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Louisiana State University  
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### Louisiana State University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2023-

### Carnegie Mellon University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Politics and Strategy, 2021-2023

## EDUCATION

### Emory University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2021

M.A., Political Science, 2019

### Texas Christian University

B.S., Political Science and History, 2013

*Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## PUBLICATIONS

Arnon, Daniel, **Pearce Edwards**, and Handi Li. 2023. "Message or Messenger? Source and Labeling Effects in Authoritarian Response to Protest" *Comparative Political Studies*. Forthcoming.

Scharpf, Adam, Christian Gläsel, and **Pearce Edwards**. 2023. "International Sports Events, Media Scrutiny, and Autocratic Repression: Evidence from the 1978 FIFA World Cup" *American Political Science Review*. 117(3):909-926.

Media Coverage: [The Economist](#), [The Times of London](#), [Der Spiegel](#), [Le Devoir](#), [Haaretz](#)

**Edwards, Pearce** and Patrick Pierson. 2023. "Incumbent-Aligned Terrorism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Argentina's 1973 Elections" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 67(4): 672-700.

**Edwards, Pearce**. 2022. "Political Competition and Authoritarian Repression: Evidence from Pinochet's Chile" *World Politics*. 74(4):479-522.

**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.

**Edwards, Pearce**. 2021. "The Politics of Nonviolent Mobilization: Campaigns, Competition, and Social Movement Resources" *Journal of Peace Research*. 58(5):945-961.

Winner of 2018 ISA-Midwest Lynne Rienner Award

## WORKING PAPERS

"Religious Institutions and Resistance to Repression: The Bishops Opposed to Argentina's Dirty War" Conditionally accepted at *Comparative Politics*

“Identity, Incentives, and Religious Defense of Human Rights: Marshall Meyer and the DAIA in Argentina’s Dirty War” with Gabrielle Esparza. Invited to revise and resubmit at the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

“Does Sportswashing Work? First Insights from the 2022 World Cup in Qatar” with Christian Gläsel and Adam Scharpf. Invited to revise and resubmit at *Journal of Politics*

“Fixing the Past: The Effects of Human Rights Trials on Political Attitudes in Argentina” with Jennifer Gandhi and Donald Grasse. Invited to revise and resubmit at *British Journal of Political Science*

“Crossing Boundaries: How Transgressive Contention by Migrants Can Shape Public Attitudes” with Daniel Arnon

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

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

“Protest in the Shadow of Repression and Extremist Violence”

“The Catholic Church and Transitional Justice in Argentina”

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (2019-2021, 2022\*-2023\*)  
International Studies Association (2020<sup>†</sup>, 2022)  
Southern Political Science Association (2021)  
Midwest Political Science Association (2020<sup>†</sup>)  
Peace Science Society (2018, 2022; *Online Colloquium*: 2020, 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)  
Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (2021\*)  
Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (2020)  
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (2020)

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

INVITED  
TALKS

2023 University of South Carolina  
2022 Rice University, Louisiana State University, 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

GRANTS &  
AWARDS

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Research Stipend – Louisiana State  
University (2024-2026)

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)

FIELD WORK

Buenos Aires, Argentina (2019)

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

Louisiana State University

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (2023)
- Authoritarian Politics (2023)

Carnegie Mellon University

- Political Science Research Methods (2022, 2023)
- Repression and Control in Dictatorships (2021, 2022)

Emory University

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

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

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

ADVISING

Carnegie Mellon University

- Ruth Pace (MS thesis, 2023)\*
- Xitai Wang (MS thesis, 2023)
- Eoin Wilson-Manion (MS thesis, 2022)\*

\* primary advisor

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Louisiana State University

- Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science (2023-)

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* (2022-2023)
- Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Politics* Formal Theory and Methodology Section (2019)

REFEREE SERVICE

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *International Interactions*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*,

*International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Mobilization, Political Behavior, Political Geography, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Polity, Review of International Organizations, National Science Foundation*

PUBLIC  
SCHOLARSHIP

“Why Hosting the World Cup May Have Worsened Human Rights Abuses in Qatar” with Adam Scharpf and Christian Gläsel. *Political Violence at a Glance* (December 14, 2022)

“Political Violence, Ex-Presidents, and Upcoming Elections” *Political Violence at a Glance* (August 31, 2022)

“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).

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).

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)