David Waldner

Stata Training Course, December 2011

Ministry of Production, Lima, Peru

Workshop on the Methodology for a Regional Public Policy M&E System, November 2011

Brazilian Service of Support for Micro and Small Enterprises (SEBRAE), Brasilia, Brazil

Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Course, February 2010

World Bank, Washington, DC, U.S.A.

Latin American Land Issues in a Global Perspective: Event for Policy Evaluation, January 2010

World Bank, Washington, DC, U.S.A.

Impact Evaluation Workshop of Agriculture and Rural Development Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, November 2009

World Bank, Brasilia, Brazil

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Indiana University – Bloomington, IN, May 2017 – Present

- Database management and analysis for nonprofit diversity and organizational structure data; Space characteristics and interactions in civil society organizations (with Matt Baggetta and Brad Fulton).
- Municipal outsourcing and service delivery in South Africa (with Jennifer Brass and Sergio Fernandez).
- Climate change and organizational innovation (with Claudia Avellaneda).
- Municipal bankruptcy in the US (with Craig Johnson, summer of 2017).

Project Manager, Indiana University – Bloomington, IN, January 2019 – May 2019

- Observing civic engagement research project through systematic social observations (with Matt Baggetta and Brad Fulton).

Teaching Experience

Associate Instructor, Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

- *Managing and Leading Organizations (V236)*. Instructor of Record (O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Fall 2019).
- *Ethics and Public Policy (Y379)*. Teaching Assistant (IU Department of Political Science, Spring 2017).
- *American Political Controversies (Y100)*. Teaching Assistant. Led one week’s session (IU Department of Political Science, Fall 2016).

Fieldwork

Peru: 2000-2001; 2005-2007; 2011; 2012; 2013-2014; 2018 (4 years, 1 month)

Honduras: 2008, 2009 (1 month); **Nicaragua:** 2008, 2009 (1 month)

Paraguay: 2010 (2 weeks); **Guyana:** 2009 (2 weeks)

Additional Skills

Methods: STATA, SAS; Qualtrics; ArcGIS (beginner); Field Research Methods.

Languages: Spanish (native), English (advanced), French (intermediate).

Professional Research and Reports

- *Strategy for the Planning and Implementation of Public Investment and Complementary Measures for Sustainable Development in Areas under Social Conflict* (Lima: Presidency of the Council of Ministers, 2013).
- *Social Inclusion National Strategy* (Lima: Ministry of Social Inclusion and Development, 2012).
- *Policy note: Importance of the identification of the differentiated benefits from entrepreneurial association for strengthening the design and implementation of SME support programs* (Lima: Ministry of Production, 2012).
- *Project for the creation and implementation of an Economic Studies and Program Evaluation Organic Unit* (Lima: Ministry of Production, 2012).
- *Sector Strategic Plan 2012–2016* (Lima: Ministry of Production, 2012).
- *Pilot proposal for the institutionalization and systematization of the approach and mechanism of the Development Project of the Puno-Cusco Corridor as reference for policy formulation and economic development management at the local level* (Cusco: Development Project of the Puno-Cusco Corridor, 2006).
- *Baseline study of the Nutritional Security Project in the Cusco Region* (Cusco: Plan International, 2006).
- *Assessment of the effects of the Project's market access technical assistance and public policy influence* (Cusco: Development Project of the Puno-Cusco Corridor, 2006).

Consulting and Work Experience

Data Analyst, Matson, Driscoll & Damico, Weston, FL, May 2015 – July 2016

- Consulting on economic damage estimations, data analysis and management of business interruptions in Latin America.

Manager, Deloitte & Touche, Lima, Peru, April 2013 – January 2015

- Manager of Public Sector Consulting. Leader of consultancies on quantitative policy analysis and design of public management reform interventions.

Adviser, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Lima, Peru, August 2012 – March 2013

- Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister. Responsible of quantitative policy analysis and management of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Presidency of the Council of ministers (PCM).

Specialist, Ministry of Social Inclusion and Development, Lima, Peru, March – July 2012

- Territorial Policy Coordination Specialist and adviser in the Policy and Strategy General Division.

Adviser, Ministry of Production, Lima, Peru, August 2011 – February 2012

- Adviser to the Viceminister of SMEs and Industries.

Adviser, Metropolitan Municipality of Lima, Lima, Peru, December 2010 – August 2011

- Adviser in the Social Development Division on policy and program design, implementation and evaluation for poverty reduction and access to opportunities of poor urban households.

Consultant, *World Bank*, Washington, DC, June 2008 – May 2010

- Assisted the management and supervision of land administration and land access projects in Bolivia, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Paraguay; rural sector development and small producer competitiveness strengthening project in Paraguay, and; a natural disaster recovery and community development project in Nicaragua. All as part of the Latin America and the Caribbean Agriculture and Rural Development team.

Consultant, *Embassy of Peru to the US*, Washington, DC, November 2007 – May 2008

- Devised research on US–Latin American relations for internal document on Peru’s future approaches and potential thematic interactions with the US, alongside the Ambassador’s assistants.

Consultant, *Development Project of the Puno-Cusco Corridor*, Cusco and Puno, Peru, October 2005 – February 2007

- Mixed-method evaluation of project outputs on rural producer access to markets and municipal government policy change. Designed pilot and implementation methods for the institutionalization of the Project’s rural development policy in municipal governments. Project financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Peru.

Consultant, *Plan International*, Cusco, Peru, June – September 2006

- Led the quantitative and qualitative analysis of rural local policies and inter-institutional coordination for mother-child nutritional security. Conducted for baseline study of Nutritional Security Project, implemented in remote peasant communities.

Professional Service

- *Discussant*, Panels on “Cooperation, Collaboration and Co-production” and “Comparative Issues in Global Urban Politics” (American Political Science Association, 2020)
- *Peer Review*, Academy of Management 2020 Annual Meeting
- *Peer Review*, O’Neill School Brass Doctoral Workshop. Articles, dissertation chapters, grant applications (Indiana University – Bloomington, 2018-Present)
- *Conference Organizing Committee*, Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop 6 (Indiana University – Bloomington, 2019)
- *Chair and Discussant*, Panel on “Networks and Collaboration” (Midwest Political Science Association, 2018)
- *Translator*, Perspectives on Public Management and Governance (2018)
- *Public Policy Ph.D. Subfield Chair*, Political Science Graduate Student Association (Indiana University – Bloomington, 2017-2018)
- *Technical Secretary*, Viceministers’ Coordination Commission (Presidency of the Council of Ministers, 2012)
- *Technical Secretary*, Reorganization Commission of CONCYTEC (Presidency of the Council of Ministers, 2012)
- *Co-Technical Secretary*, Inter-sectoral Rural Development Commission (Ministry of Social Inclusion and Development, 2012)
- *Chair*, International Policy and Development concentration (Georgetown Public Policy Institute, 2007-2009)
- *Lead Coordinator and Advocate*, New project to provide International Development students with practical and intellectual experiences within a pro-poor approach to development and governance (Georgetown Public Policy Institute, 2008-2009)

Professional Memberships

- Academy of Management (AOM)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- Public Management Research Association (PMRA)