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Education

PhD, Political Science, 2001, University of California at Los Angeles

C.Phil., Political Science, 1998, University of California at Los Angeles

MA, Political Science, 1995. University of California at Los Angeles

BA, Political Science, 1990. University of California at Berkeley.

Dissertation: “Institutional Theories, Social Realities, and Party Politics in Brazil” Committee: Barbara Geddes (Chair), Jeff Lewis, and William Summerhill.

Appointments

Simón Bolívar Chair in Latin American Studies, 2018-

Professor, 2017 -

University of California, San Diego. Department of Political Science.

Director, 2016-2019

University of California, San Diego. Latin American Studies Program.

Associate Professor, 2010-2017

University of California, San Diego. Department of Political Science

In residence at the University of Zurich, 2014-2015

Assistant Professor, 2005-2010

University of California, San Diego. Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, 2001-2005

University of Arizona. Department of Political Science

Harvard Academy Scholar, 2002-2003

The Harvard Academy, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Research Fellow, 2000-2001

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University

Books

Scott Desposato, editor. *Ethics and Experiments: Problems and Solutions for Social Scientists and Policy Professionals*. Routledge Series in Experimental Political Science. Routledge, 2016

Journal Articles

George Avelino, Scott Desposato, and Ivan Mardegan. Transparency and Replicability in Brazilian Political and Social Science: A First Look. *Dados*, Forthcoming

Scott Desposato and Gang Wang. The Long-Term Impact of Social Movements and Repression on Democratic Attitudes. *The Journal of East Asian Studies*, Forthcoming

Scott Desposato, Erik Gartzke, and Clara Suong. How ‘Democratic’ is the Democratic Peace? A Survey Experiment of Foreign Policy Preferences in Brazil and China. *Brazilian Political Science Review*, 14(1):1–38, 2020

Scott Desposato. Subjects’ and Scholars’ Views on the Ethics of Political Science Field Experiments. *Perspectives on Politics*, 2018

Rosario Aguilar, Saul Cunow, and Scott Desposato. Choice Set, Gender, and Candidate Choice in Brazil. *Electoral Studies*, 50(3):175–202, 2015

Scott Desposato, Matt Ingram, and Osmar Lannes. Power, Composition, and Decision Making: The Behavioral Consequences of Institutional Reform on Brazil’s Supremo Tribunal Federal. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 31(3), 2015

Rosario Aguilar, Saul Cunow, Scott Desposato, and Leonardo Barone. Ballot Structure, Candidate Race, and Vote Choice in Brazil. *Latin American Research Review*, 50(3):175–202, Fall 2015

David Brown, J. Christopher Brown, and Scott Desposato. NGO’s, Turnout, and the Left in Brazil: A Subnational Analysis of Brazil. *Journal of Developing Societies*, 30(4):365–387, 2014

Francisco Cantú, Scott Desposato, and Eric Magar. Methodological Considerations for Students of Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll-Call Publications. *Política y Gobierno*, XXI(1):25–53, primer semestre 2014

Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato. The New Federalism of Mexico’s Party System. *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, 4(2):3–38, 2012

Saul Cunow, Barry Ames, Scott Desposato, and Lucio Renno. Reelection and Legislative Power: Surprising Results from Brazil. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 37(4):533–558, November 2012

Scott Desposato, Matt Kearney, and Brian Crisp. Using Cosponsorship Data to Estimate Ideal Points. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 34(6):531–565, November 2011

- Brian Crisp, Scott Desposato, and Kris Kanthak. Legislative Pivots, Presidential Powers, and Policy Stability. *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 27:426–452, 2011
- Scott Desposato and Ethan Scheiner. Governmental Centralization and Party Affiliation: Legislator Strategies in Brazil and Japan. *American Political Science Review*, 102(4):509–524, 2009
- David Brown, J Christopher Brown, , and Scott Desposato. Who Gives, Who Receives, and Who Wins? Transforming Capital into Political Change through NonGovernmental Organizations. *Comparative Political Studies*, 41(1):24–47, 2008
- Scott Desposato and Barbara Norrander. The Gender Gap in Latin America: Contextual and Individual Influences on Gender and Political Participation. *British Journal of Political Science*, 39:141–162, 2009
- J Christopher Brown, David Brown, , and Scott Desposato. Promoting and Preventing Political Change through Internationally-Funded NGO Activity. *Comparative Political Studies*, 42(1):126–138, 2008
- Scott W. Desposato. The Impact of Electoral Rules on Legislative Parties: Lessons from the Brazilian Senate and Chamber of Deputies. *Journal of Politics*, 68(4):1018–1030, November 2006
- Scott W. Desposato. Parties for Rent? Careerism, Ideology, and Party Switching in Brazil’s Chamber of Deputies. *American Journal of Political Science*, 50(1):62–80, January 2006
- Scott W. Desposato. Correcting for Small Group Inflation of Roll-Call Cohesion Scores. *British Journal of Political Science*, 35(4):731–744, 2005
- J Christopher Brown, David Brown, , and Scott Desposato. Paving the Way to Political Change: Decentralization of Development in the Brazilian Amazon. *Political Geography*, 24(1):39–52, 2005
- Scott W. Desposato. The Impact of Federalism on National Parties in Brazil. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 29:259–285., 2004
- John Petrocik and Scott Desposato. Incumbency from the Voter’s Perspective. *Political Research Quarterly*, 57(3):363–373, 2004
- Brian Crisp and Scott Desposato. Constituency Building in Multimember Districts: Collusion or Conflict? *Journal of Politics*, 66(1):136–156, 2004
- Scott W Desposato and John R. Petrocik. The Variable Incumbency Advantage: New Voters, Redistricting, and the Personal Vote. *American Journal of Political Science*, 47(1):18–32, 2003
- Scott W. Desposato. Comparing Group and Subgroup Cohesion Scores: A Nonparametric Method with an Application to Brazil. *Political Analysis*, 11(3):275–288, Summer 2003
- David S. Brown, J. Christopher Brown, and Scott W. Desposato. Left Turn on Green? International NGO’s, Civil Society, and Political Change. *Comparative Political Studies*, 7:814–838, September 2002

Scott W. Desposato. Legislative Politics in Authoritarian Brazil. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, XXVI(2):287–317, May 2001

John R. Petrocik and Scott W. Desposato. The Partisan Effects of Majority Minority Districting, 1992-1994. *The Journal of Politics*, 60(3):613–633, August 1998

Other Publications

Scott Desposato. The Ethical Challenges of Political Science Field Experiments. In Anna S. Iltis and Douglas P. MacKay, editors, *The Oxford Handbook of Research Ethics*, Oxford Handbooks Online. Oxford University Press, Forthcoming

Scott Desposato. Research Ethics and Public Opinion. *Political Violence at a Glance*, 2018

Francisco Cantú, Scott Desposato, and Eric Magar. Considerations for Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll-Call Votes. *Panoramas*, Accessed Wednesday, January 6, 2016:<http://www.panoramas.pitt.edu/content/considerations-mexican-legislative-politics-selection-bias-roll-call-votes>, 2016

Scott Desposato. *Ethics and Experiments in Comparative Politics*. Comparative Politics Newsletter, 2015

Scott Desposato. Ethics and research in comparative politics. *The Monkey Cage: A Washington Post Blog*, 2014

Scott Desposato. Book Review: *The Handbook of National Legislatures*, by M. Steven Fish and Matthew Kroenig. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 37(3):389–396, August 2012

Scott Desposato. Estratégia Eleitoral com Representação Proporcional de Lista Aberta e Distritos de Um Membro: Subeleitorados e Comunicação Política. In Magna Inácio and Lucio Rennó, editors, *Legislativo Brasileiro em Perspectiva Comparada*, pages 269–292. Editora UFMG, Belo Horizonte, 2010

Scott Desposato. Party-Switching in Brazil: Causes, Effects, and Representation. In William B. Heller and Carol Mershon, editors, *Political Parties and Legislative Party Switching*. Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2010

Scott W. Desposato. Brazilian Political Reform: What Needs Fixing, What Doesn't, and What to Do. In *Instituicoes Representativas no Brasil: Balanco e Reforma*. Editora UFMG, Belo Horizonte, 2007

Scott Desposato. Preferências dos eleitores e incentivos dos legisladores em ambientes eleitorais diversos: o caso dos estados brasileiros. In Celina Souza and Paulo Fábio Dantas Neto, editors, *Governo, políticas públicas e elites políticas nos estados brasileiros*, pages 229–245. Revan, Rio de Janeiro, 2006

Scott Desposato. From Revolution to Rouba Mas Faz? Lula's Reelection Campaign in Brazil. *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America*, V(I):29–32, spring/summer 2006

Scott Desposato. Latin American Legislative Politics. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 48(4):163–178, 2006

Scott Desposato. How Informal Electoral Institutions Determine Brazilian Legislative Politics. In Steven Levitsky and Gretchen Helmke, editors, *Informal Institutions and Democratic Politics*. John Hopkins University Press, 2006

Scott Desposato and John Petrocik. The Variable Incumbency Advantage: New Voters, Redistricting, and the Personal Vote. In Peter Galderisi, editor, *Redistricting in the New Millennium*. Lexington Books, Lanham, 2005

Scott Desposato. Explaining Patterns of Oversight in Brazilian Subnational Governments, 2005

Scott Desposato. How Vote Buying Shapes the Legislative Arena. In Frederic Schaeffer and Andreas Schedler, editors, *Elections for Sale: The Causes And Consequences of Vote Buying*. Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, 2004

Service and Affiliations

Search Advisory Committee, Seventh College, 2019

Summer Session Advisory Committee Meeting, 2019-

Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, Advisory Board Member, 2012-2013, Chair, 2013-2014, Member, 2019-

Latin American Program, Advisory Board Member, 2012-2013, 2019-

Member, 7th College Provost Search Committee, 2019

Member, Ethics Advisory Board, ERC Aarhus. 2019-

Member, Institute for Practical Ethics, 2018-

Member, Social and Behavioral Sciences Committee, UCSD Human Research Protections Program , 2017-2019

Co-chair, American Political Science Association Ad-Hoc Committee on Human Subjects Research, 2016-

Director, Latin American Studies Program, 2016-2019

Co-Chair, APSA Ad Hoc Committee on Human Subjects Research, 2016-

Editorial Board, *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2015-

Editorial Board, *Colombia International* 2015-

Member, APSA Committee for Professional Ethics, Rights, and Freedoms, 2013-2016

Methods Field Coordinator, Department of Political Science, UCSD. 2011-2014;2015-2016.

Policy Design and Evaluation Laboratory, Political Science Director, 2011-2012

Marshall Mentor Program for Community College Transfer Students, 2006-2010, 2012-2013

Academic Senate Extended Studies and Public Service Committee, 2011-2012

Academic Senate Departmental Representative, 2009-2010

Methods Section Coordinator, Department of Political Science, 2010-2012
Recruitment Committee, Comparative Politics Searches, 2005, 2009, 2010
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2010, 2012
National Science Foundation Dissertation Award Panelist
National Science Foundation Proposal Reviewer
Israeli Science Foundation Proposal Reviewer
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Proposal Reviewer
Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*,
Journal of Politics, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Party Pol-
itics*, *World Politics Quarterly*, and others.
Affiliated Faculty Member, Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, 2005-

Grants and Awards

Fulbright Scholar Award, Brazil, 2020
Facebook. “The Challenges of Online Political Campaigns”. \$49,000. (with George Avelino, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo; Rosario Aguilar, CIDE; and Dan Hallin, UCSD Communications.)
Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences. (co-PI: George Avelino, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo). “Research Transparency in Brazilian Political and Social Science: A First Look”. \$21,250.
Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences. (co-PI: Craig McIntosh). “Creating Pedagogical Materials to Enhance Research Transparency at UCSD”. \$8,941.
UCSD Academic Senate COR Grant. “International Experiments on the Formation of Social Capital by Groups”. \$14,863.
National Science Foundation Award, “Workshop on Ethical Challenges of Experiments in the Social Sciences.” 2012. \$49,909.
UCSD Academic Senate Travel Grants. 2013, 2015, 2016
Best Emerging Scholar Award, APSA Political Organizations and Parties, 2008
UCSD Hellman Fellow, 2008-2009
National Science Foundation Award: Research Experience for Undergraduates.
National Science Foundation Award Supplement.
National Science Foundation Award, Campaign Strategy and Impact in Eight Countries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela). \$89,545
National Science Foundation Award, “Campaign Strategy and Impact in Mexico and Brazil”, \$76,541

Academic Senate CORE Research Grant, UCSD, 2006-2007; 2010-2011
Foreign Travel Award, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, 2004
Academy Fellow, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2002-2003
Foreign Travel Grant, University of Arizona, 2002
Foreign Travel Award, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona, 2002
Small Grant Award, SBSRI, University of Arizona, 2001
Faculty Small Grant, University of Arizona, 2001-2002
Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2000-2001
Graham Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2000
Best Graduate Student Article, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2000
Harvard-MIT Data Center Fellow, 1999-2000
Academy for Educational Development NSEP Dissertation Fellowship: 1998-1999.
UCLA Latin American Center Small Grants: 1995, 1997, 1998
Best Graduate Student Conference Paper, UCLA Department of Political Science, 1997
UCLA Latin American Center Conference Travel Grant, 1997
Tinker Foundation Fellowship: 1995
Title IV Language Fellowship: 1992-1993
Service to the Latino Community Award, El Concilio del Condado de Ventura, 1991

Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2000
American Political Science Association, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 (cancelled), 2011, 2010, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1997, 1998, 1995
Nordic Political Science Association, 2014
Western Political Science Association, 2013, 2010, 2002, 2001, 1997
Southern Political Science Association, 2004, 2001, 2000
International Studies Association, 2006
Latin American Studies Association, 2006, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1997
Rocky Mountain Council on Latin America Conference, 2005
Brazilian Studies Association, 2004
World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, 2005

Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciência Política, Salamanca, 2002
Public Choice, 2002
ECPR Research Sessions, 2014, 2013
New England Political Science Association, 2000
UCLA Graduate Student Latin American Conference, 1997
Political Methodology Meeting, 1997.
Rocky Mt./Pacific Latin American Studies Conference, 1996

Invited Presentations

Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo, Brazil. “The New Ethical Challenges of Experimental Social Science”. 2020.

The Center for Ethics in Science and Technology, “Emerging Ethics Challenges for Experimental Social Science”, 2019.

Conference on Institutions and Law-Making, Emory University, “The Incumbency Advantage in Brazil”, 2019.

Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, “Ethical Research”, 2019.

Texas A&M University, “Subjects and Scholars’ Views on Experimental Research”, 2017.

Duke University Department of Political Science, “The Long-Term Impact of Social Movements and Repression on Democratic Attitudes.” 2016.

Duke University Ethics Workshop, “Ethics in Experimental Research”, 2016.

Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia. “Ethics in Political Science: Challenges and Lessons from the US”. October, 2016.

European Consortium for Political Research, Roundtable on Ethics. September, 2016.

PRIMR Webinar: “New Ethical Challenges in Experimental Political Science”. June, 2016.

Workshop on Ethics and Experimental Political Science, West Virginia University, May, 2016.

Berkeley Initiative on Transparency in the Social Sciences, December, 2015.

The Dynamics of Transcultural Management and Governance in Latin America - XIII Workshop: Perspectives of Future for Latin America/ns. University of St Gallen. January, 2015.

The Ethics Center, University of Zurich, October, 2014.

The Graduate Institute, Geneva, October, 2014.

Department of Political Science, St Gallien University, October, 2014.

Association of Brazilian Political Science, August, 2014.

Berkeley Initiative on Transparency in the Social Sciences, June 2014 & 2015.

Department of Political Science, Brown University, March 2014.
Operant Research Group, Department of Psychology, UCSD. November, 2013.
Claremont Graduate School, November 2013.
Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California, April 2013.
BYU/Princeton Field Experiments Conference, Park City, September 2012
CIDE, Mexico City, September 2012
University of Sao Paulo, June 2012
University of Texas, Constitutional Design Workshop, May 2012
FAPESP / Wilson Center, October 2011
University of California, Merced. May, 2010
University of Michigan, October 2009
University of Brasilia, May 2008
University of Florida, February, 2008
Stanford Comparative Politics Workshop, January, 2008
Temple University, January 2008
The New Left in Latin America, Princeton University, December, 2007
Washington University Conference on Ideal Points, December 2007
Media and Democratization, Tulane, November 2007
UCLA Comparative Politics Speaker Series, June 2007
Harvard University Authors Conference, May 2007
University of Arizona. April 2007 Scott W. Desposato, swd@ucsd.edu
University of California, Riverside. December, 2006
United States Embassy to Colombia: Houston Series Conference, Santa Marta, Colombia, October 2006
Universidade do Distrito Federal, September 2006
Universidade de Brasilia, CEPAQ, September 2006
Centre for Brazilian Studies, Oxford University, April 2006
Voteworld, San Diego, CA, April 2006
Harvard University Latin American Speaker Series, David Rockefeller Center, April 2006
Utah State University, 2005
Brazilian State Politics Conference, Salvador, Bahia, June 2005
Party-Switching Conference, University of Virginia, July 2005

Party-Switching Conference, Trinity College, Dublin, July, 2004
University of Missouri, April, 2004
Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, March, 2003
Comparative Institutions Lecture, MIT, May, 2003
Comparative Electoral Studies Lecture, Yale University, February, 2003
Informal Institutions Conference, Notre Dame, 2003
The Comparative Politics of Vote-Buying, MIT, 2002
Political Reform in Brazil in Comparative Perspective, Rio de Janeiro, 2002
Frontiers in Latin American Political Economy, 2002
UCLA Program on Brazil, December, 2001.
Tulane University, September, 2002
Utah State University, October, 2002

Teaching

Graduate Courses:

Comparative Political Institutions.
Comparative Institutions and Policy Making.
Latin American Politics .
Measurement Theory.
Quantitative Methods.
Experimental Methods.

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Latin America.
Political Economy of Latin America.
Latin American Politics Through Primary Source Materials.
Introduction to American Politics.
Quantitative Methods.
Senior Honors Thesis Seminar