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## Academic Appointments

2022-Current	Assistant Professor, Loyola University Chicago
2026 (Fall)	Visiting Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
2025 (Fall)	Visiting Researcher, Center for Metropolitan Studies, University of São Paulo, Brazil

## Education

2022	Ph.D., Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis
2018	M.A., Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis
2014	M.S., Political Science, University of São Paulo, Brazil
2011	B.A., Social Sciences, University of São Paulo, Brazil

## Books

2. Janusz, Andrew, **Patrick Cunha Silva**, and Andrea Junqueira. Under Contract. *Intersectional Institutionalism: How District Magnitude Affects the Representation of Marginalized Groups*. Cambridge University Press.
1. Crisp, Brian, **Patrick Cunha Silva**, Santiago Olivella, and Guillermo Rosas. 2025. *Electoral System Incentives for Interparty and Intraparty Politics*. Oxford University Press.

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

15. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**, G. Agustin Markarian, and Brady Mudge\*. 2026. "Do Women Legislators Legislate Different than Men on Gun-Related Policy? A Suggestive Yes." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 51(2), e70065
14. O'Brochta, William and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. 2025 (OnlineFirst). "Language Cues and Perceptions of Nationalism" *Political Behavior*
13. **Cunha Silva, Patrick** and William O'Brochta. 2025. "Gendered Ideologies, Gendered Perceptions: Do Nationalist Symbols and Gender Affect Citizens' Perceptions of Politicians?" *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 13(1), 46–63.
12. Janusz, Andrew, **Patrick Cunha Silva**, and Andrea Junqueira. 2025. "Electoral Role Models: Political Empowerment and Candidate Emergence." *Political Behavior* 47, 573–598.
11. Junqueira, Andrea and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. 2024. "Strengthening the Party, Weakening the Women: Unforeseen Consequences of Institutional Change." *Journal of Politics*. 86(2):734-748

10. Crisp, Brian and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. 2023. “The Role of District Magnitude in When Women Represent Women.” *British Journal of Political Science*. 53(3): 1061–1069
9. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. 2023. “The Effect of the Ballot in an Unranked Ballot System.” *Party Politics*. 29(1): 153–163
8. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. 2023. “District Magnitude, Electoral Coordination, and Legislative Fragmentation.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*. 33(3): 462-478
7. Demirkaya, Betul, **Patrick Cunha Silva**, and Brian Crisp. 2022. “The Logic of Campaign Spending in Mixed-Member Electoral Systems.” *Electoral Studies*. 79(102496)
6. O’Brochta, William and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. 2022. “Signaling Democratic Progress Through Electoral System Reform in Post-Communist States.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 75(4): 1037–1050
5. **Cunha Silva, Patrick** and Brian F. Crisp. 2022. “Unintended Institutional Interactions: Presidential Coattails and Gender Parity Quotas.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 75(3): 620-631
4. **Cunha Silva, Patrick** and Brian F. Crisp. 2022. “Ballot Spoilage as a Response to Limitations on Choice and Influence.” *Party Politics*. 28(3): 521–527
3. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. 2022. “Campaign Resources and Pre-Electoral Coalitions.” *Party Politics*. 28(1): 105-114
2. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**, and Brian Crisp. 2020. “The Impact of Cuing Candidate Quality on Female Candidates.” *Electoral Studies*. 64(102127)
1. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**, Andreza Davidian, Andrea Freitas, and Donizete Cazzolato. 2015. “Political Reform in Brazil: Inquiries about its Impacts on the Party System and Representation.” *Revista Opinião Pública*, 21(1): 1-32. [in Portuguese]

\* denotes undergraduate student.

## Book Chapters

4. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**, and Danilo B. Medeiros. “Legislatures.” In production. *The Handbook of Latin American Politics*.
3. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. 2021. “The Legislative Production in Brazilian Municipalities: A Study of 27 Local Legislatures (2001-2011).” In: *A Nova Ciência Política*, ed. Rogério Arantes and Lucas Petroni. São Paulo: FFLCH. 233-268 [in Portuguese]
2. Crisp, Brian, and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. 2020. “Electoral Systems and System Reforms in Latin America.” In: *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Oxford University Press
1. Simoni Jr., Sergio, **Patrick Cunha Silva**, and Rafael Souza. 2009. “The Electoral System in the 1987-8 Constituent Assembly: The Choice for the Proportional Representation.” In: *A Constituição de 1988: Passado e Futuro*, ed. Maria de Carvalho, Cícero Araújo, and Júlio Simões. São Paulo: Hucitec. 136-168. [in Portuguese]

## Working Papers

5. Barnes, Tiffany, **Patrick Cunha Silva**, Mirya Holman. “Government Spending Shapes the Emergence of Women as Candidates for Local Office”
4. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. “Politician-to-Politician Assistance and the Gender Gap”

3. **Cunha Silva, Patrick** and Guillermo Rosas. “Shared Incumbency or Shared Partisanship? Assessing the Heuristic Value of Partisan Cues on Local and National Incumbent Approval’
2. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**, and Raduan van Velthem Meira. “Ideological Incongruence and Electoral Campaigns.”
1. Kim, Jeong Hyun, Gregory W. Saxton, and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. “How Populist and Anti-Gender Rhetoric Shape Attitudes Toward Politicians”

## Work in progress

2. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. “Gender, Endorsements, and Electoral Support.”
1. Arretche, Marta and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. “Gender and Institutions. Why Do Women Prefer Local Governments?”

## Academic Translations

1. Kellstedt, Paul, and Guy Whitten. 2016. *Os Fundamentos da Pesquisa em Ciência Política* (with Lorena Barberia and Gilmar Masiero). São Paulo: Blucher. From the original: Kellstedt, Paul, and Guy Whitten. 2013. *The Fundamentals of Political Science Research*. 2nd Edition. Cambridge University Press. [From English to Brazilian Portuguese]

## Other Research and Publications

5. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**, and Tiago Borges. 2017. “Who are the Brazilian State Legislators? An Analysis of the 2014 Elected Officials.” *Cadernos Adenauer*, 2, XVIII: 103-118. [in Portuguese]
4. Barbosa, Rogério, Murilo Brito, Diogo Ferrari, **Patrick Cunha Silva**, Ian Prates, and Leonardo Barone. 2013. “The Census and Quantitative Data in Brazil: Interview with Elza Berquó and Nelson do Valle Silva.” *Novos Estudos – CEBRAP*, 95: 143-155. [in Portuguese]
3. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. 2013. “Re(Naming) São Paulo: Vote Distribution and Streets’ Names in the Municipality of São Paulo.” *Textos para Discussão do Centro de Estudos da Metrópole*, 16. [in Portuguese]
2. **Cunha Silva, Patrick**. 2011. “Pork Barrel in the Municipality of São Paulo: the Legislative Production of São Paulo Local Legislators.” *Textos para Discussão do Centro de Estudos da Metrópole*, 11. [in Portuguese]
1. Rodrigues, Leandro, and **Patrick Cunha Silva**. 2011. “Interview with Eunice Ostrensky.” *Primeiros Estudos – Revista de Graduação em Ciências Sociais*, 1: 214-228. [in Portuguese]

## Awards

2021	Second Prize for the Best Poster in the V Latin American PolMeth Meeting
2014	Best MA Thesis Defended in 2014 (Department of Political Science, University of São Paulo)
2014	Best Work presented at the IV Students’ Seminar (Department of Political Science, University of São Paulo)
2009	Best Work about the 1987-8 Brazilian National Constituent Assembly (Ford Foundation & National Association of Graduate Studies in Social Sciences)

## Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

Total Awards: US\$116,567

2026	Visiting Faculty Award, Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Award: US\$52,000
2025	Visiting Researcher Award, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP). Award: R\$75,520 ( $\approx$ US\$13,903 in 2025)
2024	Culturally Aware Mentoring Faculty Fellowship (LUC). Award: US\$5,000 (declined for scheduling conflict)
2021	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant (WashU), with Brian F. Crisp. Award: US\$6,500
2019	Weidenbaum Center Research Grant (WashU), with Guillermo Rosas. Award: US\$6,000
2012	M.A. Scholarship, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP). Award: R\$37,800 ( $\approx$ US\$21,750 in 2012)
2012	M.A. Scholarship, Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES). Award: R\$10,800 ( $\approx$ US\$6,214 in 2012)
2010	Research Trainee Scholarship, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP). Award: R\$5,400 ( $\approx$ US\$3,100 in 2010)
2009	Research Trainee Scholarship, São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP). Award: R\$5,400 ( $\approx$ US\$2,310 in 2009)

## Recent Invited Talks

2025	Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), University of São Paulo (USP), University of Houston
2023	Tulane University
2021	Loyola University Chicago, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Texas A&M University

## Advising and Mentorship

Undergraduate	Jacob Pursell (Loyola Provost Fellow, 2023-24) and Michael Mathews (Loyola Rudis Fellow, 2023-24), Brady Mudge (Loyola Provost Fellow, 2025-26)
Graduate	Raduan van Velthem Meira (External Committee Member, Ph.D., WashU, 2026).

## Teaching Experience

Instructor: Democratic Political Systems (LUC, Graduate), Introduction to Comparative Politics (LUC, Undergraduate), Introduction to Python 3 (WashU, Graduate), Latin American Politics (LUC, Undergraduate), Political Analysis II (LUC, Graduate)

LUC: Loyola University Chicago; WashU: Washington University in St. Louis.

## Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics: Gender Politics, Political Representation, Electoral Politics, Comparative Party Politics, Latin American Politics, and Brazilian Politics

Methods: Research Design, Causal Inference, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Linear Regression, and Computational Programming for Political Science (R and Python)

## Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

## Service

Reviewer: *British Journal of Political Science*, *Brazilian Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Dados-Revista de Ciências Sociais*, *Electoral Studies*, Edward Elgar Publishing, *European Political Science Review*, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion*, * Parties*, *Journal of Politics*, National Science Foundation, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science*, *Political Studies*, *Revista Estudos Histricos*, Rowman & Littlefield

Discussant: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2024), Comparative Politics Annual Conference (WashU, 2020, 2021), Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2023, 2024, 2026), Women and Politics Workshop (Tulane University, 2023)

Department: Comprehensive Exam Committee (2024-26), Graduate Committee (2023-26), Undergraduate Committee (2022-23)

University: Ad hoc reviewer for Loyola's Provost Fellowship (2024-25)

Discipline: Best paper presented at APSA 2025 award committee member (Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section)

Event Organizer: Politics and Public Policies Workshop (USP, 2010), I and III Political Science Students Seminar (USP, 2011 and 2013), Comparative Politics Annual Conference (WashU, 2021)

Others: Co-founder and editor of First Studies - Undergraduate Journal of Social Sciences (USP, 2011-12)

## Languages

Portuguese (Native), English (Fluent), French (Basic), and Spanish (Basic)

## Computer Skills

HTML (Basic), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, R, SPSS, Stan, and Stata

## References

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