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Academic and Administrative Positions

University of Maryland

Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, 2021-present.

Associate Chair of the Department of Government and Politics (GVPT), August-December 2023 (interim); July 2020-2021.

Chair and Inaugural Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, GVPT, 2020-present.

Co-Chair of the Policy and Community Engagement Subcommittee, Anti-Black Racism Initiative, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, 2020-2022.

Professor of Government and Politics, 2023- .

Associate Professor of Government and Politics, 2017-2023.

Assistant Professor of Government and Politics, 2012-2017.

City of College Park

Commissioner, Restorative Justice Commission, 2022-2025.

Co-Chair of the Restorative & Transformative Justice Committee, 2022- .

University of Pennsylvania

Visiting Fellow of the Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management & International Studies, The Wharton School and the Department of Political Science, 2010-2012.

University of Houston

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2005-2010.

Additional Professional Experience & Training

Universitas21 (U21) Global Leadership Fellow, 2022.

Diversity Scholars Network Fellow, National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan, 2022- present.

Leadership Fellow, ADVANCE Program for Inclusive Excellence UMD, 2020-2021.

Education

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, Northwestern University.

Licenciatura in International Relations, Universidad de Belgrano, Argentina.

Books

Alcañiz, Isabella and Ricardo Gutiérrez. 2022. *The Distributive Politics of Environmental Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean*. Cambridge University Press: New York, Latin American Politics and Society Elements Series.

Alcañiz, Isabella. 2016. *Environmental and Nuclear Networks in the Global South: How Skills Shape International Cooperation* in Structural Analysis in the Social Sciences Series, Cambridge University Press: New York.

-2018 Paperback.

Guest Editor

Alcañiz, I. and Klaus Hubacek. 2021. Special Issue on Climate Change and Social Inequality. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

Alcañiz, I. 2016. Special Issue on Social Networks. *América Latina Hoy* 73 (22): 11-12 (Spain).

Articles and Book Chapters

Alcañiz, Isabella and Ana Ivelisse Sanchez-Rivera. 2023. "The Politics of Climate Disasters, Social Inequality, and Perceptions of Government Assistance" in the *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Environmental Politics*, Eds. Stacy VanDeveer, Jeannie Sowers, and Erika Weinthal (127-140). Oxford University Press: New York.

Alcañiz, Isabella and Agustina Giraudy. 2022. "How International Donations of Environmental Aid Reach Subnational Beneficiaries in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico." *Environmental Politics* 32 (4): 663-683.

Alcañiz, I. and Klaus Hubacek. 2021. Closing the Climate Gap: Introduction to the Special Issue on Climate Change and Social Inequality. *Journal of Cleaner Production* 292: 126076.

Alcañiz, Isabella and Ricardo Gutiérrez. 2020. "Gender, Land Distribution, and Who Gets State Funds to Stop Deforestation" *Journal of Environmental Management*, Special Issue on Climate Inequality 272: 111060.

Alcañiz, Isabella, and Ricardo Gutierrez. 2020. "Between the Global Commodity Boom and Subnational State Capacities: Payment for Environmental Services to Fight Deforestation in Argentina." *Global Environmental Politics* 20 (1): 38-59.

Alcañiz, Isabella, Ernesto Calvo, and Marcelo Escolar. 2020. "A Survey Experiment on Bad Bosses: The Effect of Social Networks on Gender Solidarity." *Latin American Research Review* 55 (4): 631-647.

Alcañiz, Isabella, Ernesto Calvo, and Marcelo Escolar. 2019. "Mavericks versus Party Insiders: A Survey Experiment on Candidate- and Party-centric Attitudes of Voters" in *Latin American Politics and Society* 61 (4).

Gabay, Mónica, Ricardo A. Gutiérrez, and Isabella Alcañiz. 2019. "Transnational Network and the Adoption of Model Forest in Argentina" in *La Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político* 13 (1).

Berardo, R., I. Alcañiz, J. Hadden, and L. Jasny. 2017. "Networks and the Politics of the Environment" in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks* Victor, J., M. Lubell, and A. H. Montgomery. University of Oxford Press: New York.

- Alcañiz, Isabella. 2017. "Debt, Democracy, and Post-Neoliberalism: 30 Years of Regional Integration in Latin America" in *Latin America since the Left Turn*, Edited by Tulia Falletti and Emilio Parrado. University of Pennsylvania Press: Philadelphia.
- Malamud, Andrés and Isabella Alcañiz. 2017. "Managing Security in a Zone of Peace: Brazil's Soft Approach to Regional Governance" in *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional (Brazilian Journal of International Politics)* 60 (1): 1-22.
- Alcañiz, Isabella and R. Berardo. 2016. "A Network Analysis of Transboundary Water Cooperation in La Plata Basin" *Water Policy* 18 (5): 1120-1138.
- Alcañiz, Isabella. 2016. "Partner Selection in International Organizations: The Effect of Skills and Money on Environmental Cooperation in the Global South" *Environmental Science & Policy* 55 (1): 107-115.
- Alcañiz, Isabella. 2016. "Transgovernmental Networks and Cooperation in the Global South" ("Redes transgubernamentales y la cooperación Sur-Sur"). *Revista Ciencia Política (Chile)* 36 (3): 679-703.
- Alcañiz, Isabella, Ernesto Calvo, and Julia Rubio. 2016. "Educadamente Desiguales: Género y Salario en el Sector Público Argentino (2003-2010)" (Unequal despite Education: Gender and Wages in the Argentine Public Sector 2003-2010"). *Desarrollo Económico (Argentina)* 55 (217): 343-357.
- Alcañiz, Isabella. 2013 "De Malvinas a Malvinas: El Efecto de la Reputación en la Política Argentina de Seguridad Internacional" (From Malvinas to Malvinas: Reputational Effects in Argentina's International Security Policy). *Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político*, Special Issue Las Promesas (In) Cumplidas de la Democratización: 30 años de Democracia en Argentina (30 Years of Democracy in Argentina)
- Alcañiz, Isabella. 2012 "Democratization and Multilateral Security" in *World Politics*, 64 (2): 306-340.
- Alcañiz, Isabella & Timothy Hellwig. 2011. "Who's to Blame? The Distribution of Responsibility in Developing Democracies," *British Journal of Political Science*, 41 (2): 389-411.
- Alcañiz, Isabella. 2010 "Bureaucratic Networks and Government Spending: A Network Analysis of Nuclear Cooperation in Latin America" in *Latin American Research Review*, 45 (1): 148-172.
- Alcañiz, Isabella & Ricardo A. Gutiérrez. 2009. "From Local Protest to the International Court of Justice: Forging Environmental Foreign Policy in Argentina" 109-120. Paul G. Harris, ed. *Environmental Change and Foreign Policy: Theory and Practice*. London: Routledge.
- Alcañiz, Isabella & Melissa Scheier. 2008 "New Social Movements with Old Party Politics: The MTL Piqueteros and the Communist Party in Argentina" 271-285; in Richard Stahler-Sholk, Harry E. Vanden, and Glen Kuecker (Eds.), *Rethinking Latin American Social Movements: Resistance, Power, and Democracy in the Post Neoliberal Era*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (**Recipient of the Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2009 Award**).

Alcañiz, Isabella & Melissa Scheier. 2007 “New Social Movements with Old Party Politics: The MTL *Piqueteros* and the Communist Party in Argentina” in *Latin American Perspectives*, Special Issue Globalizing Resistance 34 (2): 157-171.

Alcañiz, Isabella 2005 “Defeating Welfare Retrenchment: Privatization and Conflict in the Argentine Nuclear Energy Sector” in *New Political Science*, Special Issue, 27 (3): 331-344.

Alcañiz, Isabella 2005 “La Política Nuclear Argentina y el Instituto Balseiro: Cincuenta Años de Historia” (Argentine Nuclear Policy and the Balseiro Institute: Fifty Years of History) in *Ciencia Hoy*, Special Issue on the Balseiro Institute’s 50th Anniversary 88 (15): 20-25. August/September Argentina – Invited Article.

Work in Progress and Under Review

Alcañiz, Isabella, Alejandra Marchevsky, Ashley Ross, and Stella Rouse. “American or not American? The Role of Race, Immigration and Partisanship in Shaping Attitudes about Disaster Assistance in the United States” (R&R at *PS: Political Science & Politics*).

Alcañiz, Isabella and Juan Gélvez-Ferreira. “Race and Natural Disasters in Colombia.”

Alcañiz, Isabella, Ernesto Calvo, Marcus Johnson, and Sebastián Vallejo Vera. “Motivated Identity: Priming Respondents on Race and Ethnicity.”

Alcañiz, Isabella, Ernesto Calvo, Marcus Johnson, and Sebastián Vallejo Vera. “Sharing Identity Politics in Social Media: A Survey Experiment on Amplification and Interference.”

Alcañiz, Isabella, Elin Berlin, and Ernesto Calvo. “Motivated Salience: Order Effects, Partisanship, and the Most Important Issue (MII) in Survey Questions.”

Grants and Awards

2023. Excellence in Mentorship Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, UMD.

2020-2021. Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement, Faculty Fellow.

2020. Teaching Innovation Grant (UMD) on Global Classrooms with the Office of International Affairs (“Water Insecurity in the COVID-19 Era”).

2018-2020. National Agency of Scientific and Technological Promotion of Argentina, Research Projects in Science and Technology, co-investigator (“Coalitions and Environmental Policies in the Argentine Provinces 2002-2017”).

2017. Dean Research Initiative, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences-UMD, individual research project (“Who gets help? Poverty, Voters' Preferences, and the Allocation of Federal Green Aid”).

2017. Dean Research Initiative, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences-UMD, collaborative research project (“Climate Change and Social Inequality”).

2014-2016. Dr. Horace V. and Wilma E. Harrison Distinguished Professor.

2012-2013. Research Grant, Mack Center for Technological Innovation, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

2011-2012. Research Grant, Mack Center for Technological Innovation, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

2011. Penn Lauder CIBER Faculty Grant.

2010. Small Research Grant, University of Houston.

2008- 2009. Provost Grant, University of Houston.

2006. New Faculty Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston.

2003, 1999. Travel and Research Grants, Northwestern University.

2000-1997. Graduate Fellow, National Science Foundation.

Leadership Service

Faculty leader, Vision Team for Faculty Success, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2023-2025.

Program Co-Chair of Repal (Quito, Ecuador) 2022-2023.

Commissioner, Restorative Justice Commission, City of College Park, 2022-2025.

Co-Chair of the Restorative & Transformative Justice Committee, 2022- .

Executive Committee Member, Latin American Association of Political Science, 2022-2024.

Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS), UMD, 2021- .

Chair and Inaugural Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, GVPT 2020- .

Co-Chair of the Policy and Community Engagement Subcommittee, Anti-Black Racism Initiative, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, UMD 2020- .

Universitas21 (U21) Global Leadership fellow, UMD nominee, 2022.

Associate Chair, Department of Government and Politics, UMD 2020-2021.

Leadership Council Member, *Mi Espacio*, CASA de Maryland, 2018-2021.

Editorial Advisory Board, *Global Environmental Politics* 2021- .

Chair Ad Hoc Committee on Race and Anti-Racism, GVPT 2020.

Editorial Advisory Board, *Environmental Politics* 2020-2023.

UMD Leadership Fellow, ADVANCE Program for Inclusive Excellence 2020-2021.

Latin American and Caribbean Politics Section Program Committee Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, 2020-2021.

Comparative Politics Field Chair, 2019-2021.

Inaugural Committee Member and Faculty Affiliate of the Environment and Society Foundation, Marine Estuarine Environmental Science Graduate Program, University System of Maryland 2018-2021.

Board of Directors, Environmental Section Latin American Studies Association 2018-2023.

Co-Founder and Coordinator of the Workshop on Climate Change and Social Inequality, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 2017-2019.

Executive Committee Member of the Program for Society and the Environment, UMD 2014-2019.

Steering Committee Member, the Environmental Science and Policy Program, UMD 2012-2021.

Media

NPR Marketplace; NPR Marketplace Tech; CNN en Español, Washington DC; *CNN en Español*, Argentina; *Univisión; Cuestión de Poder NTN24*, Washington DC; *Primera Plana RFI*, France; *El Post, Washington Post* Podcast in Spanish; *RCN La Radio*, Colombia; *Radio Nacional de Cordoba*, Argentina; *A24 Noticias*, Argentina; *France 24 Español; TN Todo Noticias*, Argentina; *IP Noticias*, Argentina; *Latin American Energy Advisor, Inter-American Dialogue* Washington D.C. Energy Policy Commentator (2006-present); *El Estadista*, Argentina; *The Correspondent*, The Netherlands; *El Mundo*, España; *Agenda Pública*, España; *Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy*, Switzerland; *Duck of Minerva*, US; *El Vocero de Puerto Rico; Primer Saque, Oraculus*, Mexico; *The Brookings Institute*, Washington D.C.; *Radio LRA 30 Radio Nacional Bariloche* (Argentina); *Clarín* (Argentina); *Hoy* (El Salvador); *Radio France Internationale* (RFI) for Latin America; *Impacto Latin News* (New York).

Courses Taught

Graduate Seminars

Colloquium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies: Justice in the Americas
The Political Economy of Latin America
Gender and Politics
Democracy and Democratization
International Political Economy
Environmental, Energy and Science Policy

Undergraduate Courses

Seminar in Public Policy: Advanced Topics in Environmental Policy Analysis
Comparative Politics
Latin American Politics
Politics of Developing Areas
International Relations
Politics of Globalization (Developed as a New Minor for the Bauer Business School, University of Houston)

World Politics
Seminar on International Bargaining

International Teaching

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Alta Scuola di Economia e Relazioni Internazionali, Graduate School of Economics and International Relations, Master in International Relations, Milan, Italy, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015.

UNAM, College of Political and Social Sciences, Gender, Politics, and Policy, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico, 2021, 2020.

School of Politics and Government, Universidad de San Martín, Affiliated Faculty, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2021, 2018, 2017.

Visiting Professor of International Relations, Department of Humanities, 2000-2002.
Universidad de San Andrés (Buenos Aires, Argentina).

Invited Talks

University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House Global Order Colloquium, *Nuclear Safety and Proliferation: Consequences during Peace, War, and Climate Crises*, 2023.

Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UMD, presentation on Deforestation in Latin America, Spanish @ Work Program, 2023.

Sadat Chair Book Chats, UMD, presentation on *The Distributive Politics of Environmental Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean*, 2022.

UNSAM-LACS, presentation on *The Distributive Politics of Environmental Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean*, 2022.

Restorative Justice in the Built Environment Dialogue Series, presentation on Restorative Justice in Lakeland, UMD School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, 2022.

Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies, Socio-environmental and Territorial Justice Program, University of Pennsylvania, 2022.

Washington College, presentation on climate disaster politics, invited by Sigma Delta Pi and the Student Environmental Alliance, 2022.

Keynote speaker for the virtual 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month program, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), 2021.

Columbia University, Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS), Conference on Rethinking Nature and Society in Latin America, 2021.

Comparative Politics and Political Economy webinar of the Political Science and the Bren School of Environmental Science, University of California Santa Barbara, 2021.

Paper presentation at the joint seminar of the Department of Economics, the School of Public Policy, and the Center for Social Science Scholarship, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, 2021.

Invited talk on political science and professional development (Conversatorio ¿De qué va eso de la Ciencia Política?), UNAM, College of Political and Social Sciences, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico, 2020.

Book Conference and Public Panel at the Luskin Center for Innovation, University of California-Los Angeles, 2020.

Invited talk on Climate Disasters and Perceptions of Assistance Deservingness in Puerto Rico, School of Public Policy and management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2019.

Symposia on social equality in climate change mitigation and adaptation, Socio-Ecological Practice Research Institute (the SEPR Institute), Tongji University, Shanghai, China 2019 (Symposia Co-Chair).

Book presentation at the Escuela de Política y Gobierno, Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM), Argentina, 2017.

Book presentation at the Latin American and Latino Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania, 2017.

Book presentation at the Ethics and Political Science Research Program at the Department of Political Science, Texas A & M University, 2016.

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas Aguascalientes, Mexico, 2015.

Saint Michael's College, Vermont, 2015.

The University of Pennsylvania Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism (DCC), 2015.

Environmental Law Program, Frances King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland, 2013.

Program for Society and the Environment (PSE), Workshop, University of Maryland, 2013.

Department of Liberal Studies, California State University, Los Angeles, 2012.

Latin American Studies Center, University of Maryland, 2011.

Conferences

Conference on the Political Economy of Latin America (REPAL) 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014.

American Political Science Association 2023, 2019, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004.

Latin American Studies Association 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2009, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2003, 2001.

Midwest Political Science Association 2021, 2008, 2007, 2005.

Western Political Science Association 2020.

Fourth International Conference on Patagonia Forests, Centro Austral de Investigaciones Científicas, Ushuaia, Argentina 2019.

International Studies Association 2018, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2007, 2006, 2004.

White Paper on Climate Change and Social Inequality, BSOS Research Workshop, 2017.

Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político, Annual Meeting, 2017, 2013, 2011.

ISA/Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales 2014.

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 24th Annual Meeting, 2012

The Penn Lauder CIBER 1st Annual Faculty Development in International Business Conference (FDIB), 2011.

The Lauder Institute and the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Conference on Global Risk: New Perspectives and Opportunities, 2011.

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, Rice University, Houston, TX, 2009 (**Invited Talk**).

Harvard Networks in Political Science, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2008.

2nd Regional Latin American Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2007 (**Invited Talk**).

Millennium Conference, Seventh International Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies, International Studies Association (CISS-ISA), Bucaco, Portugal, 2007.

ICS, University of Lisbon, Portugal, Invited Round Table Discussant on “Mercosur: Current State and Likely Prospects”, 2007.

University and Professional Service

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Government and Politics, 2023.

Member, Executive Committee, Government and Politics, 2023.

Host organizer of the 8th Annual Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR) University of Maryland, College Park, 2023.

Member and Faculty representative, Search Committee for the inaugural Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion of the University of Maryland, 2023.

Diversity Scholars Network fellow, National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID), University of Michigan (U-M), 2022-.

International Studies Association (ISA), Best Book Award Committee Member, 2021-2022.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Government and Politics, 2021.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, School of Public Policy, 2021.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, African-American Studies Department, 2021.

Latin American Studies Center (LASC) Curriculum Committee, 2020.

Judge at the 15th & 16th Annual USM PROMISE Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Research Symposium & Professional Development Conference, UMD 2020, 2019.

Faculty Reviewer for New Directions Fund, Maryland Catalyst Fund program, UMD, 2019.

Keynote panel speaker for the LASC annual graduate conference "Huracán, Tormenta, Storm: Winds of Change," UMD, 2019.

Speaker at panel on *Challenges & Biases in STEM Academia and How to Overcome Them*, Professional Development Series, Biological Sciences Graduate Program, UMD, 2019.

Political Ties Award Committee Member, Political Networks Section, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019.

Faculty discussant for the LASC annual graduate conference "Queer/Cuir Americas: Rebels, Counternarratives, Solidarities," UMD, 2018.

Sprague Award Committee Member, Political Networks Section, APSA, 2018.

Member of the Special Jury for the Inter-American Prize for Innovation in Effective Public Management (PIGEP in Spanish) organized by the Department for Effective Public Management, Organization of American States (OAS), 2017.

University Honor's Council Representative, GVPT, UMD 2016-2017

Undergraduate Committee Member, GVPT, UMD 2014-2016

Executive Committee Member, GVPT, UMD 2013-2014

Member of the selection committee for the 2013 Sage Award for the best paper developing and/or applying qualitative research methods for the American Political Science Association (APSA).

Faculty Discussant for the LASC Conference (LASC) UMD 2013

Member of the selection committee for University-Wide Field Research Grants for Graduate Students conducting research in Latin America, LASC, UMD 2012.

Reviewer for the Following Journals

Environmental Science and Policy (ES&P)

American Journal of Political Science (AJPS)

International Organization (IO)

International Studies Quarterly (ISQ)

Social Science Quarterly (SSQ)

Journal of Politics (JOP)

Comparative Politics Studies (CPS)

World Politics

Law & Society Review

International Journal of Water Governance (IJWG)

Political Behavior

Legislative Studies Quarterly (LSQ)

Languages

English (native language)

Spanish (native language)

Portuguese (proficient)

Affiliation in Professional Networks

Red de Politólogas (Network of women political scientists studying Latin America), 2016-

Women Also Know Stuff, 2016-

People of Color Also Know Stuff, 2019-

Diversity Scholars Network fellow, National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID), University of Michigan (U-M), 2022-