

Mark Deming

Assistant Teaching Professor of Government

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Government, William & Mary (2022–present)
Core Faculty, Latin American Studies Program & International Relations Program
- Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (2020–2022)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago (2020)
- M.A., International Relations, with honors, University of Chicago (2013)
- B.A., Political Science and Latin American Studies, *summa cum laude*, Seattle Pacific University (2004)

TEACHING

William & Mary

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- **Authoritarian Legacies and Human Rights in Argentina** (confirmed for Winter 2026)
Immersive course in La Plata, Argentina. Students examine legacies of authoritarian repression and engage directly with memory sites, human rights activists, and survivors.
- **Latin American Politics** (Fall 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
300-level undergraduates seminar anchored by a student-driven “LatAm Politics Lab” that links course theory to current events in the region.
- **Data Visualization** (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
Split graduate–undergraduate course in which students use R to produce visualizations and develop storytelling strategies for communicating insights from data to policy audiences.
- **Authoritarian Legacies** (Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
400-level capstone seminar that guides students in developing a substantial research paper that contributes to scholarly debates on authoritarian regimes and their legacies.
- **Research Methods** (Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
Core course in which students design research projects, analyze data in R, and assess generative AI’s role in scholarly work.
- **Guns, Drugs, and Money** (Summer 2023, Summer 2024)
Intensive COLL 300 course on organized crime and violence that emphasizes direct student engagement with policymakers, activists, and survivors.
- **Political Regimes and Regime Transitions** (Fall 2022)
400-level capstone seminar that guides students in developing a substantial research paper that contributes to scholarly debates on political regimes and regime transitions.

University of Chicago

Teaching Fellow, 2020–2022, Co-Instructor & Teaching Assistant, 2015–2020

- **Social Science Inquiry I–III** (AY 2020–2021, AY 2021–2022)
Year-long sequence on research design and causal inference that equips students with the necessary analytical, research design, and programming skills to conduct quantitative research.
- **Introduction to Comparative Politics** (Co-instructor, Spring 2019; TA, 2016–2017)
Core introductory course that examines state development, regime change, inequality, political institutions, organized crime, and other contemporary topics in comparative politics.
- **Introduction to International Relations** (Teaching Assistant, Fall 2015, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
Core introductory course that examines major theories of conflict, exchange, and contracting in international relations.
- **War and the Nation-State** (Teaching Assistant, Winter 2017)
Elective course that examines the co-evolution of nation-states and war-making from the pre-Napoleonic era through World War II.
- **The Politics of Cartel-State Violence** (Teaching Assistant, Spring 2016)
Elective course on organized crime, criminal violence, and state capacity in Latin America.

Invited Teaching & Guest Lectures

- “Teaching Critical AI Literacy” and “Incorporating AI in Curricula.” Invited teaching session, Designing AI for Learners: GenAI in Teaching, Studio for Teaching and Learning Innovation, William & Mary (2024).
- “Generative AI and the Future of Teaching.” W&M Studio for Teaching and Learning Innovation Teaching and Learning Symposium, Williamsburg, VA (May 2024).
- “Guns, Drugs & Money: Organized Crime and Criminal Wars in Latin America.” Invited teaching session, Governance in Conflict and Post-Conflict Environments Strategic Broadening Seminar for USASOC, Whole of Government Center of Excellence, William & Mary (July 2023).

Additional teaching experience (Pre-PhD)

- **ESL Instructor**, Renton Technical College, Washington (2009–2011)
Taught multi-level English courses to adult learners.
- **ESL Instructor & TEFL/TESOL Director**, Máximo Nivel, Cusco, Peru (2004–2009)
Trained new ESL teachers and taught advanced ESL to Peruvian professionals.

SERVICE

Institution and Profession

- Member, AAC&U Team on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum, William & Mary (2024–25)

- Member, Generative AI for Writing Development Group, UTLP, William & Mary (2023–24)
- Search Committee Member, Visiting Professor in Middle East Politics, William & Mary (2023–24)
- Reviewer, *Annual Political Science Review* (2023)

Department and Program

- Chair, Committee on Study Abroad, Latin American Studies, William & Mary (2022–23)
- Developer, Summer Internship Pilot Program, Charles Center, William & Mary (2022–23)
- Coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago (2015–16)

Students

- Honors Thesis Advisor, William & Mary (AY 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, 2025–2026)
- Independent Study Supervisor: Advanced Quantitative Methods (Spring 2025)
- Research Supervisor, Monroe Scholar Research (AY 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25)
- Major & Pre-Major Advisor (33 GOVT/INRL majors; 8 pre-majors) (current as of 4/2025)

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

- *Risks of Reinvention: Authoritarian Successor Parties in Latin America*
Book manuscript in preparation. Draws on original fieldwork in Peru and Chile to analyze why weak and personalistic authoritarian successor parties have often thrived in new Latin American democracies.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Albertus, Michael, and Mark Deming. 2021. “Branching Out: Consequences of the Dispersion of Authoritarian Elites across State and Government in Latin America.” *Democratization*.

Public-Facing Writing

- Albertus, Michael, and Mark Deming. “Pinochet Still Looms Large in Chilean Politics.” *Foreign Policy*, November 5, 2019 ([Link](#)).

Pedagogical Publications

- Deming, Mark, Iria Giuffrida, Lori Jacobsen, and Laura Killinger. 2024. “Guide to Generative AI for William & Mary Faculty.” *Studio for Teaching and Learning Innovation*, William & Mary.

Working Papers

- Deming, Mark. “Rethinking Authoritarian Inheritance: Latin American Authoritarian Successor Parties in Comparative Perspective.”
- Albertus, Michael, and Mark Deming. “Shapeshifters and Sitting Ducks: How Authoritarian Elites’ Origins Shape Their Post-Transition Fates.”

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- “Trajectories and Consequences of Authoritarian Elite Persistence under Democracy.” Trinity College Political Science Research Seminar (February 2021).
- “Trajectories and Consequences of Authoritarian Elite Persistence under Democracy.” Universidad San Andrés, Political Science Research Seminar, Buenos Aires, Argentina (October 2020).
- “How Former Authoritarian Elites Spread Across Government Impacts the Quality of Democracy.” Authoritarian Diasporas Conference, St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, UK (October 2019).
- “¿Se puede institucionalizar un partido político en el Perú de hoy?” Facultad de Derecho, Universidad San Martín de Porres, Lima, Peru (July 2017).

Conference Presentations

- “Shapeshifters and Sitting Ducks: How Authoritarian Elites’ Origins Shape Their Post-Transition Fates.” APSA Annual Conference (September 2022).
- “Authoritarian Successor Parties and the Prospects for Transitional Justice.” MPSA Annual Conference (April 2021).
- “Branching Out: Consequences of the Dispersion of Authoritarian Elites across Government in Latin America.” APSA Annual Conference (September 2020).
- “The Contrasting Trajectories of Chile’s Authoritarian Successor Parties.” MPSA Annual Conference (April 2019).

Workshops

- “Reconstructing Authoritarian Elite Coalitions after Democratic Transition.” University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop (November 2019).
- “Redeeming the Authoritarian Past: Rebuilding Peru’s *Fujimorista* Party after Democratization.” Tinker Field Research Colloquium, University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies (April 2016).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Honorary Faculty Marshal, William & Mary Commencement, 2024
- National Residence Hall Honorary Professor of the Month, March 2024
- Dan David Prize Scholarship for Young Researchers – *Defending Democracy* (\$15,000), 2019
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$27,000), University of Chicago, 2019
- CISSR Dissertation Fellow (\$5,000), University of Chicago, 2018

- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (\$28,500), 2017
- Tinker Field Research Grant (\$2,800), University of Chicago, 2016
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- David and Marie Shillinglaw Fellow, 2012

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (fluent)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association