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Professional Appointments

- 2018-present Associate Professor of Political Science and Latin American Studies, School of Government and Public Policy and Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona
- 2012-2018 Assistant Professor of Political Science and Latin American Studies, School of Government and Public Policy and Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona

Education

- 2012 Ph.D. Political Science, Northwestern University
Advisors: Edward Gibson (Chair), James Mahoney, Jason Seawright
Dissertation: *From Collapse to Comeback?: Explaining the Fates of Political Parties in Latin America.*
- 2008 M.A. Political Science, Northwestern University
- 2005 M.A. Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Florida International University
- 2000 B.A. Spanish, Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Research Interests

Latin American politics, political parties, political institutions, democratization & governance, qualitative methods.

Publications

Single-Authored Books

- Jennifer Cyr. 2019. *Focus Groups for the Social Science Researcher*. Cambridge University Press.
- Jennifer Cyr. 2017. *The Fates of Political Parties: Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Latin America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Edited Volumes

- Jennifer Cyr (editor). *Forthcoming 2021. The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Editor of Political Institutions and Parties Section. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <https://oxfordre.com/politics/page/latin-american-politics/the-oxford-encyclopedia-of-latin-american-politics>

Peer-reviewed Articles

- Jennifer Cyr. 2019. "An Integrative Approach to Measurement: Focus Groups as a Survey Pretest." *Quality & Quantity* 53.2: 897-913.
- Jennifer Cyr. 2017. "The Unique Utility of Focus Groups for Mixed-Methods Research." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 50.4 (1038-1041).
- Santiago Anria and Jennifer Cyr. 2017. "Inside Revolutionary Parties: Coalition-Building and Maintenance in Reformist Bolivia." *Comparative Political Studies*. 50.9 (1255-1287).
- Jennifer Cyr. 2016. "Between Adaptation and Breakdown: Conceptualizing Party Survival." *Comparative Politics*. 49.1 (125-145).
- Jennifer Cyr. 2016. "The Pitfalls and Promise of Focus Groups as a Data Collection Method." *Sociological Methods and Research*. 45(2): 231-59.
- Jennifer Cyr. 2015. "Making or Breaking Politics: Social Conflicts and Party-System Change in Democratic Bolivia." *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 50: 283-303.
- Andrew Roberts, Jason Seawright, Jennifer Cyr. 2013. "Do Electoral Laws Affect Women's Representation?" *Comparative Political Studies* 46.12: 1555-1581.
- Jennifer Cyr. 2013. "Que veinte años no es nada: Hugo Chávez, las elecciones de 2012, y el continuismo político venezolano." *Revista de Ciencia Política* 33.1: 375-391.
- Timothy Power and Jennifer Cyr. 2010. "Political Legitimacy in Latin America." *International Social Science Journal* 196: 253-272.

Editor-reviewed Articles

- Jennifer Cyr. 2018. "Making the Case for Case Studies in Multimethod Research" in Review Symposium on *Multimethod Research, Causal Mechanisms, and Case Studies: The Research Triad* by Gary Goertz, in *European Political Science*.

Book Chapters

- Jennifer Cyr and Nicolás Liendo. 2020. "Political Party Change and Adaptation." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Harry Vanden and Garry Prevost, eds.
- Jennifer Cyr and Alexis Work. 2020. "Political Competition." *Handbook of Political Science*. Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Bertrand Badie, Leonardo Morlino, eds.
- Jennifer Cyr and Carlos Meléndez. 2016. "Una exploración de la identidad (y la anti-identidad) política a nivel subnacional: El fujimorismo y el chavismo en perspectiva comparada". *Representación política en América Latina: Partidos políticos, elecciones y reglas*. Fernando Tuesta Soldevilla, ed. Lima: Jurado Nacional de Elecciones.
- Jennifer Cyr and Iñaki Sagarzazu. 2014. "El sistema de partidos venezolano: Incongruencia, volatilidad y colapso desde una perspectiva multinivel." *Territorio y Poder: Nuevos actores y competencia política en los sistemas de partidos multinivel en América Latina*, Flavia Freidenberg y Julieta Suarez-Cao, eds. Salamanca, España: Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca.
- Margarita Batlle and Jennifer Cyr. 2014. "El Sistema de partidos multinivel peruano: El cambio hacia la incongruencia y el predominio de nuevos partidos." *Territorio y Poder: Nuevos actores y competencia política en los sistemas de partidos multinivel en América Latina*, eds. Flavia Freidenberg y Julieta Suarez-Cao. Salamanca, España: Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca.

Jennifer Cyr. 2012. "El antes y el después del colapso: Los partidos políticos tradicionales en Perú, Venezuela y Bolivia." In Fredy Barrero and Stefan Jost, eds., *Instituciones democráticas en América Latina*. Bogotá, Colombia: Universidad Sergio Arboleda and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Jennifer Cyr. 2011. "¿Por qué no muere el APRA?" *Pos-Candidatos en el Perú*, ed. Carlos Meléndez. Lima: Mitín.

Jennifer Cyr and James Mahoney. 2011. "The Enduring Influence of Historical Structural Approaches." *Handbook of Latin American Politics*, eds. Peter Kingstone and Deborah Yashar. New York: Routledge Press.

Non Peer-reviewed

Jennifer Cyr. 2020. "Opposing Chavismo: The Evolution of a Movement." *Virtual Dialogue on Everyday Realities and Politics in Venezuela Today*.

Jennifer Cyr. 2010. "Un día, una elección, ¿un nuevo horizonte político?" *Argumentos* 4.5 (Journal of the *Instituto de Estudios Peruanos*, Lima, Peru).

Book Reviews

Jennifer Cyr. 2016. "A Political Pas de Deux in the Andes." Review of *La danza hostil: La danza hostil: Poderes subnacionales y Estado central en Bolivia y Perú (1952-2012)*, by Alberto Vergara. *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* (Fall 2016, pp. 39-40).

Jennifer Cyr. 2013. Review of *Power in the Balance: Parties, Presidents, and Legislatures in Peru and Beyond*, by Barry Levitt. *Perspective on Politics* 11.2: 678-9.

Jennifer Cyr. 2008. Review of *Impasse in Bolivia: Neoliberal Hegemony and Popular Resistance*, by Benjamin Kohl & Linda Farthing. *Latin American Politics and Society* 50: 194-197.

Major Awards

Fulbright Fellowship in Argentina for the Project: Power without Representation: Elites, Party Failure, and the Roots of Regime Instability in Argentina (Fall 2019)

Best Paper in Comparative Politics, for "Anti-Identities in Latin America: *Chavismo*, *Fujimorismo*, and *Uribismo* in Comparative Perspective." Paper presented at the 74th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. With Carlos Meléndez (Universidad de Diego Portales) (April, 2016).

Invited Courses, Methods Instruction (including forthcoming invitations)

Invitation to teach course on Focus Groups at the Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research, Syracuse University (June 2020).

Focus Groups for the Social Science Researcher, *Programa de Metodología Aplicada en Investigación Política y Social* (PMet); *Universidad Nacional de San Martín*, Buenos Aires (Fall 2019).

Course on Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research; *Universidad Torcuato di Tella* (UTDT), Buenos Aires, Argentina (August-October 2019), as part of a Fulbright Fellowship.

Short Course on Focus Groups: When and How to Use Them, Congress of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington, DC. (September 2019).

Course on Case Studies in Mixed Methods Research, Mexican Political Science Association (AMECIP) in conjunction with the American Political Science Association (APSA), Monterrey, Mexico (July 2019).

Course on Focus Groups at the Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research, Syracuse University (June 2016).

Seminars on Qualitative Data Collection Methods: Focus Groups (2 sessions) and Interviews (1 session). *Escuela de Verano de Métodos Mixtos*, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUCC), Santiago, Chile (January 2016).

Invited Presentations

Invitation to present *La Política era la de Antes, y la de Hoy*, at *interCambio: Las elecciones 2019 bajo la lupa*, at the UADE, Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 2019.

Invitation to present *Between Oligarchy and Populism: Democratic Deficiencies in Latin America*, at the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University (October 2018).

Invitation to present *Representation and Anti-System Politics in Latin America*. Conference on Democracy, Anti-System Politics, and Inequality in Turbulent Times, sponsored by Oxford University-Instituto Mora-Latin American Development Bank, Mexico City, Mexico.

Invitation to present *The Fates of Parties: Institutional Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Latin America*, at the University of Diego Portales (Santiago, Chile) (November 2016).

Invitation to present on Case Study Research at the Ecuadorian Political Science Congress, Quito, Ecuador (September 2016).

Invitation to present at the Authors' Workshop, Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research, Syracuse University (June 2016).

Invitation to speak at the international conference, *Encuentro Latinoamericano*, sponsored by NDI-Colombia and Red Innovación, Lima, Perú (March 2016).

Invitation to speak at the Second International Congress of Electoral Studies, Jurado Nacional Electoral (JNE), Lima, Peru (November 2014). Title of presentation: "*Una exploración de la identidad (y la anti-identidad) política a nivel subnacional: El fujimorismo y el chavismo en perspectiva comparada.*"

Invitation to speak at the Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences Seminar, FLACSO-Quito, Quito, Ecuador (October 2014).

Invitation to speak at the International Seminar on Political Parties, Universidad de Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia (19 September 2013). Title of presentation: "*El rol de los recursos para la supervivencia partidaria en la región andina.*"

Grants & Scholarships

SBSRI Faculty Small Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona (May 2015).

Center for Latin American Studies Travel Grant, Caracas, Venezuela (May 2014).

Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies (BCICS) Graduate Summer Research Grants. Grant for travel to Peru, Bolivia, and Venezuela for dissertation fieldwork (April-October, 2010).

Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University. Grant for travel to Peru, Bolivia, and Venezuela for dissertation fieldwork (April-October, 2010).
 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer scholarship, Six-week Study Abroad Program. *Instituto Brasil-Estados Unidos*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Summer 2004).
 Tinker Field Research Grant. Tinker Foundation. Three-week travel grant for research in Cochabamba and La Paz, Bolivia (Summer 2004).
 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, in Portuguese. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education for two years. Florida International University, Miami, FL, \$28,000 plus tuition (Fall 2003-Spring 2005).

Selected Conference Participation

- “Democracy and Party Organization in Contemporary Bolivia” (with Santiago Anria). Paper presented at the 2019 Congress of the American Political Science Association (September 2019).
- “Normal Parties in Extraordinary Times: Primero Justicia and Voluntad Popular in Venezuela.” Paper presented at the 2019 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (May 2019).
- “Democratic Careening in Bolivia: Inclusion and Contestation in Tension” (with Santiago Anria). Paper presented at the workshop on the Survival of Defective Democracies in the Andes, University of British Columbia (November 2018).
- Co-founder, discussant, and participant in the 4th Annual Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR), San José, California (November 2018).
- “Democratic Careening in Bolivia: Inclusion and Contestation in Tension” (with Santiago Anria). Paper presented at the 2018 Congress of the American Political Science Association (September 2018).
- Author-Critics Roundtable of my book, *The Fates of Political Parties: Institutional Crisis, Continuity, and Change in Latin America*, at the 2018 Conference of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2018).
- “Anti-Identity Movements in Fluid Party Settings.” Paper presented at the 2017 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru (May 2017).
- “Anti-Identities in Latin America: *Chavismo*, *Fujimorismo*, and *Uribismo* in Comparative Perspective.” Paper presented at the 74th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. With Carlos Meléndez (Universidad de Diego Portales) (April, 2016). ***Awarded the Best Paper in Comparative Politics.***
- “Focus Groups and Mixed Methods Research.” Presentation at the 1st Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, Albuquerque, NM (November, 2015).
- “Understanding (Anti-) *Chavismo* and (Anti-) *Fujimorismo*: A Demand-Side Perspective.” Presentation at the 2015 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico (May, 2015).
- “In Search of Better Indicators: The Importance of Focus Groups in Multi-Methods Research.” Presentation at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (September, 2014).
- “The Fates of Parties: Survival as a Multi-Dimensional Phenomenon.” Presentation at the ISA-FLACSO Joint Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina (July, 2014).

- “Governing for the Long Haul: The Success and Failure of Broad-Based Coalitions in ‘Revolutionary’ Bolivia.” Presentation at the XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL (May, 2014), with Santiago Anria.
- “El colapso del sistema de partidos y el cambio del Estado en la region andina.” Presentation at the 7th Congress of the Latin American Political Science Association (ALACIP), Bogotá, Colombia (September, 2013).
- “The Role of Party Organization after Party-System Collapse: Evidence from Peru and Venezuela.” Presentation at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (August, 2013).
- “Focus Groups: When are They Used, and Why?” Presentation at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (August, 2013).
- “In Search of Better Indicators: The Importance of Focus Groups in Multi-Methods Research.” Presentation at the Authors’ Workshop Weekend, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Syracuse, NY (June, 2013)
- “Political Parties and the State in Post-Collapse Venezuela and Bolivia.” Presentation at the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC (May, 2013).
- “*Los destinos de los partidos políticos. La crisis y la recuperación electoral en América Latina.*” Presentation at the *Universidad Católica de Córdoba*, Córdoba, Argentina (July 2012).
- “*Examinando el antes y el después: Los partidos políticos y sus recursos en Peru, Venezuela, y Bolivia.*” Presentation at *Seminario Democracia y Partidos Políticos en America Latina*, Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia (April, 2011).
- “*Y, después del colapso, ¿qué?: Los partidos políticos andinos frente al colapso de su sistema de partidos.*” Presentation to the *V Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política*, Buenos Aires, Argentina (July, 2010).
- “Rules for Dying: Institutions and Party Demise in the Americas.” Presentation to the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada (September, 2009), with P. Larkin Terrie.
- “From Collapse to Comeback?: Explaining Political Party Revival in the Andes.” Presentation to the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (June, 2009).
- “*Estrategias de supervivencia: Los partidos tradicionales frente a los nuevos líderes en Bolivia y Ecuador.*” Presentation to the *Congreso FLACSO 50 Años*, FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador (October, 2007).
- “*Examinando la polarización social venezolana antes y después de Chávez.*” Presentation to the Third Congress of the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP)*, São Paulo, Brasil (September, 2006).
- “Does Ethnicity Matter? Examining the Impact of Neoliberal Reform Policies in Ethnically Heterogeneous Latin America.” Presentation to the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL (April, 2006).
- “The Political Party System and Democratic Crisis in Bolivia.” Presentation to the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Juan, Puerto Rico (March, 2006).
- “El Sistema de Partidos Políticos y la Crisis Democrática en Bolivia.” Presentation to the *VII Congreso Español de Ciencia Política y de la Administración*, Madrid, Spain (September, 2005).
- “The *Ley de Agrupaciones Ciudadanas y Pueblos Indígenas* and Indigenous Groups: New

Opportunities for Representation?” Presentation to the 3rd International Bolivian Studies Association (BSA) Congress, in Miami, FL (February, 2005).

“Discerning Disconnects in Democratic Theory and Practice: The Bolivian Case.”

Presentation to the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) XXV International Congress, in Las Vegas, NV (October, 2004).

Academic Honors & Service

Chair, Latin American Political Institutions (LAPIS) section of the Latin American Studies Association

Co-Editor (2018-21), *Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research*

Co-Founder, Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research

Co-Organizer and Host, 2nd Annual Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA October 20-21, 2016.

Co-Organizer, FLACSO-ISA Joint International Conference: “Global and Regional Powers in a Changing World.” Buenos Aires, July 2014.

David S. Minar Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student, awarded for academic excellence in political science. Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, June 2009.

Co-Founder, Latin American Graduate Student Group, Departments of Political Science, Sociology, and History, Northwestern University, 2007.

LACiC Prize for Research in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, sponsored by the Latin American and Caribbean Information Center, Colombian Studies Institute, and *Libros de Colombia*, June 2005.

Phi Beta Kappa inductee, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2000.

Recent contributor or commentator at: Global Journalist (A program of NPR affiliate, KBIA); The Monkey Cage; *Asuntos del Sur*; *Poder, Velaverde* (Peru); *AméricaEconomía* (Chile); *ConDistintosAcentos* (Spain); BBC World News

Language Proficiency

Fluent: English, Spanish

Advanced: Portuguese

Intermediate: French

Professional Associations

Latin American Studies Association (Bolivia section)

American Political Science Association (Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research section)

Midwest Political Science Association

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencias Políticas