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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian politics, repression, contentious politics, political violence, transitional justice, Latin American politics, experiments.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Texas Christian University**  
Department of Political Science  
• Assistant Professor, 2025-present

**Louisiana State University**  
Department of Political Science  
• Assistant Professor, 2023-2025  
• Internship Director, 2024-2025

**Carnegie Mellon University**  
Institute for Politics and Strategy  
• Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2023

## EDUCATION

**Emory University**  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2021  
M.A., Political Science, 2019  
  
**Texas Christian University**  
B.S., Political Science and History, 2013  
*Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

13. **Edwards, Pearce**, Jennifer Gandhi and Donald Grasse. 2025. "Is Transitional Justice Blind? The Link between Culpability and Prosecution in Argentina's Human Rights Trials" Accepted at *Journal of Politics*
12. **Edwards, Pearce**, Jennifer Gandhi, and Donald Grasse. 2025. "Fixing the Past: The Effects of Human Rights Trials on Political Attitudes in Argentina" Forthcoming at *British Journal of Political Science*
11. **Edwards, Pearce** and Daniel Arnon. 2025. "Contentious Politics in the Borderlands: How Nonviolence and Migrant Characteristics Affect Public Attitudes" *Journal of Peace Research* 62(4):995-1012.
10. Gläbel, Christian, Adam Scharpf, and **Pearce Edwards**. 2025. "Does Sportswashing Work? First Insights from the 2022 World Cup in Qatar" *Journal of Politics* 87(1):388-392.
9. **Edwards, Pearce**. 2024. "Religious Leaders and Resistance to Repression: The Bishops Opposed to Argentina's Dirty War" *Comparative Politics*. 56(3):269-294.
8. **Edwards, Pearce** and Gabrielle Esparza. 2024. "Identity, Incentives, and Religious Defense of Human Rights: Marshall Meyer and the DAIA in Argentina's Dirty War" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 63(1):160-180.

7. Arnon, Daniel, **Pearce Edwards**, and Handi Li. 2023. "Message or Messenger? Source and Labeling Effects in Authoritarian Response to Protest" *Comparative Political Studies*. 56(12):1891-1923.
6. Scharpf, Adam, Christian Gläsel, and **Pearce Edwards**. 2023. "International Sports Events, Media Scrutiny, and Autocratic Repression: Evidence from the 1978 FIFA World Cup" *American Political Science Review*. 117(3):909-926.
  - Winner of the 2024 Best Article Award, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section
  - Media Coverage: [The Economist](#), [The Times of London](#), [Der Spiegel](#), [Le Devoir](#), [Haaretz](#)
5. **Edwards, Pearce** and Patrick Pierson. 2023. "Incumbent-Aligned Terrorism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from Argentina's 1973 Elections" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 67(4): 672-700.
4. **Edwards, Pearce**. 2022. "Political Competition and Authoritarian Repression: Evidence from Pinochet's Chile" *World Politics*. 74(4):479-522.
3. **Edwards, Pearce**. 2021. "Why No Justice for Past Repression? Militaries, Human Rights Organizations, and Post-Authoritarian States" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 65(4):759-787.
2. **Edwards, Pearce** and Daniel Arnon. 2021. "Violence on Many Sides: Framing Effects on Protest and Support for Repression" *British Journal of Political Science*. 51(2):488-506.
1. **Edwards, Pearce**. 2021. "The Politics of Nonviolent Mobilization: Campaigns, Competition, and Social Movement Resources" *Journal of Peace Research*. 58(5):945-961.
  - Winner of 2018 ISA-Midwest Lynne Rienner Award

#### WORKING PAPERS

2. "Rallying the Public for Repression? Security Entrepreneurs and Their Rhetoric" with Daniel Arnon. Invited to revise and resubmit at *International Interactions*
3. "Accountability from Above: Transitional Justice and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights" with Kelly Morrison and Chesani Askew
1. "Camps or 'Centers'? Public Responses to the Framing of Concentration" with Rachel Van Nostrand

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

4. "The Catholic Church and Transitional Justice in Argentina"
3. "Authoritarian Repression and the Social Class of Regime Challengers" with Sania Akter
2. "Protest in the Shadow of Repression and Extremist Violence"
1. "Integrating Formal Theory" Invited chapter for "Teaching Autocracy and Autocratic Politics" (Edward Goldring, ed.) with Allison Cuttner

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022\*, 2023\*, 2024\*, 2025\*)  
 International Studies Association (2022)  
 Southern Political Science Association (2021, 2024)  
 Peace Science Society (2018, 2022; *Online Colloquium*: 2020, 2022)  
 International Studies Association-Midwest (2017, 2018, 2021\*)  
 International Studies Association-South (2019)  
 Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (2020, 2025\*)  
 Southeast Latin American Behavior Conference (2018)  
 Georgia Human Rights Network Workshop (2018, 2019)  
 Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (2021\*)  
 Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (2020)

\* also chair/discussant

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS	2025	University of Houston (Terrorism and Civil Wars Workshop)
	2024	Emory University (Dissertation Colloquium), Texas Christian University
	2023	University of South Carolina (Judicial Politics and Human Rights Mini-Conference)
	2022	Rice University, Louisiana State University, University of North Carolina-Asheville, University of South Carolina
	2021	Loyola University-Chicago, Elon University, Texas Christian University (Political Science Distinction Program), Carnegie Mellon University
	2019	University of Memphis
GRANTS & AWARDS	College of Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Research Stipend – Louisiana State University (2024)	
	APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section Best Article Award (2024, <i>with Adam Scharpf and Christian Gläsel</i> )	
	College of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Course-Based Mini-Residency Award – Louisiana State University (2024, <i>with Christopher Sullivan</i> )	
	Halle Graduate Global Fellows Dissertation Research Award (2019) One of four university-wide awards for doctoral students.	
	ISA-Midwest Lynne Rienner Award (2018) Best graduate student paper at 2017 ISA-Midwest meeting.	
	Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Travel Award (2018)	
FIELD WORK	National Science Foundation, REU Summer Program: “Democracy, Interdependence, and World Politics,” <i>NSF Award #1143601</i> (2012)	
	Buenos Aires, Argentina (2019)	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Texas Christian University	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics—2025(F)</li> <li>• Experimental Methods in Political Science—2025(F)</li> </ul>	
	Louisiana State University	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics—2023(F), 2024(S,F), 2025(S)</li> <li>• Authoritarian Politics—<i>Undergraduate</i>: 2023(F), 2024(F); <i>Graduate</i>: 2024(S)</li> <li>• Law and Justice After Dictatorships—2025(S)</li> </ul>	
	Carnegie Mellon University	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Science Research Methods—2022(S), 2023(S)</li> <li>• Repression and Control in Dictatorships—2021(F), 2022(F)</li> </ul>	
	Emory University	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics—Co-Instructor, 2020(F)</li> <li>• Repression and Control in Dictatorships—Co-Instructor, 2019(F)</li> <li>• Research Design and Methods—Teaching Assistant, 2019(S)</li> <li>• Mathematical Tools for Political Scientists—Teaching Assistant, 2017(F), 2018(F)</li> </ul>	
	São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Research Methods for the Humanities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experimental Analysis in the Social Sciences—Teaching Assistant, 2017)</li> </ul>	
ADVISING	Louisiana State University	

- Isabella Albertini (Honors thesis, 2025)
- Andrés Vásquez (Honors thesis, 2024; MA thesis, 2025)
- Mia Fraser (Honors thesis, 2024)

Carnegie Mellon University

- Ruth Pace (MS thesis, 2023)\*
- Xitai Wang (MS thesis, 2023)
- Eoin Wilson-Manion (MS thesis, 2022)\*

\* primary advisor

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Louisiana State University

- Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science (2023-2025)
- Voegelin Graduate Film Series Discussion Leader (2024)
- Dissertation Committee Dean's Representative (2024)
- American/Judicial Politics Search Committee (2023-2024)

Carnegie Mellon University

- Admissions Committee, MS International Relations and Politics (2022)

Emory University

- Panelist, Emory Day at Oxford College (2019)
- Facilitator, Diversity in the Discipline Reading Group (2019)
- Vice President, Graduate Political Science Organization (2018-2019)

Other Service

- Best Article Award Committee, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section (2024-2025)
- Permanent Contributor, *Political Violence at a Glance* (2022-2023)
- Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Politics* Formal Theory and Methodology Section (2019)

REFeree SERVICE

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Government and Opposition*, *International Interactions*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Mobilization*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Polity*, *Public Choice*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Social Science Quarterly*, National Science Foundation

PUBLIC  
SCHOLARSHIP

Interview for "Maintaining Civility on Campus" [KLSU Radio](#) (April 11, 2025)

"Resisting Political Repression" Podcast episode with [The Pelican Brief](#) (December 2, 2024)

Interview for "Shootings, threats, and a mob attack: The rise of political violence in America" [LSU Reveille](#) (October 22, 2024)

"What Do Dictatorships Get from Hosting Sports Events?" with Christian Gläsel and Adam Scharpf. [The Journal of Politics Political Science Blog](#) (October 2, 2024)

"Why Hosting the World Cup May Have Worsened Human Rights Abuses in Qatar" with Adam Scharpf and Christian Gläsel. [Political Violence at a Glance](#) (December 14, 2022)

"Political Violence, Ex-Presidents, and Upcoming Elections" [Political Violence at a Glance](#) (August 31, 2022)

“Civilian Collaboration and Reprisals Behind Ukraine’s Front Lines” *Political Violence at a Glance* (June 21, 2022)

“The Repression Behind International Sporting Events” with Adam Scharpf and Christian Gläsel. *Inkstick Media* (March 15, 2022)

“Grassroots Environmental Activism Is One Answer to China’s Climate Commitments” *Carnegie Mellon University Journal of Politics and Strategy* (December 17, 2021)

“The Catholic Church and the Dirty War: Documents from the Benson Latin American Collection” *Not Even Past* (May 7, 2021).

Radio interview on “Solutions to Violence” (*KFOR 106.5 FM Louisville, KY*) on the Catholic Church during the Dirty War and public opinion on political violence (September 30, 2020).

“Religious Groups as Movement Allies: Where Strategic Nonviolent Action and Moral Nonviolence Meet” *ICNC Minds of the Movement* (August 13, 2020).

“More Than Reporting: Media Portrayal of Protests Can Impact Their Success (and Failure)” with Daniel Arnon. *Political Violence at a Glance* (November 11, 2019).

“The Catholic Church and Argentina’s Dirty War.” Presentation to *Pax Christi International - Atlanta Chapter* (September 4, 2019).

LANGUAGES  
& SKILLS

English (native), Spanish (advanced)  
R, Stata, LaTeX

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association,  
International Studies Association

RELEVANT  
EMPLOYMENT

Survey Design Consultant, Emory Center for the Study of Law and Religion (2020-2021), Teach For America—Metro Atlanta Corps Member (2013-2014), Trinity River Mission (2014-2015), American Civil Liberties Union (2015), Refugee Services of Texas (2016), Goodwill Industries of Dallas (2014-2016)