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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian politics, repression, contentious politics, political violence, transitional justice,  
Latin American politics, experiments.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Carnegie Mellon University**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Politics and Strategy, 2021-present

## EDUCATION

### **Emory University**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2021

- Dissertation: *Three Essays on Non-State Actors and Repression in Dictatorships*
- Dissertation Committee: Jennifer Gandhi (Chair); Natália Bueno; Miguel Rueda; Jeffrey K. Staton

M.A., Political Science, 2019

### **Texas Christian University**

B.S., Political Science and History, 2013

*Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## PUBLICATIONS

**Edwards, Pearce** and Patrick Pierson. 2022. "Incumbent-Aligned Terrorism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Argentina's 1973 Elections" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Accepted.

Scharpf, Adam, Christian Gläsel, and **Pearce Edwards**. 2022. "International Sports Events, Media Scrutiny, and Autocratic Repression: Evidence from the 1978 FIFA World Cup" *American Political Science Review*. Accepted.

**Edwards, Pearce**. 2022. "Political Competition and Authoritarian Repression: Evidence from Pinochet's Chile" *World Politics*. Forthcoming.

**Edwards, Pearce**. 2021. "Why No Justice for Past Repression? Militaries, Human Rights Organizations, and Post-Authoritarian States" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 65(4):759-787.

**Edwards, Pearce** and Daniel Arnon. 2021. "Violence on Many Sides: Framing Effects on Protest and Support for Repression" *British Journal of Political Science*. 51(2):488-506.

Media Coverage: [Washington Post](#) [Monkey Cage](#)

**Edwards, Pearce**. 2021. "The Politics of Nonviolent Mobilization" *Journal of Peace Research*. 58(5):945-961.

Winner of 2018 ISA-Midwest Lynne Rienner Award

## WORKING PAPERS OR UNDER REVIEW

"Government Source and Labeling Effects on the Perception of Protest: Evidence from China"  
with Daniel Arnon and Handi Li. Invited to revise and resubmit at *Comparative Political Studies*

"Religious Institutions and Resistance to Repression: The Bishops Opposed to Argentina's Dirty War"

“Identity, Incentives, and Religious Defense of Human Rights” with Gabrielle Esparza

“Protest in the Shadow of Repression and Extremist Violence”

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

“Fixing the Past: The Effects of Repression and Transitional Justice on Trust in Argentina”  
with Jennifer Gandhi and Donald Grasse

“Is Transitional Justice Blind? The Link between Culpability and Prosecution in Argentina’s  
Human Rights Trials” with Jennifer Gandhi and Donald Grasse

“The Catholic Church and Transitional Justice in Argentina”

“Framing Contentious Events at the U.S. Southern Border and Support for Migration”  
with Daniel Arnon

GRANTS &  
AWARDS

Mellon Public Writing Fellowship – Emory University (2021, *declined*).

Halle Graduate Global Fellows Dissertation Research Award (2019)  
One of four university-wide awards for doctoral students.

ISA-Midwest Lynne Rienner Award (2018)  
Best graduate student paper at 2017 ISA-Midwest meeting.

Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award (2018)

National Science Foundation, REU Summer Program: “Democracy, Interdependence, and World  
Politics,” *NSF Award #1143601* (2012)

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (2019-2021, 2022\*)

Midwest Political Science Association (2020<sup>†</sup>)

Southern Political Science Association (2021)

International Studies Association (2020<sup>†</sup>, 2022)

International Studies Association-South (2019)

International Studies Association-Midwest (2017, 2018, 2021\*)

Southeast Latin American Behavior Conference (2018)

Georgia Human Rights Network Workshop (2018, 2019)

Peace Science Society (2018, 2020 - *Online Colloquium*)

Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (2021\*)

Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium (2020<sup>†</sup>)

Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (2020)

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (2020)

\* also a discussant, † canceled due to Covid-19

INVITED  
TALKS

2022 University of North Carolina-Asheville, University of South Carolina

2021 Loyola University-Chicago, Elon University, Texas Christian University, Carnegie  
Mellon University

2019 University of Memphis

FIELD WORK

Buenos Aires, Argentina (2019)

REFEREE SERVICE

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of  
Political Science*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *International Studies Perspectives*,  
*International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*,  
*Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Geography*, *Polity*, *Review of International  
Organizations*, National Science Foundation

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University

- Political Science Research Methods (Spring 2022)
- Repression and Control in Dictatorships (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

Emory University

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Co-Instructor, Fall 2020)
- Repression and Control in Dictatorships (Co-Instructor, Fall 2019)
- Research Design and Methods (Teaching Assistant, Spring 2019)
- Mathematical Tools for Political Scientists (Teaching Assistant, Fall 2017 & Fall 2018)

São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Research Methods for the Humanities

- Experimental Analysis in the Social Sciences (Teaching Assistant, Summer 2017)

ADVISING

Carnegie Mellon University

- Eoin Wilson-Manion (Graduate thesis, 2022)

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Carnegie Mellon University

- Admissions Committee, MS International Relations and Politics (2022)

Emory University

- Panelist, Emory Day at Oxford College (2019)
- Facilitator, Diversity in the Discipline Reading Group (2019)
- Vice President, Graduate Political Science Organization (2018-2019)

Other Service

- Permanent Contributor, *Political Violence at a Glance* (2022-present)
- Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Politics* Formal Theory and Methodology Section (2019)

PUBLIC  
SCHOLARSHIP

“Civilian Collaboration and Reprisals Behind Ukraine’s Front Lines” *Political Violence at a Glance* (June 21, 2022)

“The Repression Behind International Sporting Events” with Adam Scharpf and Christian Gläsel. *Inkstick Media* (March 15, 2022)

“Grassroots Environmental Activism Is One Answer to China’s Climate Commitments” *Carnegie Mellon University Journal of Politics and Strategy* (December 17, 2021)

“The Catholic Church and the Dirty War: Documents from the Benson Latin American Collection” *Not Even Past* (May 7, 2021).

“Nobody Wins with Violence around Elections” with Patrick Pierson. *Political Violence at a Glance* (October 26, 2020).

Radio interview on “Solutions to Violence” (*KFOR 106.5 FM Louisville, KY*) on the Catholic Church during the Dirty War and public opinion on political violence (September 30, 2020).

“Religious Groups as Movement Allies: Where Strategic Nonviolent Action and Moral Nonviolence Meet” *ICNC Minds of the Movement* (August 13, 2020).

“More Than Reporting: Media Portrayal of Protests Can Impact Their Success (and Failure)” with Daniel Arnon. *Political Violence at a Glance* (November 11, 2019).

“The Catholic Church and Argentina’s Dirty War.” Presentation to *Pax Christi International - Atlanta Chapter* (September 4, 2019).

“Understanding Maduro’s Strategy of Social Control.” With Patrick Pierson. *Political Violence at a Glance* (February 6, 2019).

RESEARCH  
ASSISTANCE

NSF Social, Behavioral, and Economics Sciences Project, PI: Anthony DeMattee (2021)

Miguel Rueda (2017, 2018), Natália Bueno (2018, 2020), Nahomi Ichino (2021), Michael Leo Owens (2016)

Coder, Political Terror Scale Project (2017)

ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING

Emory College Online Teaching Strategies Training, 2020. Emory University.

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, 2018-19. Emory University.

Halle Institute for Global Research Grant-Writing Training, 2019. Emory University.

LANGUAGES  
& SKILLS

English (native), Spanish (advanced)

R, Stata, LaTeX

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association,  
International Studies Association, Peace Science Society

RELEVANT  
EMPLOYMENT

Survey Design Consultant, Emory Center for the Study of Law and Religion (2020-2021)

Nonprofit employment and volunteer experience: Teach For America—Metro Atlanta Corps Member (2013-2014), Trinity River Mission (2014-2015), American Civil Liberties Union (2015), Refugee Services of Texas (2016), Goodwill Industries of Dallas (2014-2016)