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Primary Fields of Interest

Political Sociology, Social Movements, Community Organizing, Social Stratification, Urban Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Ethnography, Latin American Studies.

Previous positions

Colby College (2016-2018)
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology

Education

University of Texas at Austin (2016)
- PhD in Sociology.
Dissertation: “Commitment and Disengagement in a Poor People’s Movement”.
Committee: Javier Auyero, Michael Young, Bryan Roberts, Mounira Charrad, Henry Dietz.
- Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab.

University of Texas at Austin (2011)
- M.A. in Sociology.

Torcuato Di Tella University (Buenos Aires, Argentina) (2006)
- B.A. in Political Science and Government.

Publications

Book:

Perez, Marcos (2022). *Proletarian Lives. Routines, Identity and Culture in Contentious Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Journal articles:

Perez, Marcos and Katherine Sobering (Forthcoming). “The Persistent Influence of December 2001: Collective Action in Twenty-First Century Argentina”. *Bulletin of Latin American Research*.

Perez, Marcos (Forthcoming). “Counterhegemonic Challenges and the Popularity of Backlash in Jujuy, Argentina”. *Latin American Perspectives*.

Perez, Marcos (2021). “Historias personales y compromiso político en el movimiento de trabajadores desocupados”. *Entramados y Perspectivas*. 11(11):307-339.

Perez, Marcos (2021). “Fronteras etnoraciales y acción colectiva: la espacialidad de la Organización Barrial Tupac Amaru en San Salvador de Jujuy”. *Argumentos. Revista de crítica social*. 23:142-175.

Perez, Marcos (2019). “‘Mira hasta dónde hemos llegado’. Las organizaciones de trabajadores desocupados entre 2003 y 2015”. *Sociedad*. 39: 311-339.

Perez, Marcos (2019). “Vida cotidiana, moralidad proletaria y disposiciones militantes en el Movimiento Piquetero de Argentina”. *Conflicto Social*. 12(21): 160-193.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Life Histories and Political Commitment in a Poor People's Movement”. *Qualitative Sociology*. 41(1): 89-109.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Institutional Strengthening in a Receding Movement: The Trajectory of Piquetero Organizations between 2003 and 2015”. *Latin American Research Review*. 53(2): 287–302.

Pérez, Marcos (2018). “Becoming a Piquetero: Working Class Routines and the Development of Activist Dispositions”. *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*. 23(2): 237-253.

Book chapters:

Perez, Marcos (2015). “Manuel: The Luxury of Defending Yourself”. In Auyero, Javier *Et Al. Invisible in Austin. Life and Labor in an American City*. Austin: University of Texas Press.

Policy briefs and scholarly blogs:

Perez, Marcos (2020). “Creating Movements People Want to Join”. *FutureEd*, McCourt School of Public Policy. Georgetown University.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Why do people participate in political life, despite personal costs?” *Research Briefs*, Scholars Strategy Network.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Government alliances, policy transformations and the trajectory of contemporary South American grassroots organizations”. *Panoramas*, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh.

Perez, Marcos (2018). “Grassroots Mobilization in South America Today: Weakened Allies, Emboldened Opponents, and the Challenge of Sustaining Influence. *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.

Perez, Marcos (2017). “Political Participation and Working Class Routines in the Piquetero Movement”. *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.

Perez, Marcos (2016). “A Turning Tide? Grassroots Movements and a New Political Context in South America”. *Mobilizing Ideas*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame.

Book chapters in preparation:

Perez, Marcos. “Ezequiel: preserving a wholesome way of life.”

Perez, Marcos. “Political participation and populism from an ethnographic viewpoint”.

Selected Fellowships and Awards

2019

Best Journal Article Award, Labor Studies Section, Latin American Studies Association.

2016

Mayer Zald Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Collective Behavior and Social Movement section, American Sociological Association.

2014

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (Award ID: 1406244).

Graduate Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

2013

Argentinean Studies Program award, LLILAS, University of Texas at Austin.

Pre-Doctoral Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

Urban Ethnography Lab Summer Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

Pass with Honors, Comprehensive Exams, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

2012

Lozano Long Summer Field Research Grant, LLILAS, University of Texas at Austin.

2011

Tinker Summer Research Fellowship, LLILAS, University of Texas at Austin.

2010

Sociology Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

2009

First Year Support Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

Selected Professional Presentations and Conference Participation.

2022

(Forthcoming) “Incidental Allyship: Agenda-broadening and LGBTQ Refuge within Community Organizations in the Global South”. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Los Angeles, CA.

(Forthcoming) "The crisis that never ended: assessing the influence of December 2001 in two decades of mobilization in Argentina" (With Katherine Sobering). Latin American Studies Association 2022 Congress.

2021

“‘They Expect Good Things to Fall from the Sky’: Traditional Moral Boundaries and Progressive Mobilization in Argentina’s Piquetero Movement”. Social Science History Association 2021 Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

“Reexamining social movements in US history.” Session organizer. 116th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.

“Activism in today’s world: new agendas for persistent challenges”. Session organizer. 116th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.

“Counter Hegemonic Narratives, State Repression, and Anti-neoliberal Mobilization in Jujuy, Argentina”. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

“Nostalgic progressivism: traditional norms and radical mobilization in two Argentinean grassroots movements.” (With Katherine Sobering). Latin American Studies Association 2021 Congress.

“‘Todos tenemos un sueldito’ Grassroots mobilization, state repression, and labor market exclusion in Jujuy, Argentina”. Latin American Studies Association 2021 Congress.

“Big festivals, nice buildings, and clean uniforms. The spatiality of collective action in an Argentinean city”. SLAS2021 Conference.

“Between *Reportaje* and *Entrevista*: Challenges to Knowledge Exchange Between Academics and Activists”. International Studies Association 2021 Annual Convention.

2020

“Militantes y Trabajadores: Nuevas Perspectivas sobre Resistencia Trabajadora en América Latina”. Latin American Studies Association 2020 Congress.

"The Political Effects of Socioeconomic Decline: Towards a Critical Discussion of Populism" Session Organizer (with Patrisia Macías Rojas). Latin American Studies Association 2020 Congress.

“Resistance Through Innovation: New forms of Work and Organization in Latin America” Session Organizer (With Katherine Sobering), 115th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association.

(Cancelled due to COVID-19) “Counter Hegemonic Narratives, State Repression, and Anti-neoliberal Mobilization in Jujuy, Argentina”. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.

(Cancelled due to COVID-19). “‘They Expect Good Things to Fall from the Sky’: Traditional Moral Boundaries and Progressive Mobilization in Argentina’s Piquetero Movement”. Social Science History Association 2020 Meeting, Washington, DC.

(Cancelled due to COVID-19) “Between *Reportaje* and *Entrevista*: Challenges to Knowledge Exchange Between Academics and Activists”. International Studies Association 2020 Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI.

2019

“New Perspectives on Activism and Political Participation”. Session organizer, Annual

Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.

“Working Class Nostalgia and Progressive Mobilization in Latin America”. States of Exception? 2019 Mini-Conference, New York, NY.

“De la Línea de Ensamblaje al Corte de Ruta”. Invited talk, Department of Political Science and Government, Torcuato Di Tella University. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“A threatened neoliberal order: conflict, repression and hegemony in contemporary Argentina”. Latin American Studies Association 2019 Congress, Boston, MA.

“The High Price of Mobilization: Empowerment, Hegemony and Repression in Contemporary Jujuy, Argentina”. 55th Society for Latin American Studies Conference, Leicester, UK.

2018

“Grassroots movements in post-kirchnerist Argentina: the experience of piquetero organizations in Buenos Aires and Jujuy”. Latin American Studies Association 2018 Congress, Barcelona, Spain.

2017

“Mobilization and Narratives of Resistance in Today’s America”. Session organizer, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada.

“Animosidad ajena y construcción política: reflexiones sobre la experiencia de la Tupac Amaru”. Invited Talk, School of Philosophy and Letters, University of Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“Convertirse en Piquetero: Reconstrucción y desarrollo de rutinas proletarias”. Invited Talk, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, National University of Jujuy. San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina.

“Community organizing after the good jobs are gone: Latin American social movements and the global politics of blue-collar decline”. Mobilization Conference on Social Movements. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA.

“Personal backgrounds, activist experiences, and the process of becoming an activist”. Young Scholars in Social Movements Mini-Conference, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN.

2016

“Becoming a Piquetero: Past, Novel and Current Routines in the Development of Activist Dispositions”. 111th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.

“Past, Novel and Current Routines in the Development of Activist Dispositions”. 21st Alternative Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK.

2015

“What about my Parents? Three Dilemmas of a Community-Based Campus organization” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Chicago, IL.

2014

“Compañeros de Fierro. Trayectorias de Activistas en el Movimiento Piquetero”. Invited talk, Department of Political Science and Government, Torcuato Di Tella University. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2013

“Iron Fellows: Commitment and Disengagement in the Unemployed Workers Movement in Argentina” 108th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

“Resistance to Quit: how destitute, cynical and disempowered workers overcome barriers to participation” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York, NY.

“Social Movement Participation: recruitment, sustainment and disengagement” Power and Justice in The Contemporary World Mini-Conference (ASA and ISA). New York, NY.

2011

“Improving Opportunities for the Few at the Top: Pro-market Economic Policies and the Regressive Redistribution of Income”. 106th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV.

"Grievances Matter: Unemployment and the trajectory of the piquetero movement". ILASSA XXXI Conference, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX.

2010

"Grievances Matter: Unemployment and the trajectory of the piquetero movement". LAGO Conference, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University. New Orleans, LA.

"Pro-market economic policies and income inequality: evidence from developed and developing countries". 105th Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.

2007

"Arreglos institucionales y Endemia: Prevención y Control del Vector de la Enfermedad de Chagas en la Provincia de Santiago del Estero" (with Ignacio Llovet and Graciela Dinardi). 7th Sociology Conference, University of Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Research Experience

2019

- Post-Dissertation Fieldwork, Phase II (4 weeks in Buenos Aires and San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina).

2017

- Post-Dissertation Fieldwork, Phase I (4 weeks in Buenos Aires and San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina).

2014

- Visiting Scholar, Gino Germani Research Institute, University of Buenos Aires.
- Dissertation Fieldwork, Phase II (12 months in Buenos Aires and San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina).

2013

- Dissertation Fieldwork, Phase I (10 weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina).

2012

- Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork, Phase II (8 weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina).

2011

- Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork, Phase I (5 weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina).

2007 – 2008

- Research assistant of Dr. Ignacio Llovet, researcher at the Center for the Study of State and Society (CEDES).

2006

- External consultant, Project “La política social necesaria. La visión de los actores” – Torcuato Di Tella University / World Bank.

Teaching Experience

2018 -

- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Washington and Lee University.
 - o Revolutions and Revolutionaries (Fall 2018, Fall 2019).
 - o Poverty and Marginality in the Americas (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021).
 - o Introduction to Sociology (Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2021, Winter 2022)
 - o Poverty and Human Capability: A Research Seminar (Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2021)
 - o Global Urban Sociology (Spring 2020, Spring 2022)
 - o Qualitative Methods in Social Science (Fall 2021)
 - o What is Power? (Winter 2022)

2016 - 2018

- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Colby College.
 - o Urban Sociology in a Global Context (Spring 2017, Spring 2018).
 - o Revolutions and Revolutionaries (Fall 2016, Fall 2017).
 - o Capital Punishment in America (Fall 2016, Fall 2017).

2015 – 2016

- Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology.
 - o Capital Punishment in America (Spring 2015, Spring 2016).
 - o Sociology of Health and Illness (Summer 2015, Summer 2016).
- Inclusive Classrooms Certificate, Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin.

2009 – 2013

- Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology.
 - o Life and Death Decisions.
 - o Introduction to the Study of Society.
 - o Social Scientific Imagination.
 - o The Family.
 - o Globalization.
 - o Race and Social Policy in the US.
 - o Introduction to Social Statistics.
- Teaching Certificate in First-Year Interdisciplinary Instruction, School of Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

Professional Service

- Reviewer, *Social Problems*, *Feminist Studies*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Mobilization*, *East European Politics and Societies*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *American Journal of Sociology*.
- Special Section edition (with Katherine Sobering), “The Contentious Legacy of Argentina’s Great Crisis: Social Mobilization in the 20 Years after December 2001”. *Bulletin of Latin American Research*.
- Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas* blog, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association.
- Contributor, *Panoramas* blog, Latin American Research Review, Latin American Studies Association.
- Committee Member, 2017 Mayer Zald Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association.
- Committee Member, 2020 Best Article Award, Labor Studies Section, Latin American Studies Association.
- Organizer, regular session, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 116th meeting, American Sociological Association
- Session president, 112th, 114th and 115th Annual Meetings, American Sociological Association.

Languages

- Spanish
- English

Software skills

- SPSS
- Stata
- NVivo
- Atlas.ti

Professional Membership

- American Sociological Association.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- Latin American Studies Association.
- International Studies Association.
- Scholars Strategy Network.