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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007.

Dissertation: *Entrants in the Political Arena: New Party Trajectories During the Third Wave of Democracy in Latin America.*

B.A., Government and Economics, University of Notre Dame, 1991.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2018-

Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2018-

Concurrent Faculty of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2018-

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2017-Spring 2018.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2011-Spring 2017.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, IUPUI, Fall 2007-Spring 2011.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Mustillo, Thomas and John Polga-Hecimovich. 2018. "[Measures and Votes: Party Performance under Free List Proportional Representation with an Application to Ecuador.](#)" *Electoral Studies*. 56: 124-135.

Mustillo, Thomas. 2018. "[Floating Voters and the Rise of New Left Parties: Electoral Volatility During Party System Transformation.](#)" *Latin American Politics and Society*, 60(3), 1-26.

Mustillo, Thomas. 2017. "[Party Nationalization Following Democratization: Modeling Change in Turbulent Times.](#)" *Democratization*. 24(6): 929-950.

*winner of the Frank Cass Prize for Best Article published in *Democratization* in 2017.

Mustillo, Thomas and Yoo-Sun Jung. 2016. "[Distinguishing Territorial Structure from Electoral Adventurism: The Sources of Static and Dynamic Nationalization.](#)" *Electoral Studies*. 44: 341-350.

Mustillo, Thomas. 2016. "[Party-Voter Linkages Derived From the Calculus of Voting Model: Electoral Mobilization in Ecuador.](#)" *Rationality and Society*. 28(1): 24-51.

Mustillo, Thomas and John A. Springer. 2015. "[Seeing Beyond the Datasets: The Unexploited Structure in Electoral and Institutional Data.](#)" *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*. 18(4): 349-365.

Bot, Romina L., Maria del Rosario Uribe, Alejandra J. Magana, Thomas Mustillo and John A. Springer. 2014. "[A Study of Perceptions, Usability, and Future Adoption of a Web-based Learning Tool.](#)" *International Journal of Technology Diffusion*. 5(3): 69-90.

Mustillo, Thomas and Sarah Mustillo. 2012. "[Party Nationalization in a Multilevel Context: Where's the Variance?](#)" *Electoral Studies*. 31(2): 422-422.

Mustillo, Thomas. 2009. "[Modeling New Party Performance: A Conceptual and Methodological Approach for Volatile Party Systems.](#)" *Political Analysis*. 17(3): 311-332.

Hartlyn, Jonathan, Jennifer McCoy and Thomas Mustillo. 2008. "[Electoral Governance Matters: Explaining the 'Quality of Elections' in Contemporary Latin America.](#)" *Comparative Political Studies*. 41(1): 73-98.

In Spanish: Hartlyn, Jonathan, Jennifer McCoy, and Thomas Mustillo. 2009. "La Importancia de la Gobernanza Electoral y la Calidad de las Elecciones en La América Latina Contemporánea." *América Latina Hoy*. 51:15-40.

Huber, Evelyne, Thomas Mustillo, and John D. Stephens. 2008. "[Politics and Social Spending in Latin America.](#)" *The Journal of Politics*. 70(2): 420-436.

REVIEWS AND INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

Mustillo, Thomas. 2013. "Introduction" to the 'On the Profession' Symposium, "Analytic Resources for Emerging Methodological Repertoires." *LASA Forum*. 44:1.

Mustillo, Thomas. 2006. Review of "Decentralizing the State: Elections, Parties, and Local Power in the Andes" by Kathleen O'Neill. 2006. *Comparative Political Studies*. 39:4

UNDER REVIEW

Mustillo, Thomas and John Polga-Hecimovich. "Competing Incentives of Candidate- Versus Party-Centered Vote Seeking under Free List Proportional Representation."

Mustillo, Thomas. "Modeling Electoral Volatility and Party Nationalization Using Linear Mixed Models."

IN PROGRESS

Book Project: *Varieties of Party Support and Stability: Political Representation in an Age of Turbulence*.

Abstract: In many democracies across the globe, political parties and party systems perform their representational functions poorly. Localism and instability have (re)taken hold in many corners of the globe. This project identifies and accounts for multiple forms of volatility and spatial variation in party support. It examines a broad global sample of post-war democracies, with a particular interest in the most turbulent cases. It adopts a perspective in the behavioral tradition by asking: What forces are acting upon electorates? To that end, it treats institutional, social structural, performance, and agency-oriented explanations of chaotic forms of political representation.

"Party Competition with Costly Voting: An Agent-Based Model"

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL:

The Frank Cass Prize for Best Article published in *Democratization* in 2017.

Organization of American States Graduate Scholarship from The Organization of American States, Washington, DC for dissertation research in Ecuador, Spring 2006

INTERNAL (Partial list):

Purdue College of Liberal Arts Exploratory Research in the Social Science Grant for .5 FTE RA support of “The Dynamics of Party Competition with Non-Policy Strategies.” 2017-18.

Purdue Research Foundation Summer Faculty Grant for “Electoral Performance in a Multilevel Context.” Summer 2012.

Short Term Faculty Exchange, 2010-11 from the IU Office for the Vice President for International Affairs for field research at the University of Costa Rica, Summer 2011

Summer Research and Creative Activity Grant from the IUPUI School of Liberal Arts for “Electoral Performance in a Multilevel Context: A Test of Regime Type and Electoral System on Nationalization.” Summer 2009

The Innovative Technology Pilot Project Grant from the IU Center for the Study of Global Change to develop a demonstration version of the Global Database of Democracy and Governance.

Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Institute Grant from the IUPUI Center for Research and Learning for work on the spatial analysis of party-voter linkages, 2008

Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by a Graduate Student from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the university’s highest teaching award for graduate students, 2006

Future Faculty Fellowship from The Center for Teaching and Learning at UNC at Chapel Hill for prospective faculty professional development, Fall 2006.

Mellon Foundation Summer Dissertation Fellowship from The Institute of Latin American Studies at UNC at Chapel Hill for dissertation research in Ecuador, Summer 2005

Graduate Assistantship from The Department of Political Science at UNC at Chapel Hill, NC for teaching and research assistance at UNC at Chapel Hill, 2001-2006

INVITED TALKS

“The Constraints of Free List Proportional Representation on Vote Aggregation and Electoral Choice in Ecuador.” (with John Polga-Hecimovich). Workshop: “Revisiting Electoral Personalism.” Texas A&M University, December 8-9, 2017.

“The Multiple Dimensions of Electoral Volatility: A Qualified Account of Instability During Party System Transformation.” Southeastern Latin American Behavior Consortium, George State University, October 13, 2017.

“Floating Voters and the Rise of Dominant Parties: The Multiple Dimensions of Electoral Instability.” The University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Political Science Comparative Politics Speaker Series, April 6, 2016.

“A Mobilization Signature: Using Aggregate Electoral Data to Detect Particularistic Party Strategies.” The Comparative Politics Workshop at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 22, 2013.

“Clientelistic and Programmatic Party Strategies Using Social Policy: Ecuador and Costa Rica in Comparative Perspective.” Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, Universidad de Costa Rica, June 22, 2011.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "The Constraints of Free List Proportional Representation on Vote Aggregation and Electoral Choice in Ecuador." (with John Polga-Hecimovich). The 113th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. August 31, 2017.
- "Party Competition with Costly Voting: An Agent-Based Model." (with Yuvaraj Pazhamalei and Abhijit Deshmukh). The 74th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2016.
- "Electoral Reform in Ecuador: The Constraints of 'Free List' PR on Party Competition and Electoral Choice." (with John Polga-Hecimovich). The 8th Congress of the Latin American Political Science Association, Lima, Peru. July 22-24 2015.
- "Distinguishing Territorial Structure from Electoral Adventurism: The Sources of Low Party Nationalization." (with Yoo-Sun Jung). The 73rd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2015.
- "The Sources of District Variation in Electoral Data: It's Not Always About Territory." The 72nd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2014.
- "Roundtable: Coordinating Electoral and Institutional Data Assets for Data-Intensive Research: Developing a Vision for the Future." The 72nd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2014.
- "Modeling Change in Turbulent Times: Party Adaptation Following Systemic Disruption." Paper presented at the 31st International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, May 29-June 1, 2013.
- "The Diffusion of a Party's Electoral Support to Detect Linkage Strategy." (with Aniruddha Banerjee). Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11-13, 2013.
- "A Model of Party Stabilization Following Transitions to Democracy." Joint Sessions of Workshops, European Consortium of Political Research, Mainz, Germany, March 10-16, 2013
- "Seeing Beyond the Spreadsheets: The Unexploited Structure in Electoral and Institutional Data." (with John A. Springer). 6th Congress of the Latin American Association of Political Science, Quito, Ecuador, June 12-14, 2012.
- "Getting Out the Vote: Political Party Strategies Derived From the Calculus of Voting Model." Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012.
- "The Influence of Indigenous Party Entry on Party System Stability in the Andes." International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, October 6-9, 2010.
- "The Influence of Indigenous Party Entry on Party System Stability in the Andes." Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 1-5, 2010.
- "Populist Party Electoral Trajectories in Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America." Joint Sessions of Workshops, European Consortium of Political Research, Münster, Germany, March 22-27, 2010
- "Electoral Performance in a Multilevel Context: A Test of Regime Type and Electoral System on Nationalization." (with Sarah Mustillo). Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 3-6, 2009.
- "Political Disincentives to Broad-based Social Policy Regimes." International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 11-14, 2009.

- “Clientelistic and Programmatic Patterns in the Diffusion of New Party Support in Post-War Italy.” (with Aniruddha Banerjee and Emily Kinney). IUPUI Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 2009.
- “Using Stata as a Computation/Estimation Companion in a Relational Database Environment.” (with Sarah Mustillo). Summer North America Stata User’s Group Meetings, Chicago, IL, July 2008.
- “Entrants in the Political Arena: New Party Trajectories in Latin America.” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006.
- “Party Formation and Success: The Case of Pachakutik.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 2004.
- “Determinants of Social Spending in Latin America and the Caribbean.” (with Evelyne Huber and John D. Stephens). Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 2004. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Washington, DC, July 2004.
- “The ‘Quality of Elections’ in Contemporary Latin America: Issues in Measurement and Explanation” (with Jonathan Hartlyn and Jennifer McCoy). Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, Texas, March 2003.
- “The Partisan Effects on Social Policy Reform in Latin America, 1981-1996.” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, March 2003

DATASETS

- Longitudinal Electoral Datasets, The Latin American Electronic Data Archive (LAEDA), University of Texas Libraries. <https://repositories.lib.utexas.edu/handle/2152/16310>.
- Social Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean Dataset, 1960-2006. (with Evelyne Huber, John D. Stephens, and Jennifer Pribble).
- Latin America and Caribbean Political Dataset, 1945-2001. (with Evelyne Huber, John D. Stephens, and Jennifer Pribble).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Level: Linear Regression Models and Extensions (5x)
Research Seminar on Comparative Social Policy (1x)
Research Seminar on Political Parties and Representation (2x)
Research Seminar on Democratization (2x)
- Undergraduate: Introduction to Complex Systems (5x)
Introduction to Research Design and Political Analysis (4x)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (3x)
Democratic Political Institutions in Deeply Divided Societies (2x)
Latin American Politics (6x)
Introduction to International Relations (6x)

FIELD RESEARCH, EMPLOYMENT, AND EDUCATION ABROAD

- Ecuador: June 2012; Field Research
- Costa Rica: June 2011; Field Research and Faculty Exchange
- Haiti: June 2013, June 2010, January 2010, August 2009, June 2008; Service Learning and Engagement

Ecuador: December 2008; Field Research
Ecuador: 2005-06; Dissertation Field Research
Venezuela: Summer 2004; Pre-Dissertation Research and Electoral Observation Missions
Puerto Rico: August-December 1994; Employment at Universidad del Sagrado Corazón
Mexico: Summer 1992; Spanish Language Institute
Chile: December 1990; Independent study with faculty mentor

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, 2001-present
Midwest Political Science Association, 2010-present
Latin American Studies Association, 2002-present
Latin American Association of Political Science, 2012-present
Southern Political Science Association, 2017-present

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Co-Editor, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Political Data Yearbook*, 2017-current
Scientific Advisory Board Member: Constituency-Level Election Archive (U of Michigan)
Advisory Board Member: Latin American Electronic Data Archive (UT-Austin)
Journal Reviewer: *The American Political Science Review*, *The American Journal of Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Sociological Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Democratization*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Democracy and Security Review*, *Rationality & Society*, *Political Studies*, *World Development*, *Latin American Politics & Society*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *The Latin Americanist*, *Government and Opposition*