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PRIMARY APPOINTMENT

2025-Present Executive Director, CERL, Annenberg Public Policy Center, UPenn

OTHER ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2025-present Contributor, Vital City (a policy journal housed at Columbia Law)
2025-present Principal Investigator & Project Director, NYS Division of Criminal Justice
Services' NYC Crime Analysis Center (housed at NY/NJ HIDTA)
2025-present Editorial Board Member, Terra: A Journal of City and Regional Planning,
University of Valencia (Spain)
2022-present Affiliated Scholar, John Jay College Research & Evaluation Center (CUNY)

EDUCATION

2015 Doctor of Social Sciences (D.S.Sc.), Politics, The New School for Social
Research, New York
2006 M.S., Public Policy Analysis & Management, Milano School of Policy at
The New School, New York
2008 Doctorate, Jurisprudence, Dept. Legal & Political Theory, University of
Valencia Law School, Spain (2008: EHEA accreditation; 1999: DEA)
1997 M.A., Sociology of Law, International Institute for the Sociology of Law,
International Sociological Association & Basque University, Onati, Spain
1996 LL.M., Cum Laude, Legal Theory, European Academy of Legal Theory,
KU Leuven (Belgium) & Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany)
1995 LL.M., Honors, Constitutional Law and Politics, National Center for
Constitutional Studies at the Spanish Ministry of the Presidency &
International University Menendez Pelayo (IUMP), Madrid
1994 Licentiate Degree, First-in-Class Honors, Philosophy and Law, University
of Valencia and University of Valencia Law School, Spain

PAST POLICY POSITIONS

2022-2025 Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, New York State Executive Chamber,
Office of Governor Kathy Hochul
2015-2022 Director (2020-2022); Chief of Staff (2015-2020), Mayor's Office of Criminal
Justice (MOCJ), Office of the Mayor/City Hall, The City of New York

- 2014-2019 Deputy Police Monitor, Office of the Federal Monitor & Technical Compliance Advisor in the Agreement for the Reform of the Puerto Rico Police, U.S. District Court of Puerto Rico
- 2001-2015 Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), New York

PRIOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2005-2025 Adjunct Assistant Professor & Research Advisor, Department of Political Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY.
- 2012-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Technical University of Dresden, Germany.
- 2012 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Public Policy, Department of Social Sciences, Marymount Manhattan College, New York City
- 2003-2004 Adjunct Faculty, Political Science, Empire State College (SUNY)
- 2002 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science, Queens College
- 2000 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science, Hofstra University
- 1994-1998 Member of the Department & Doctoral Research Fellow, Jurisprudence, Legal & Political Theory Department, University of Valencia Law School
- 1994-1995 Research Fellow, Constitutional Law, National Center for Constitutional and Political Studies, Ministry of the Presidency, Madrid, Spain

TEACHING

John Jay College (CUNY):

Undergraduate: Constitutional Powers (POL 301), Constitutional Rights and Liberties (POL 305), Judicial Policies (POL 235), Political Science Research Methods (POL 225), Introduction to Politics (POL 101)

Graduate: Issues in Criminal Justice: Theory and Courts (CRJ710, MA seminar with Professor Lila Kazeiman for the Department of Criminal Justice), Oversight of Law Enforcement (PAD759, graduate MPA seminar for the Department of Public Administration)

Technical University of Dresden, Germany:

Graduate: Comparative Constitutionalism & Democracy (graduate MA seminar); Constitutionalism & the Idea of Crisis (graduate MA seminar)

Marymount Manhattan College, New York:

Undergraduate: Public Policy Analysis

Empire State College (SUNY):

Undergraduate: Class, Race, and Gender in the United States

Queens College:

Undergraduate: Political Parties and Elections (PSCI 218-01)

Hofstra University:

Undergraduate: First Amendment Issues

GRANTS, AWARDS, & HONORS

- 2018-2021 Principal Investigator. "A Cost-Benefit Evaluation of the Effects of Community-Led Violence Interruption and Cure Violence Programs in NYC." US Departments of Treasury SIPBRA Innovation Award, \$20.5 million. (with Jeffrey Butts and John Roman)
- 2015 Hannah Arendt Award for the Best Dissertation in Politics, The New School for Social Research, New York City
- 2005-2006 Robert J. Milano Merit Scholarship, Milano School of Policy, The New School, New York
- 2004-2005 Mayor LaGuardia Scholarship, Milano School of Policy, The New School, New York
- 2003-2004 DUAPA Merit Scholarship, Milano School of Policy, The New School, New York
- 2002-2003 City of New York Mayor's Graduate Scholarship, Milano School of Policy, The New School, New York
- 1995-1998 Doctoral Research Fellow and Department Member, Department of Legal, Political, and Moral Philosophy, University of Valencia Law School, Valencia University, Spain
- 1995-1998 Research Associate, International Research Project on "Utilitarian Theory and the Future of the Welfare State," University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- 1994 Winner of the Extraordinary Graduation Award for the best Minor Dissertation, University of Valencia, Spain
- 1993-1994 Research Fellow, Philosophy, Caja Madrid Foundation, Madrid, Spain

RESEARCH & WRITING

Working Papers and In Progress

"The Second in the Country for Gun Law Strength, the Third Lowest Firearm-related Death: How New York Has Dealt with the Supreme Court's Reinterpretation of the Second Amendment in *NRA v. Bruen* (2022)." TBD

"The Right to Be Secure in One Person as a Positive Right." TBD

"The Politicizing of Crime Control: Order Maintenance Policing and the Emergence of Crime Control as a National Political Issue." TBD

"A Formal Framework to Analyze Welfare Retrenchment.: How Political Parties Fail to Advance and Institutionalize their Policy Agendas: The Rise and Fall of the Conservative Critique of the Welfare State."

"A Cost-Benefit Evaluation of the Effects of Community-Led Violence Interruption and Cure Violence Programs in NYC." (With Jeffrey Butts and John

Roman)

Publications/Journal articles

- 2025 "Crime on the Ground – and How It's Experienced." Vital City Special Issue 2025 January.
- 1996 "Canon Law and the Concept of Plenitudo Potestatis: The Jurisdictional Power of the Papacy," In Ramiro Flores (ed.) *Actas del Congreso de Filosofía Medieval* (Zaragoza: University of Zaragoza, 2005), 293-303.
- 1995 "William of Ockham and the Franciscan Order: A Historical Approach to the Ethical, Legal, and Political Works of Ockham," *Spanish Review of Medieval Studies* 2(1): 127-144.

Papers/Invited Talks/Presentations

- 2023 "Crime and Safety in New York State." Panel NYC 2025 Now: Crime and Safety in a Vital City, New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, December 7, 2023. (Guest Speaker)
- 2023 "The Emergence of Crime as a National Political and Policy Issue." Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and Social Sciences at Dartmouth College, May 17-18, 2023 (Guest speaker)
- 2021 "Human Rights and the Idea of Inviolability: A More Affirmative Vision of the Right of the People to be Secure in Their Persons in the United States." Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University, June 28, 2021 (Guest speaker)
- 2021 "Crime Trends and Deterrence Theory: NYC as a Case Study." Hofstra University, Department of Criminal Justice, June 8, 2021 (Guest Speaker)
- 2021 "Current Challenges in Federal Litigation: How to Make Consent Decrees Bring About Change in Local Jurisdictions." Inter-American University School of Law, Tuesday, April 27, 2021 (Guest speaker)
- 2021 "Comparative Judicial Policies: a Research Note on the Validity of the Strategic Model." 78th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Wednesday, April 14, 2021 (Discussant)
- 2021 "Trumpism and the Political and Constitutional Crisis of the United States after January 6, 2021." Club de Encuentro Manuel Broseta, Valencia, Spain, March 26,

- 2021 (Guest Speaker) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3p2-DdmKNc&t=24s>
- 2021 "Exogenous Shocks and Crime." St. John University, Division of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Homeland Security, March 9, 2021 (Guest Speaker)
- 2019 "Safer, Smaller, Fairer: New York City's Roadmap to Criminal Justice Reform." University of Nebraska Workshop, April 11-12, 2019, Omaha, Nebraska (Guest Speaker)
- 2014 "Policing of Public Housing in New York City." (With Denis McCormick) International Conference: The Rule of Law in an Era of Change, June 11-14, Athens, Greece.
- 2013 "Police and Racial Profiling in the United States." International Seminar on Racial Profiling. University of Valencia's Institute of Human Right, November 22, Valencia, Spain (Guest Speaker)
- 2010 "Policing Protest: Policing of Mass Demonstration in the United States since the 1960s." The 16th National Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, September 20-23, Seattle, Washington. (Guest speaker & Panel Moderator).
- 2010 "Welfare State Retrenchment under Conservative Governments: Using Quantitative Indexes of Political Integration to Make Sense of Historical Development in Social Spending." The 2010 Policy History Annual Conference, June 3-6, Columbus, Ohio.
- 2010 "Perceptions of Justice and Effective Police Accountability: Measuring Output Satisfaction and Deterrence Benefits of Mediating Complaints against the Police." The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, May 27-30, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2010 "A Methodological Framework for the Study of the Conservative Idea of Democracy in America." The 68th Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 24-26, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2010 "The Conservative Idea of Democracy in American History." New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 22-23, Newport, Rhode Island.
- 2010 "Contemporary Conservative Legal Thought and the Idea of Democracy." New York Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 16-17, Saratoga Springs, New York.

- 2009 "Making the Grade: Stakeholders and Performance Standards in Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement." The 15th National Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, October 31- November 3, Austin, Texas. (Guest speaker)
- 2009 "New Research Trends in Civilian Oversight of the Police." Government and Political Science Department Graduate Colloquium, Saint John's University, April 7, New York. (Guest speaker)
- 2008 "Can Mediation Reduce Civilian Complaints against the Police? A Case Study." International Conference on Justice and Policing in Diverse Societies, June 9-12, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2008 "American Conservatism and the Problem of Democracy: An Analysis of the Whigs' Victory in the Election of 1840." Politics and Propaganda – The 29th Annual Conference of the Nineteenth Century Studies Association. Florida International University, April 3-5, Miami, Florida.
- 2008 "Theorizing the Right: Is Conservatism Compatible with the Idea of Democracy?" Towards a Comparative Discussion on 'Rightist' Movements Conference. Graduate Center, City University of New York, March 13-14, New York.
- 2007 "Police Accountability: It is Not Just by the Numbers." The 13th National Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of law Enforcement, September 25-28, San Jose, California. (Guest speaker)
- 2001 "U.S. Low-Income Working Families: The Rawlsian Second Principle of Justice and the Limits of a Liberal Program of Social Justice." Northeastern Political Science Association 33rd Annual Meeting, November 5, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2001 "Constitutional Design, Democratization, and the Consolidation of a Democratic Regime: Spain as a Case Study." The Road to Democratization: Freeways and Detours Conference. Duke University, October 19-21, Durham, North Carolina.
- 2001 "Separation of Powers in the Construction of the European Union." European Identity and Nationalism Conference. Center for Comparative European Studies at Rutgers University, May 11-13, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- 2001 "Narratives of Modernity: Capitalism, Colonialism, and Human Rights in Eric Hobsbawm and Partha Chatterjee." New York State Political Science Annual Meeting 2001, May, New Paltz, New York.

- 2001 "Bigotry in the Media: The so-called 'Bad Mothers' and the Role of Mainstream Media in the Politics of Blaming American Women." Second Annual Media Studies Conference, New School University, April 21, New York.
- 2001 "Abortion in Comparative Perspective: European Union and the United States." Women in Political Studies Conference Celebrating International Women's Day, New School University, March 8, New York.
- 2001 "Religion, Integration and Gender Issues in the Immigrant Coptic Community of New York City: A Case Study on the Role of Religion in New Immigrant Communities." Third Annual Women's History Month Conference: On the Front Lines: Women's Activism in New Immigrant Communities, Sarah Lawrence College, March 2-3, New York.
- 2000 "Hate Speech on American Campuses: Can College Newspapers Publish Ads Denying the Holocaust?" Critical Themes on Media Studies Conference, New School University, April, New York.
- 2000 "Immoral and Indecent Became the Law of the Land: An Analysis of Post-60's Court Decisions on Pornography and Sodomy." New York State Association of Political Science, Hofstra University, April, Hempstead, New York.
- 1999 "On R. Dworkin's Moral Reading of the Constitution." International Graduate Student Conference on Political Science, New School University, April, New York.
- 1999 "European & American Law on Marriage and the Right to Privacy." International Law Conference on EU Private Law, February 5-6, Brussels, Belgium.

Professional Policy Reports

- 2019 (with Liz Glazer and Ashley Demyan, PhD) "Breaking the Frame? Remaking the Criminal Justice System in New York City." MOCJ Policy Report prepared for the Breaking the Frame Conference at New York Law School, July 14, 2019.
<https://criminaljustice.cityofnewyork.us/reports/breaking-the-frame-july-2019/>
- 2018 (with Liz Glazer, Susan Sommer, et al.) "A Fair Approach to Marijuana: Recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Cannabis Legalization." MOCJ Policy Report, December 2018.
<https://criminaljustice.cityofnewyork.us/reports/mayors-task-force-on-cannabis-legalization/>

- 2018 (with Liz Glazer et al.) "Smaller, Safer, Fairer: A Roadmap to Closing Rikers Island." MOCJ Policy Report. April 2018.
<https://criminaljustice.cityofnewyork.us/reports/smaller-safer-fairer-copy/>
- 2014 "A Mutated Rule: Lack of Enforcement in the Face of Persistent Chokehold Incidents in New York City." Report prepared for the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board, October, New York.
nyc.gov/html/ccrb/downloads/pdf/Chokehold_Study_20141007.pdf
- 2009 "A Classification System for the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice: Design, Implementation, and Empirical Validation of a Behavioral Assessment Tool." (With Theresa Caragine) Report prepared for the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Leadership Institute, May, New York.
- 2005 "Reducing Juvenile Recidivism: Evaluating the Best Alternatives for the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice." Report prepared for the NYC Department of Juvenile Justice, June, New York.

Dissertations/Master's Thesis/Minor Dissertations

- 2015 "American Conservatism and the Idea of Democracy, 1930-1980." Doctoral Committee: David Plotke (Chair), Federico Finchelstein, Julia Ott, and Andrew Arato (ISBN: 9781339107509).
- 2008 "Ronald Dworkin's Theory of Rights: The Foundations of Modern Liberalism." Doctoral Committee: Ernesto Vidal (Chair), Jesus Ballesteros, Javier Jimenez, and Pilar Gonzalez.
- 1997 Marcos Soler, "The Limits of Equality in the Different Worlds of the Welfare State." International Institute for the Sociology of Law.
- 1996 Marcos Soler, "An Introduction to Ronald Dworkin: The Foundations of Liberalism." LLM Thesis, European Academy of Legal Theory
- 1995 Marcos Soler, "The Rule of Law in Spain: A Liberal Critique." National Center for Constitutional Studies, LLM Thesis/Working Papers.
- 1994 Marcos Soler, "The Transition Towards Modernity: The Legal, Political, and Moral Philosophy of William of Ockham and Thomas Hobbes." Caja de Madrid Foundation Working Papers and Minor Dissertation in Philosophy, University of Valencia.

ADVISING, SERVICE, & TRAINING

- 2025-present Board member, New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
- 2021 External Examiner, PhD Dissertation in Criminal Justice by Richard A. Powell, "Redlining, Neighborhood Decline, and Violence: How Discriminatory Government Policies Created Violent American Inner Cities"
- 2016 Member of *the Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity (CAPI)* Data Analytics Working Group, Columbia Law School
- 2014 External Examiner, PhD Dissertation in Criminal Justice by Cynthia Lee Maragh, John Jay College of Criminal Justice: "Examining individual and aggregate predictors of mediation selection."
- 2012-13 Member of *the Roundtable on the Update of the Mayor's Management Report (MMR)*, NYC Mayor's Office of Operations
- 2009-10 Graduate of the NYC Leadership Institute Special Alumni Edition Executive Program, The City of New York's Office of Executive Development Programs
- 2008-09 Graduate of the NYC Leadership Institute Executive Program, The City of New York's Office of Executive Development Programs
- 2009-2012 Treasurer and Board Member of Directors, National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)
- 2009 Mediation Clinic, Columbia Law School, Columbia University, New York, 60 hours.
- 1998 Law and Society Association Graduate Student Workshop, Aspen

MEMBERSHIP

Law and Society Association
American Political Science Association
American Society of Criminology