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Research Fields: Comparative Politics; Political Violence and Peacebuilding; Contentious Politics; Latin American Politics; Political Economy of Illicit Economies

Regional Expertise: Colombia; Andes; Mexico and Central America | Languages: English (native); Spanish (fluent/near native)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University of Arizona, 2021-present (tenure eligible)

Assistant Professor, University of Arizona, 2018-2021 (career track)

Assistant Professor, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2015-2018

Visiting Professor, College of William and Mary, 2013-2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, May 2014. Dissertation: Drugs, Oil, and Insurgency in Colombia. Committee: David Waldner (Chair), Herman Schwartz, Daniel Gingerich, Herbert Braun.

M.A., Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, August 2007

B.A., Political Science, Stetson University, May 2004

B.S., Sociology, Stetson University, May 2004

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

Brewer-Osorio, Susan. *Afterlives of Armed Rebellion in Colombia: From Wartime Organization to Civilian Peace*. Preparing for review with University of Pittsburgh Press and University of Michigan Press.

Brewer-Osorio, Susan, Sean Chabot and Stellan Vinthagen. *Subaltern Repertoires of Decolonizing Resistance*. Under contract with PM Press.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Brewer-Osorio, S., and J. Osorio. 2026. "Demand and Supply of Criminal Governance: Experimental Evidence from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador." *American Political Science Review* 120(3): 815-832. doi:10.1017/S0003055425101251.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2025. "Collective Reintegration and Gender Relations Among Ex-Combatants: Lessons from Colombia." *International Peacekeeping* 32(3): 457-486. doi:10.1080/13533312.2025.2456741.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2025. "The Andean Cocaine Trade: Global Reach and Local Impacts." In Sebastián A. Cutrona and Jonathan D. Rosen, eds., *Cocaine: The Global Reach of the World's Most Lucrative Illicit Drug*. University of New Mexico Press.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2024. "MAS Relations with Social Movements: The Yungas Cocaleros and the 2019 Crisis." *Bolivian Studies Journal* 30: 127-158. doi:10.5195/bsj.2024.338.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2024. "From Spoilers to Builders: Collective Reintegration, Leadership, and Peace in Colombia." *Conflict, Security & Development* 24(2): 79-110. doi:10.1080/14678802.2024.2332184.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2021. "Turning Over a New Leaf: A Subnational Analysis of 'Coca Yes, Cocaine No' in Bolivia." *Journal of Latin American Studies* 53(2).

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2021. "The Coca Leaf in Bolivian History." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*. Oxford University Press. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.013.989.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2020. "Uniting the Opposition: Reform, Repression, and the Rise of the Cocaleros in Bolivia." The Latin Americanist 64(3): 257-279.

Osorio, J., S. Brewer-Osorio, M. Mohamed, and V. Pavón. 2019. "Mapping Violent Presence of Armed Actors in Colombia." *Advances in Cartography and Geoscience* 1: 16. doi:10.5194/ica-adv-1-16-2019.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2019. "Mexico's Democratic Consolidation." In Paulette Kurzer, *Comparative Governance: Political Structure and Diversity Across the Globe*, 2nd ed. McGraw-Hill.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2018. "Narcotization as Security Dilemma: The FARC and the Drug Trade in Colombia." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 41(8): 638-659.

Brewer-Osorio, S. 2012. "A Tale of Two Paramilitaries: The Political Economy of Local Paramilitary Rule in the Magdalena Medio, Colombia." *The Latin Americanist Annals* 56(1): 36-56.

ARTICLES UNDER PEER REVIEW

Susan Brewer-Osorio, "Beyond Party Politics: Political Reintegration of Ex-Combatants through Constructive Resistance in Colombia," under review at *Peacebuilding*.

Susan Brewer-Osorio, Sean Chabot, and Stellan Vinthagen, "Beyond Pacification and Resistance: Reimagining Peace as World-Building," under review at *Peace & Change*.

Susan Brewer-Osorio, "The Constructive Path: Ex-Combatant Political Reintegration Beyond Elections and Protest," under review at *Latin American Politics and Society*.

Susan Brewer-Osorio, "From Armed Organization to Grassroots Action: Collective Reintegration as an Institutional Bridge in Colombia," under review at *Bulletin of Latin American Research*.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND FUNDING PROPOSALS

Political Reintegration of Former Combatants and Prevention of Violence. With Gladys Zubiría, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá. Mixed-method study combining a survey of approximately 1,200 former combatants, list experiments, and qualitative interviews. Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award application under review.

Revolutionaries Coming Home: Return and Belonging in Latin America and the Arab World. Political ethnography and oral-history research with former FARC combatants from Nasa and Wayuu communities in Colombia and former PFLOAG combatants in Dhofar, Oman. American Council of Learned Societies fellowship application under review.

"Reclaiming Post-Conflict Development: Solidarity Economies as Decolonizing Ex-Combatant Reintegration in Colombia," article in preparation for submission to *Third World Quarterly*.

"After the Party: How Former Combatants Respond to Party Collapse and What It Means for Peacebuilding," article in preparation for submission to *Civil Wars*.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RESEARCH GRANTS

CLASP Faculty Teaching Award, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs, national award recipient, 2024.

Global and International Faculty Research Award, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona, 2024.

Udall Center Faculty Fellow, Social Science Track, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona, 2023-2024.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Colombia, research/teaching at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, May-October 2021.

International Peace Research Association Foundation (IPRAF) Peace Research Grant, field research in Colombia, May-October 2021.

University of Arizona Research, Discovery, and Innovation Faculty Seed Grant, "Sealing the Peace Deal? Assessing the Reincorporation of Ex-Combatants in Colombia," 2018.

Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellowship, Social Science Research Council and Open Society Foundations, dissertation research in Colombia, 2011-2012.

Albert Gallatin Dissertation Research Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation at the University of Virginia, 2012.

Latin American Studies Faculty Travel Grants, University of Arizona, 2019 and 2020.

INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTES

Invited Keynote Panelist, "Social Movements, Democracy, and Anti-Authoritarianism," Peace and Justice Studies Association, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University, October 2026.

Invited Speaker, "Venezuela after Operation Absolute Resolve," Department of International Relations, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, January 28, 2026 (virtual).

Invited Research Presentation, "Gendering Reintegration: Collective Transitions to Peace in Colombia," Department of Political Science, Smith College, November 19, 2025.

Invited Talk, "In Search of Status: Former Rebel Leaders and Peacebuilding in Colombia," Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island, November 1, 2024.

Invited Talk, Latin America Security Panel, Fall Conference of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky, October 18, 2024.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Brewing Peace: Ex-Combatant Coffee Cooperatives and Peacebuilding in Colombia." International Studies Association Annual Convention, Columbus, OH, March 22, 2026.

"Beyond Pacification and Resistance: Reimagining Peace as World-Building." With Sean Chabot and Stellan Vinthagen. International Studies Association Annual Convention, Columbus, OH, March 22, 2026.

"Beyond the Gun and the Ballot: Ex-Combatant Collectives as Reimagined Resistance." Peace and Justice Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, October 11, 2025.

"Female Ex-Combatants and Entrepreneurship as Emancipation." With Santiago Sosa. International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, March 3, 2025.

"Collective Reintegration and Gender Relations Among Ex-Combatants." Peace Science Society International, St. Louis, MO, November 10, 2023.

"The Demand and Supply of Criminal Governance: Experimental Evidence from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador." 22nd Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, University of Bologna, June 26-28, 2023.

"Collective Reincorporation of Ex-Combatants in Colombia: Sustainable Communities and Abandoned Spaces." International Peace Research Association Conference, Trinidad and Tobago, May 17-20, 2023.

"From Spoilers to Stakeholders: Collective Reintegration, Leadership, and Peace in Colombia." International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, March 15-18, 2023.

"The Cocalero Opposition and Political Crisis in Bolivia." Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2022.

"Rebel Villages: Committing to Peace and Collective Reincorporation in Colombia." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2020.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Comparative Politics and Latin American Politics: Introduction to Comparative Politics; Politics of Latin America; Development in Latin America; Human Rights in Latin America; Indigenous Resistance Movements; Political Violence.

International Relations and Security Studies: Introduction to International Relations; Critical Security Studies; Conflict and Peacebuilding; U.S.-Latin American Relations.

Graduate Teaching and Research Methods: Conflict Resolution (M.A.); Introduction to Latin American Studies / thesis development (M.A.); Digital Research Methods (M.A.).

Faculty Director, Study Abroad Colombia, 2019 and 2023. Designed and directed five-week faculty-led program combining academic coursework with supervised undergraduate internships at grassroots peace and development organizations in Bogotá and Sincelejo.

Research Mentoring: Undergraduate research projects, honors theses, independent studies, and M.A. theses; mentorship for graduate education, fellowships, field research, and international opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Executive Committee, Peace Studies Section, International Studies Association, 2025-present.

Editorial Board, Journal of Resistance Studies, 2025-present.

Board of Directors, International Peace Research Association Foundation, 2024-present.

Grant Referee, International Peace Research Association Foundation, 2023-2024.

Volunteer Interviewer, Colombian Truth Commission, 2020-2021.

Peer Review

Journal of Peacebuilding and Development, 2026-present; Journal of Peace Research, 2021-present; European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2021; Journal of Latin American Studies, 2019; Perspectives on Politics, 2019; Bulletin of Latin American Research, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Peace Research Association (IPRA); American Political Science Association (APSA); International Studies Association (ISA); Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Peace Science Society (International); Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence (APA Division 48).