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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, France</b> Post-doctoral Fellow	September 2016 -
EDUCATION	<b>The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH</b>	
	Ph.D., Political Science	August 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dissertation: <i>“Essays on Economic Inequality and Public Opinion”</i></li><li>Committee: Sarah M. Brooks (Chair), Marcus Kurtz, Kathleen M. McGraw, William Minozzi, Philipp Rehm</li><li>Henry R. Spencer Award, Best Dissertation in the Department of Political Science</li></ul>	
	M.A., Economics	December 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Examinations: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics</li></ul>	
	M.A., Political Science	December 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Specializations: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology</li><li>Certificate, Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Survey Research</li></ul>	
	<b>The University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI</b>	
	M.A., Political Science	June 2008
	<b>The University of Texas, Austin, TX</b>	
	B.A., Government & B.B.A., International Business	June 2006
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>High Honors (<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>), Phi Beta Kappa, Normandy Scholar, Archer Fellow, Department Honors in Government</li><li>Honors Thesis: <i>“Is a Generous Welfare State Compatible with a Competitive Economy? Sweden and Germany Compared”</i></li></ul>	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Political Behavior, Economic Inequality, Public Opinion, Political Psychology, Voting Behavior, Comparative Political Economy, European Politics, Latin American Politics, Experimental Methodology, Causal Inference, Behavioral Economics	
RESEARCH Publications	Mérola, Vittorio E., and Agnar Helgason. Forthcoming. <a href="#">“Are We in the Same Boat or Not? The Opposite Effects of Absolute and Relative Income Shifts on Redistributive Preferences.”</a> <i>The Journal of Politics</i> .	
	Mérola, Vittorio E., and Matt Hitt. 2016. <a href="#">“Numeracy and the Persuasive Effect of Policy Information and Party Cues.”</a> <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> 80(2): 554-562.	
Other Publications	Mérola, Vittorio E. 2014. <a href="#">Review of “The Political Economy of Human Happiness: How Voters’ Choices Determines the Quality of Life,”</a> by Benjamin Radcliff. <i>The Journal of Politics</i> 66(3): e13.	

Working Papers	<p>“Employment Insecurity, Incumbent Partisanship, and Voting Behavior in Comparative Perspective.” (with Agnar Helgason) <i>Revised &amp; Resubmitted</i>, Comparative Political Studies.</p> <p>“When poor students attend rich schools: Do affluent social environments increase or decrease participation?” (with Tali Mendelberg, Adam Thal and Tanika Raychaudhuri) <i>In Preparation</i>.</p> <p>“Data for Some, Values for Others: Individual Differences in Political Persuasion.” (with Matt Hitt) <i>In Preparation</i>.</p> <p>“Bayesian Updaters or Motivated Learners: How Social Distance Shapes Economic Self-Perceptions, Beliefs and Affinity.” <i>In Preparation</i>.</p> <p>“The Motivated Response to Economic Inequality: Experimental Evidence from Sweden.” <i>In Preparation</i>.</p> <p>“The Price of Inequality: How Economic Differences Shape Authoritarianism and Hostility toward Immigrants.”</p> <p>“The Structure of Economic Inequality and Redistributive Demands in Latin America: the Role of Race and Class.”</p>																								
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>“The Motivated Response to Economic Inequality: Experimental Evidence from Sweden.”</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">APSA, Philadelphia, PA</td> <td style="text-align: right;">September 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU</td> <td style="text-align: right;">September 2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">MPSA, Chicago, IL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">April 2015</td> </tr> </table> <p>“When poor students attend rich schools: Do affluent social environments increase or decrease participation?” (with Tali Mendelberg, Adam Thal and Tanika Raychaudhuri)</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">APSA, Philadelphia, PA</td> <td style="text-align: right;">September 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">ISPP, Warsaw, Poland</td> <td style="text-align: right;">July 2016</td> </tr> </table> <p>“Data for Some, Values for Others: Individual Differences in Political Persuasion.”</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">APSA, San Francisco, CA</td> <td style="text-align: right;">September 2015</td> </tr> </table> <p>“Employment Insecurity, Incumbent Partisanship, and Voting Behavior in Comparative Perspective.” (with Agnar Helgason)</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU</td> <td style="text-align: right;">March 2015</td> </tr> </table> <p>“Bayesian Updaters or Motivated Learners: How Social Distance Shapes Economic Self-Perceptions, Beliefs and Affinity.”</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (Poster), New York, NY</td> <td style="text-align: right;">March 2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU</td> <td style="text-align: right;">October 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">APSA, Washington, D.C.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">August 2014</td> </tr> </table> <p>“Are We in the Same Boat or Not? The Opposite Effects of Absolute and Relative Income Shifts on Redistributive Preferences.” (with Agnar Helgason)</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">MPSA, Chicago, IL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">April 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU</td> <td style="text-align: right;">April 2014</td> </tr> </table>	APSA, Philadelphia, PA	September 2016	Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU	September 2015	MPSA, Chicago, IL	April 2015	APSA, Philadelphia, PA	September 2016	ISPP, Warsaw, Poland	July 2016	APSA, San Francisco, CA	September 2015	Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU	March 2015	NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (Poster), New York, NY	March 2015	Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU	October 2014	APSA, Washington, D.C.	August 2014	MPSA, Chicago, IL	April 2014	Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU	April 2014
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NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (Poster), March 2014  
 New York, NY  
 Awarded the Francis R. Aumann Award, Best Conference Paper, August 2014  
 Department of Political Science, OSU

“Numeracy and the Persuasive Effect of Policy Information and Party Cues.” (with Matt Hitt)  
 OSU Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative Research April 2014 Forum  
 (by invitation)  
 Workshop on American Politics, OSU March 2014

“The Structure of Economic Inequality and Redistributive Demands in Latin America: the Role  
 of Race and Class.”  
 MPSA, Chicago, IL April 2013  
 APSA, New Orleans, LA September 2012  
 Comparative Politics Research Workshop, OSU March 2012

“Unequal Democracy: The Politics of Insecurity in Developing Countries 1800-1960.” (with Sarah  
 Brooks)  
 APSA, Washington, D.C. September 2010

GRANTS & AWARDS Graduate Associate Teaching Award (nominated), OSU 2015  
 Political Science Department Grant, OSU, \$6,800 2015  
 Faculty Development Grant (with Matt Hitt), LSU, \$10,000 2015  
 Distinguished University Fellowship, OSU 2013-2014  
 Behavioral and Decision Making Research Grant, OSU, \$2,500 2013  
 Penn Social Science & Policy Forum Fellowship, 2013  
 University of Pennsylvania, \$1,500  
 Behavioral and Decision Making Research Grant, OSU \$2,000 2012  
 FLAS, Academic Year Fellowship for Portuguese, OSU 2011-2013  
 International Affairs Graduate Student Grant, OSU, \$3,500 2012  
 Tinker Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, OSU, \$1,000 2012  
 FLAS, Summer Fellowship for Portuguese, OSU Summer 2012  
 Francis Aumann Grant, OSU, \$1,500 Summer 2012  
 College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, OSU 2011  
 Francis Aumann Grant, OSU, \$3,500 Summer 2010  
 Distinguished University Fellowship, OSU 2009-2010  
 Tejas Fleming Scholarship, UT-Austin 2005  
 CIBER Award of Excellency, UT-Austin 2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE **Discussant**  
 APSA, Philadelphia, PA September 2016  
 APSA, Washington, D.C. August 2014  
 MPSA, Chicago, IL April 2014  
 Globalization Speaker Series, Mershon Center, Columbus, OH February 2014 & 2016

**Panel Chair**  
 APSA, Philadelphia, PA September 2016

**Reviewer**  
*Journal of Politics, Rationality and Society*

**Affiliations**  
 American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International

Society of Political Psychology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Ohio State Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative

**Graduate Coordinator**

Comparative Politics Workshop, OSU 2014-2016

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**The Ohio State University**, Department of Political Science

Instructor, Techniques of Political Analysis (Intro to Quantitative Methods) Fall 2015

Guest Lecturer (The Psychology of Inequality), in Fall 2015

The Political Economy of Income Inequality, Volatility,  
and Mobility (Graduate), Prof. Philipp Rehm

Guest Lecturer (ISI and Debt Crisis in Latin America), in Spring 2011

Politics of the Developing World, Prof. Marcus Kurtz

TA, Politics of the Developing World, Prof. Marcus Kurtz Spring 2011

**The University of Wisconsin**, Department of Political Science

TA, Politics of Globalization, Prof. Mark Copelovitch Spring 2009

TA, Introduction to International Relations, Prof. Helen Kinsella Spring 2008

TA, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Prof. Nils Ringe Fall 2007 & 2008

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Senior Analyst** (designing and analyzing political field experiments)

The Analyst Institute, Washington, D.C. April 2014-February, 2015

**Research Assistant**

Prof. Tali Mendelberg, Princeton University Spring 2016

Prof. Rachel Bowen, OSU 2010-2011

Prof. Ted Hopf, OSU Winter 2011

Prof. Sonja Amadae, OSU Fall 2010

Security & Defence Agenda, Brussels August 2006-May 2007

U.S. HoR: Int. Relations Committee, Washington, D.C. August 2004-December 2004

OTHER SKILLS  
& TRAINING

**Languages**

Swedish (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), French (Advanced), Portuguese (Advanced)

**Software**

R, STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, z-Tree, Qualtrics, BUGS/JAGS, ArcGIS, HTML

**Statistical Training**

Bayesian and Spatial Statistics, Causal Inference, Experimental Methodology, MLE, Multilevel Modeling, Network Analysis, OLS, Structural Equation Modeling, Time Series and Survival Analysis

**Summer Training**

Summer Institute on Inequality, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 2013

Summer Language Program, University of Florida/Georgetown, Rio de Janeiro 2012

ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2010

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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