

Luke Plutowski

Ph.D. Candidate

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Education	University of Illinois , Urbana-Champaign, IL Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science • Graduate Minor in Latin American & Caribbean Studies M.A., Political Science	Expected May 2020 August 2018
	University of Minnesota , Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN B.A., Political Science • Minor in Spanish Studies • Graduation With Distinction • Phi Beta Kappa	May 2014
Research Interests	Comparative politics, elections, clientelism, parties, Latin America, Brazil, surveys, public opinion, quantitative methods	
Dissertation Research	<i>Clientelist Candidates and Voting Behavior in Brazil</i> • Committee: Drs. Matthew Winters (Chair), Damarys Canache, Brian Gaines, Gisela Sin • Field Research: São Paulo city (Summer 2017); São Paulo state, Greater Rio de Janeiro city, Federal District, Rio Grande do Sul, Pernambuco (Fall 2018)	
Working Papers	“Strategic Voting in Two-Round Systems: Evidence from Brazil’s 2018 Presidential Election” (With Matthew Winters and Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro) “Bribery or Assistance? How Voters React to Clientelist Behavior in Brazil”	
Research Experience	Manatt Democracy Studies Fellow International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Washington D.C.	Summer 2018
	Research Assistant University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL Dr. Matthew Winters, Department of Political Science	Spring 2018
Teaching Experience	Independent Instructor University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL PS100 (Intro to Political Science) PS230 (Intro to Political Research)	Fall 2019 Summer 2019
	Teaching Assistant University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL PS240 (Introduction to Comparative Politics)	AY 2014-15
Professional Experience	Data Consultant CITL Data Analytics Group, Urbana-Champaign, IL	AY 2017-18
Presentations	1. “Bribery or Assistance? How Voters React to Clientelist Behavior in Brazil.” Presentation at Latin American Studies Congress, Boston, MA, May 25, 2019. • Also presented at: Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 4, 2019.	

2. "The Conditional Effects of Information about Clientelism on Voting Behavior in Brazil." Presentation at University of Brasília Institute of Political Science (IPOL), Brasília, DF, Brazil, September 14, 2018 [invited].
3. "Sellers, Defectors, and Refusers: How Do Citizens React to Vote Buying Offers?" Manatt Fellowship Presentation at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Washington, DC, July 23, 2018.
4. "Common Characteristics or Direct Dissemination? Explaining Spatial Clustering of Voting Behavior in Brazilian Congressional Elections." Presentation at the Latin American Studies Congress, Barcelona, Spain, May 23-26, 2018.
5. "Clientelist Brokers and the Effectiveness of Vote Buying: A Survey Experiment in Lebanon." Presentation at the Political Institutions and Elite Behavior: Experimental Approaches Mini-Conference at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2018.
6. "The Effect of Brokerage Politics on Electoral Stability: Campaigns and Clientelism in Brazil." Presentation at Federal University of ABC Public Policy Series, Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, May 30, 2017 [invited].
7. "The Curious Case of Clientelism in Brazil: A New Model of Party Strategy." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2016.

Awards & Achievements

Dorman Scholarship [Department dissertation research award] (Fall 2018)
 Werner Baer Dissertation Fellowship (AY 2018-19)
 Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant (Fall 2018)
 Graduate College Conference Travel Award (March 2018)
 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Portuguese (AY 2015-16, 16-17; Summer 2017)
 Lemann Institute Graduate Summer Research Fellowship (Summers 2017, 2018)
 George T. Yu Conference Travel Award (April 2016)
 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (Spring 2015)

Training

Languages: English (native), Portuguese (advanced), Spanish (intermediate)
Software: R, SPSS, Stata, SAS, Shiny, L^AT_EX, GeoDa, qGIS
Teaching: [Graduate Teacher Certificate](#)
Training: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute at Hobby School, University of Houston (Summer 2019); Middlebury Portuguese Language School (Summer 2017)
Methods Courses: Multilevel Modeling (PS590 CC2), Spatial Analysis (PS532), Matching (PS532), Monte Carlo Simulations (PS590 CC1)

Service

Political Science Graduate Student Association
 Graduate Student Mentor AY 2019-20
 Math Camp Committee Spring 2018
 Survey Committee Spring 2018

Luso-Brazilian Student Association
 Treasurer Spring 2018