Laura Chelidonopoulos

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Education

University of Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh, PA

Ph.D. in Political Science — *2022 – 2027**

M.A. in Political Science — *2024*

Federal University of Minas Gerais — Brazil

B.A. in Social Sciences — *2022*

Working Papers

Punished but Not Defeated? Economic Shocks, Challenger Entry, and Incumbent Accountability in Brazil.

The Politics of Closure: Nuclear Phase-Outs, Local Deprivation, and Electoral Punishment in Germany.

Electricity Blackouts and Electoral Choice under Proportional Representation: Evidence from South Africa.

Conditional Loyalty: Partisanship and Voter Responses to Corruption.

Work in Progress

Navigating the Divide: How Unattached Voters Respond to Politically Sponsored Manifestations in Polarized Contexts. (with Joao Alipio-Correa)

Can the Resource Curse be Avoided? Assessing the Impact of a Major Oil Field Discovery on Political Participation. (with Joao Alipio-Correa)

Other Publications

Carlin, Ryan E., Chelidonopoulos, Laura; Miller, Gabriel. (September 2022). *Brazil's Democratic Mood Swing: Democratic Preferences and the 2022 Presidential Election.* Pex Network. Link.

Carlin, Ryan E., Chelidonopoulos, Laura; Miller, Gabriel. (August 2022). *Warming back up to Democracy? Democratic Thermostatics and Brazil's 2022 Presidential Election.* Brazil Research Initiative. Link.

Scholarships and Grants

Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2025 –
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute	2025
Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2024
Summer Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh	2024
Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2023
Arts & Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2022 – 2023

Teaching Experience

University of Pittsburgh

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate)	Spring 2024
Analytical Teaching Assistant, Political Attitudes and Public Opinion	Fall 2023
Analytical Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Global Economic Relations	Fall 2023

Research Experience

University of Pittsburgh

Research Assistant, Michael P. Colaresi (William S. Dietrich II Professor of Political Science)	Summer 2025
Research Assistant, José Antonio Cheibub (Andrew W. Mellon Professor)	Spring 2025
Research Assistant, Michael P. Colaresi (William S. Dietrich II Professor of Political Science)	Fall 2024
Research Assistant, José Antonio Cheibub (Andrew W. Mellon Professor)	Summer 2024

Conference Presentations

MPSA, FBCP (Brazil), DMV PhD Conference in Political Economy & Development	2025
LASPP, ABCP (Brazil), LatAm Polmeth VIII	2024
PELA Workshop (Spain), LAPOP Conference, LatAm Polmeth VII	2023
MPSA, LASPP, LSE Undergraduate Political Review	2021

Service

Academic Development Chair, Graduate Student Executive Committee	2025 –
Co-founder and Organizer, Pitt Politics Graduate Student Workshop	2024 –
Editorial Assistant, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*	2024 – 2025
Graduate Student Representative, Dietrich School Arts and Sciences Council	2024 – 2025
Graduate Student Representative, Dietrich School Graduate Council	2023 – 2024

Skills

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish

Programming: `R`, LaTeX

Survey: Qualtrics