

# MISHELLA SALOME ROMO RIVAS

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## EDUCATION

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### PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

#### The Graduate School

Ph.D. Politics

Concentration in Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics

Fall 2020-Present  
Princeton, New Jersey

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

#### Graduate School of Arts and Science

May 2020

M.A. Politics,

Concentration in Comparative Politics

\* Awarded Full Tuition Scholarship by the Graduate School of Arts and Science

New York, New York

### MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

#### College of Humanities and Social Sciences

B.A./M.A.

M.A. Law and Governance,

B.A. Double Major in Political Science and Jurisprudence,

Minor in Public Administration

Montclair, New Jersey

May 2017

May 2016

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Comparative Politics

Latin American Politics

Comparative Judicial and Constitutional Politics

Populism and Social Movements

Constitutional Theory and Law

## GRANTS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

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Fulbright U.S. Student Program Fellowship (2022-2023)

Selected by the CIES and the US and Brazilian Fulbright Commissions to conduct research on the politics of horizontal accountability institutions in Brazil at the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV).

Princeton Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science (QAPS) award to attend Summer School in International Survey Methods, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP)- Vanderbilt University, Summer 2023

ICPSR Diversity Fellowship, First and Second four-week sessions, University of Michigan-ICPSR, Summer 2022

DPF Fellow, Diversity Fellowship Program (DPF), American Political Science Association (APSA), Spring 2022

Presidential Fellowship, The Graduate School, Princeton University, Summer 2020 and 2021

Full Tuition and Stipend Fellowship, The Graduate School, Princeton University, 2020-2025

Full Tuition Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University, 2018-2020

Dean's Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University, Summer 2019

Dean's Research Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University, Summer 2019

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### Chapters and Articles:

Romo Rivas, Mishella and Raul Sanchez-Urribarri. forthcoming. "An Introduction to the Study of Judicial Decision Making beyond Western Democracies" in *Research Handbook on Judicial Politics*, eds. Mike Fix and Matt Montgomery. Edward Elgar Research Handbook in Law and Politics Series.

Anthony Petros Spanakos and Mishella Salome Romo. 2022. "Social Movement Ideologies and Citizenship in Latin America" *Oxford Handbook on Latin American Social Movements*, eds. Federico Rossi., Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Anthony Petros Spanakos and Mishella Salome Romo. 2022. "Brazil, A Pivotal State for a Pivoting US?" eds. José Augusto Guilhon Albuquerque and Alexandre Uehara, *in progress*.

Anthony Petros Spanakos and Mishella Salome Romo. 2022. "Moving Beyond the One-Shot Orientation: Understanding and Making the Most of Ongoing Orientations" in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*, eds. Kevin G. Lorentz II, Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan. Washington, DC: American Political Science Association.

Romo, Mishella Salome. 2018. "The Judicialization of Politics and Regime Transition in Dominant Party Systems: Evidence from Venezuela's Supreme Tribunal of Justice" *Journal of Political Inquiry*, 46-58.

Romo, Mishella Salome. 2016. "A Counterweight to Populism: Judicial Legitimacy and Popularity in Latin America " *Pi Sigma Alpha Journal of Undergraduate Politics* (Spring 2016): 29-47.

### **Review Essays:**

Anthony Petros Spanakos and Mishella Salome Romo 2020. "Theorizing Revolutionary Political Action of Social Movements During the Pink Tide" *Latin American Perspectives*, 47(4): 250–254.

Mishella Salome Romo and Anthony Petros Spanakos. 2018. "Deep Legality: When Politics Meets the Rule of Law." *Latin American Perspectives* 45(6):188-193.

Anthony Petros Spanakos and Mishella Salome Romo. 2017. "Popular Politics in Bolivarian Venezuela." *Latin American Perspectives* 44(1):267-273.

### **Book Reviews:**

Anthony Petros Spanakos and Mishella Salome Romo. 2018. Review of *China's Infrastructure Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean: Building Development for a New Era*. eds. Dussel Peters, Enrique, Ariel C. Armony, and Shoujun Cui. Asian Studies Center, Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh and Red Académica de América Latina y el Caribe sobre China, 2018. *Revista Asia América Latina* 4(6):163-168.

Anthony Petros Spanakos and Mishella Salome Romo. 2016. "Review of Jeffrey W. Rubin and Vivienne Bennett, eds., *Enduring Reform: Progressive Activism and Private Sector Responses in Latin America's Democracies*." *NACLA Report on the Americas*. 48(2): 203-204.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

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Competing with Executive Aggrandizement? The Politics of the Personalization of Justice in Contexts of Democratic Backsliding in Brazil (presented at SPSA 2023)

The Politics of Divided Government and Regime Change in Dominant Party Systems: Evidence from Venezuela's Supreme Tribunal of Justice and Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice (presented at APSA 2022).

Unpacking the Developments of the Latin American Left: A Comparative Analysis of the Politics of Rural and Urban Support in Brazil and Venezuela

Varieties in The Law of Democracy and Campaign Finance: Courts Between Vertical and Horizontal Accountability in the Presidential Democracies of the U.S. and Brazil

### **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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"Competing with Executive Aggrandizement? The Personalization of Courts in Polarized Democracies" American Political Science Association (APSA). Los Angeles, United States. September 2023.

"Competing with Aggrandizement?: The Politics of the Personalization of Justice in Democratic Brazil" Summer School on International Survey Methods. Latin American Public Opinion Project. Vanderbilt University. July 1, 2023.

“Social Movement Ideologies and Citizenship in Latin America” LASA Roundtable for the *Oxford Handbook on Latin American Social Movements*. Presented Virtually at the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting. May 22, 2023

“The Politics of the Personalization of Justice in Contexts of Democratic Backsliding in Brazil” Mini-Conference on Court Legitimacy, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), St. Petersburg, Florida, 18-20, January 2023.

“Understanding Regime Change in Dominant Party-Systems” Graduate Student Conference in Public Law. Department of Government, University of Texas-Austin. Austin, Texas. 28-29 October 2022.

“The Politics of Divided Government and Regime Change in Dominant Party Systems: Evidence from Venezuela's Supreme Tribunal of Justice and Mexico's Supreme Court of Justice ” American Political Science Association (APSA). Montreal, Canada. September 2022.

“It's About Time: Populism's Claims on Democracy” (co-authored with Dr. Anthony Spanakos) American Political Science Association (APSA). Washington D.C. 30 August 2019.

“Governability Crisis or Democratic Consolidation? Insights from Brazil” GSAS Pathways Lightning Presentation. New York University. New York, New York. 14 March 2019.

“Assessing Democratization: Electoral Support and Presidentialism in Brazil, Bolivia, and Venezuela” Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA). Montreal, Canada, 8-11 November 2018.

“Judicialization of Politics and New Constitutionalism in Latin America” New York State Political Science Association (NYPSA). Staten Island, NY, 14 April 2018.

“Judicial Power, and Legitimacy in Hybrid Regimes” Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA). Boston MA, 9-12 November 2016.

“The Judicialization of Politics in Venezuela.” Democracy in Crisis Conference. Montclair State University, Montclair NJ, 7 October 2016.

“A Methodology for Public Policy Building Across Borders: Ecuadorian-Colombian Relations “In the Peace Process” Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Quito, Ecuador. 24 June 2016.

“Securing the Right to Privacy in an Age of Modern Surveillance” 10th Annual Student Research Symposium, Montclair State University, Montclair NJ, 15 April 2016.

“Constructing Judicial Empowerment and Independence in Latin America” 10th Annual Student Research Symposium, Montclair State University, Montclair NJ, 15 April 2016.

“A Debilitated Democracy: Ecuador's Encounter with Presidentialism and Populism” 9th Annual Student Research Symposium, Montclair State University, Montclair NJ, 26 April 2015.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY** Summer 2022

**Research Assistant for Dr. Jennifer Widner** Princeton, NJ

- Developing a global database about policy initiatives tailored to address problems inherent to the process of democratic backsliding such as polarization, misinformation and electoral subversion

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY** Summer 2021

**Research Assistant for Dr. Guadalupe Tuñón** Princeton, NJ

- Wrote a series of research reports on the structure and reform of judicial councils in six jurisdictions within Latin America, including Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador, Chile, and Venezuela
- Developing a research strategy to study corruption oversight by the Peruvian legal system

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY** Spring 2021

**Research Assistant for Dr. Layna Mosley** Princeton, NJ

- Organized and appended multiple datasets examining municipal budgets in Mexico
- Facilitated data cleaning to evaluate consistency in government provided data on budgets from 2007-present.

**MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY** 2017-2018

**Research Assistant for Dr. Anthony Spanakos** Montclair, NJ

- Conducted research on social movements and contentious politics in Latin America
- Assistant editor for an edition featuring essays by Dr. Philippe Schmitter on democratic politics for Routledge

**GLOBAL AMERICANS** 2015—2016

**Research Assistant for Global Americans** Brooklyn, NY

- Outlined provisions of international charters promulgated by multilateral organizations such as the OAS, CELAC, MERCOSUR and UNASUR
- Conducted research for policy papers published in *Foreign Affairs* and *Foreign Policy*
- Interviewed activists, politicians, and NGO leaders to investigate and articulate issues of human rights and social inclusion in Latin America
- Wrote Op-eds and political commentary
- Translated hearings held by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights from Spanish to English
- Assisted with cross regional research on Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (the BRICS) and the Global South
- Contributed to “Liberals Rogues and Enablers: The International Order in the 21st Century,” *Global Americans*, April 2016, 1-17.”

- Contributed to “Latin America and The Liberal World Order: Will Political Shifts Change Global Engagement?” Global Americans, November 2016. 1-24.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

Fall 2023

**Preceptor,**

Princeton, New Jersey

**Introduction to American Politics**

**Princeton University**

- Leading precept discussions exploring the relationship between courts, congress and the U.S. presidency
- Instructed students on how to conduct research and writing in political science and american government
- Grading short response essays and final papers

### DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

Spring 2023

**Preceptor,**

Princeton, New Jersey

**Tech Ethics**

**Princeton University**

- Leading precept discussions exploring the relationship between virtue ethics, deontology, utilitarianism, and public policy
- Instructed students on how to conduct research and writing in political science and public policy
- Grading short response essays and final papers

### DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

Fall 2022

**Preceptor,**

Princeton, New Jersey

**Ethics and Public Policy**

**Princeton University**

- Leading precept discussions exploring the relationship between virtue ethics, deontology, utilitarianism, and public policy
- Instructed students on how to conduct research and writing in political science and public policy
- Grading short response essays and final papers

### WILF DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

Spring 2019- Spring 2020

**Grader,**

New York, New York

**The American Constitution with Dr. Steven Kelts**

**New York University**

- Assisting in class lecture
- Presenting in a moot-court debate
- Grading short response essays
- Grading midterm and final exams on U.S. constitutional politics

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW**

**Adjunct Professor,  
Montclair State University**

Spring 2018  
Montclair, NJ

- Taught Introduction to Comparative Politics to undergraduate students (POLS 201).
- Taught “Research and Writing for Political Science” to undergraduate students (POLS 416).

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW**

**Academic Support Program Coordinator,  
Montclair State University**

Fall 2017-2018  
Montclair, NJ

- Instructed students on how to conduct research in political science and jurisprudence
- Edited papers in American government, political theory, comparative politics, international relations, and public administration
- Tutored for courses of legal reasoning, jurisprudence, and legal research

**CENTER FOR ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT**

**Master Academic Tutor,  
Montclair State University**

2013—2017  
Montclair, NJ

- Instructed students on how to conduct interdisciplinary research
- Taught students how to master central claim/thesis development
- Administered online sessions in order to facilitate tutoring availability

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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**FACULTAD LATINOAMERICANA DE CIENCIAS SOCIALES (FLACSO)**

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Participant, Summer Institute for Conflict Resolution**

Summer 2016  
Quito, Ecuador

- Interviewed local leaders and activists in border communities
- Developed practical skills on negotiation and cross-cultural communication
- Designed a proposal for an intervention project to address the issues on migration, refugees, armed conflict in border zones between Ecuador and Colombia
- Participated in on-site visits to the Amazon cloud forest and the northern border region
- Awarded a certificate for the completion of a non-violent resistance seminar by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC)

**JOURNAL OF POLITICAL INQUIRY**

**Managing Editor,  
New York University**

Fall 2018-Present

- Managed and edited the journal for bi-annual publication
- Edited papers in American government, political theory, comparative politics, international relations, and political economy
- Coordinated with writers and editors throughout the editorial process

## **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**Summer Intern,**

**Division of Consumer Affairs**

- Investigated with LexisNexis and Accurint for commercial fraud cases
- Detailed violations and counts in cases regarding consumer protection and fraud
- Updated supervisors of the consumer fraud unit on cases in the process of restitution
- Communicated with consumers to facilitate restitution after cases were finalized

Summer 2015

Newark, NJ

## **HUDSON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

**Intern,**

**Department of Law**

- Produced monthly legislative reports to update county office on relevant and pending state legislation
- Assisted in the research and citation of the newly published Administrative Code of Hudson County

Spring 2015

Jersey City, NJ

## **OP-EDS AND POLITICAL COMMENTARY**

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“Trump’s Latin America advisors: Who are they?” (with Christopher Sabatini) in *theglobalamericans.org*

“The Burdens Placed on Civil Society in Latin America” (with Sofia Rivas) in *theglobalamericans.org*

“Un Régimen de Autocensura” in *theglobalamericans.org*

“Entrevista con Guillermo Lasso Mendoza” in *theglobalamericans.org*

“Entrevista con Jesús Armas” in *theglobalamericans.org*

“Entrevista con Mae Montaña” in *theglobalamericans.org*

“English Summary” Desafíos Del Sistema Interamericano De Derechos Humanos Nuevos Tiempos, Viejos Retos” *theglobalamericans.org*

“Inter-American Commission warns of severe budget crisis” in *theglobalamericans.org*

“Social Inclusion and Indigenous Latin America: The World Bank weighs in” (with Amy Williams) in *theglobalamericans.org*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association

Northeastern Political Science Association

New England Political Science Association

New York State Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

## **ADDITIONAL METHODS TRAINING**

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Summer School in International Survey Methods, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP)- Vanderbilt University, Summer 2023

First and second four-week sessions, University of Michigan- ICPSR, Summer 2022



## **SERVICE**

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Graduate Scholars Peer Mentor (GSP), Princeton University (2022-2023)

## **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

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Bilingual in English and Spanish

Proficient reading comprehension in Portuguese

Intermediate language proficiency in Portuguese

Software and Statistical Packages: Qualtrics, STATA, and R

Legal Research: Accurint, WestLaw, and LexisNexis