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Education

2023-2026	Northern Arizona University, Political Science PhD, Dissertation Topic: *The States of Extinction*, Committee: Dr.Sean Parson (Chair), Dr.Tim Luke, Dr.Ira Allen, Dr.Eyal Bar, Dr.Mary Witlacil
2021-2023	Northern Arizona University, Political Science MA
2017-2019	University of Oregon, Political Science BA
2014-2017	Lane Community College, Computer Science AS

Published Articles

- **da Silva, Arjuna** *"Inverted Sacrifice Zones." Capitalism, Nature, Socialism.* 2025.
- **da Silva, Arjuna** *"ECOWAS and Inverted Sacrifice Zones." Politikon South African Journal of Political Studies.* 2026.

Book Projects

- **da Silva**: *The States of Extinction*, Forthcoming.
- **da Silva**: (book chapter) *Ideology and Environmental Politics: Rethinking Sustainability*, Forthcoming.

Teaching

POS 453 - Topics in Political Theory	Guest lecturer on book chapter and my own research on Inverted Sacrifice Zones.
POS 120 - World Politics	Guest lecturer.
POS 224 - Public Institutions	Guest lecturer.

Academic Positions

Graduate Assistant: 2023 - Present

- POS 110 American Politics and Institutions
- POS 120 World Politics – Dr. Halit Tagma
- POS 224 Public Administration
- POS 250 Intro to Public Policy Making (online) – Dr. Udaya Wagle
- PADM 301 Introduction to Public Administration (online) – Dr. Aleksey Kolpakov
- POS 304 Understanding Political Inquiry – Dr. Stephen Meserve
- POS 305 Conducting Political Analysis – Dr. Stephen Nuno
- POS 316 Congressional Politics – Dr. Marija Bekafigo
- POS 421C Topics in Public Policy – Dr. Troy Chen
- PADM 450 Leadership, Concepts, Skills, and Models (online) – Dr. Aleksey Kolpakov

Semester Zero Mentor: '24 '25

- Led groups of Semester Zero scholars in a summer program designed to give low income first-generation students the experience of a college campus as they finish their juniors year in high school to incentivize them to pursue higher education.

World Strides Advisor: '25

- Taught engaging leadership focused lesson plans to groups of 18 summer scholars.
- Role modeled leadership qualities, inspiring scholars to embrace their potential as future national leaders.
- Supervised scholars during educational field trips to prominent sites, including the White House and museums.

Technical Training Analyst : '23

- Developed technical training materials and conducted workshops to ensure staff and users were up-to-date on new products and services.
- Collaborated across departments at Northern Arizona University to deploy training's (Health Services, Inclusion and Diversity, Veteran Affairs).

Portuguese Language Facilitator : '21 '22

- Led Language sessions that give students the opportunity to speak in Portuguese.
- Used strategies like re-framing, repetition, and questioning to get students to self-correct and passively gain experience in Brazilian Portuguese.

Honors and Awards

- **Best Qualifying Paper Award**: $400 - 2025.
- **SBS Department Travel Award**: $400 - 2025.
- **GSG Travel Award**: $1000 - 2023, 2025.
- **Poli Sci Department Travel Grant**: $500 - 2023, 2025.

Membership and Services

SPSA Member	2025-2026
APSA Member	2025-2026
WPSA Member	2023-2026
WPSA EPT Workshop	2025
Graduate Association Vice President	2025-2026 2022-2023
Brown Bag Presentations	Inverted Sacrifice Zones – 2025 The Road to Success – 2022

Conferences Attended

January 2026	Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), New Orleans, LA
April 2025	Four Corners Conflict Network Conference (4CCN), Flagstaff, AZ
April 2025	Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Seattle, WA
November 2023	Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Boston, MA
July 2023	International Political Science Association (IPSA) Buenos Aires
April 2023	Western Political Science Association (WPSA) San Francisco, CA

Personal Statement

Originally from Brazil, I have spent over 20 years in the USA. I earned my bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Oregon, where I cultivated a passion for political theory, US government, and environmental issues. Experience working for non-profits like the Borgen Project and Dimensions Sciences while also working in education, IT, and finance has given me a diverse range of skills. In 2021, I went back to school and am currently pursuing a PhD at Northern Arizona University with a focus on the relationship between capitalism, environmental crises, and state power.

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