

Arjuna F. da Silva

PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE



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 R, SPSS, Latex, Portuguese

Education

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| 2023-2027 | Northern Arizona University, Political Science PhD, Dissertation Topic: <i>The State of Extinction</i> , 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. 2026.
- › **da Silva, Arjuna, and Alena Gross** "ECOWAS and Inverted Sacrifice Zones: Towards A New Regional Paradigm for Sovereignty and Sustainability in West Africa ." Politikon South African Journal of Political Studies. 2026.

Book Projects

- › **da Silva:** (book chapter: The State of Extinction) *Ideology and Environmental Politics: Rethinking Sustainability*, Forthcoming March 2027.
- › **da Silva:** *The State of Extinction*, Forthcoming.

Teaching

POS 120 Fall 2026 - Professor of Record.
World Politics

POS 305 Spring Guest lectured on multiple occasions in statistical methods including, Confidence Intervals, Hypothesis Testing, Residual Plots, Line of Best fit, and OLS Regression.
2026 - Conducting Political Analysis

POS 453 Fall 2025 - Guest lectured on my own research: Inverted Sacrifice Zones.
Topics in Political Theory

POS 120 Fall 2024 - Guest lectured on United Nations.
World Politics

POS 224 Fall 2024 - Guest lectured on Public Administration theorists.
Public Institutions

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. Carie Steele
- › POS 304 Understanding Political Inquiry – Dr. Stephen Meserve
- › POS 305 Conducting Political Analysis – Dr. Aleksey Kolpakov
- › 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

- › **Earl Shaw Memorial Scholarship:** \$2,000 - 2026.
- › **Best Qualifying Paper Award:** \$400 - 2026.
- › **APSA Travel Grant:** \$200 - 2026.
- › **SBS Department Travel Award:** \$400 - 2025.
- › **GSG Travel Award:** \$1000 - 2023 and 2025.
- › **Poli Sci Department Travel Grant:** \$500 - 2023 and 2025.

Membership and Services

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| APSA Member | › 2025-2026 |
| WPSA Member | › 2023-2026 |
| SPSA Member | › 2025-2026 |
| APSA Panel Organizer | › 2026 |
| WPSA EPT Section Organizer | › 2027 |
| WPSA EPT Workshop | › 2025 and 2026 |
| Graduate Association Vice President | › 2025-2026 › 2022-2023 |
| Brown Bag Presentations | › Inverted Sacrifice Zones – 2025 › The Road to Success – 2022 |

Conferences Attended

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| September 2026 | American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, MA |
| April 2026 | Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Diego, CA |
| 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.