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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

August 2024 - Present

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
 Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences
 Kennesaw State University

Education

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

September 2017- June 2024

School of Criminal Justice

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice

Graduated October 2024

Dissertation: One-Size-Fits-All? Diffusion of Policing Models in Latin America

Committee: Dr. Andres Rengifo (Chair); Dr. Joel Miller; Dr. Valerio Bacak; Dr. Lucia Dammert (Outside Reader - University of Santiago, Chile)

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

May 2017

School of Criminal Justice

M.A. in Criminal Justice

Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile

September 2005

Department of Social Sciences

B.A. in Sociology

Areas of Interests

Policing; Criminal Justice Policy and Organizations, Comparative Criminal Justice; Crime and Violence in Latin America; Policy Diffusion; Mixed Methods.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed

- Alda, E. & **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (under review). The Economic Cost of Police Violence in the United States.
- Alda, E. & **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (Accepted in press). Boosting Police Productivity with AI? An Assessment of Productivity and Efficiency Gains in Report Writing. *Policing: An International Journal*.
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2026). Exploring the Hybrid Adoption of Community Policing: Motivations, Hybrid Models, and the Promise of Policy Reconfiguration. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2026.2665443>
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.**, & Rengifo, A. F. (2023). Trust in the Police in Latin America: A Multilevel Analysis of Institutional and Experiential Models. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 17(1), 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paac113>
- González Guarda, C., & **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2023). The Current State of Criminology in Chile: Between Amateurism and Professionalisation. *Justice, Power and Resistance*, 4(4), 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1332/BVJN7124>
- González Guarda, C., & **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2023). Una panorámica de la Criminología en Chile: una comunidad científica transitando hacia la profesionalización. *Politica Criminal*, 18(36), 985–1004. <https://politicrim.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Vol18N36D1.pdf>

- **Salazar, F.** (2015). Tendências Criminais Sul-Americanas em Perspectiva Comparada [Trends of crime rates in South America: a comparative review, available in Portuguese] in *Revista Brasileira de Segurança Pública*, v.9, n°2, 88-109, Aug-Sep, Sao Paulo, Brazil. <http://revista.forumseguranca.org.br/index.php/rbsp/article/view/499>
- **Salazar, F.** (2011). ¿Cómo se Cuenta el Delito y la Violencia en América Latina?: Breve Comparación de Fuentes [How to Measure Crime and Violence in Latin America? A Brief Sources Comparison] In: *Boletín Criminológico*, n. 129, September, Universidad de Malaga, España. <http://www.boletincriminologico.uma.es/boletines/129.pdf>

Book Chapters

- Ceccato, V., **Salazar-Tobar, F.**, Umar, F. & Diaz, I. (2025). Searching for patterns of victimisation and safety perceptions in rural in four countries: Chile, Nigeria, Spain and Sweden. In Ceccato, V. & Harkness, A. (Eds). *Crime, People and Places: Perspectives on Rural Safety and Justice*, Routledge, London.
- Luneke, A. y **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2025). Crime and Safety in Rural Chile. In Ceccato, V. & Harkness, A. (Eds). *Crime, People and Places: Perspectives on Rural Safety and Justice* Routledge, London.
- Dammert, L., and **Salazar, F.** (2018). Fear and Insecurity in Latin America, in Murray, L., and Mythen, G. (Eds.), *The Routledge International Handbook of Fear of Crime*, Routledge, London.
- **Salazar, F.** (2018). Confianza y legitimidad de la policía: un desafío político para la seguridad ciudadana [Trust and Legitimacy of the Police: Political Challenges in Public Safety]. Carrion, F. (Ed.) (2018). *La Política en la Violencia y lo Político de la Seguridad*, FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito.
- **Salazar, F.** (2010). Los Desafíos de las Políticas de Seguridad Ciudadana y la Sociedad Civil: Más Allá del Control [Challenges for Citizen Security Policies and Civil Society: Beyond Punitive Approach]. In: Munizaga, A. M. & Estay, F.: *Reflexiones sobre el Programa Abriendo Caminos: Notas para la Política Social*, Ministerio del Desarrollo Social/Fundación Paz Ciudadana, Santiago.
- **Salazar, F.** & Fernández, G. (2009). El Gasto Público y Seguridad Ciudadana en Chile [Public Budgeting and Citizen Security Expenditures in Chile] In: Carrión, F. (Coord.) *La Economía Política de la Seguridad Ciudadana*, FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito.
- **Salazar, F.** (2007). La Prevención Situacional del Delito en Espacios Públicos Urbanos: Rol del Gobierno Local [Situational Crime Prevention in Urban Public Spaces: The Role of Local Government] en: Dammert, L. y Zúñiga, L. (eds.): *Seguridad y Violencia: Desafíos para la Ciudadanía*, FLACSO-Chile, I. Municipalidad de San Joaquín, URBAL-Red 14, Santiago, Chile.

Research Reports (Selected)

- **Salazar, F.** & Montt, C. (2011). Información para la Prevención de la Delincuencia: Alcances y Limitaciones de las Encuestas de Victimización [Data for Crime Prevention: Scopes and Limitations of Victimization Surveys], *Policy Brief Series*, n. 17, Global Consortium on Security Transformation, Santiago.
- Dammert, L.; **Salazar, F.**, Montt, C. & González, P. (2010). *Crimen e Inseguridad: Indicadores para las Américas* [Crime and Fear of Crime: Indicators for the Americas] FLACSO-Chile/IADB, Santiago, Chile. http://www.oas.org/dsp/FLACSO/flacso_inseguridad.pdf
- Dammert, L. y **Salazar, F.** (2009). ¿Duros con el Delito? *Populismo e Inseguridad en América Latina* [Tough on Crime? Populism and Insecurity in Latin America], FLACSO-Chile, Santiago. http://issuu.com/flacso.chile/docs/rss_7_2009

Manuscripts in Progress

- Salazar-Tobar, F. & Keller, T. Open Data in Policing: Transparency in Local Police Agencies.
- Salazar-Tobar, F. Translating Policing in the Global South: The Diffusion of Policing Strategies in Latin America
- Fredes, D. & Salazar-Tobar, F. Examining the Effectiveness of Duty to Intervene and Duty to Report Bills
- Salazar-Tobar, F. In Pursuit of Police Professionalization: Hot Spot Policing Adoption in Latin America.
- Galleguillos, S. & Salazar-Tobar, F. Reviewing Criminology Conferences: Scholarly Communities in ASC and EUROCRIM

Honors, Achievements, Grants & Scholarships

- Kennesaw State University. Radow College Research Partnerships Program (2024) (\$5.100)
- Rutgers University – Newark. Graduate School. Dissertation Fellowship 2022-2023 (\$25,000)
- Rutgers University. School of Criminal Justice. Dean's Competitive Summer Support 2020 (\$ 4,000)

- Becas Chile Fellow 2017-2020. Becas-Chile Scholarship Program (Awarded in October 2017 for Doctoral Program). National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT)
- Rutgers University. School of Criminal Justice. Guided Research Fellow 2016 (\$ 1,500)
- Becas Chile Fellow 2015-2016. Becas-Chile Scholarship Program (Awarded in July 2015 to pursue M.A. Program). National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT)

Research Projects

Kennesaw State University	Ongoing
Plural Policing: Diversifying Public Safety Actors in Metropolitan Areas	
Co-Investigator (Dr. Antonio Frey, UDD - Chile)	
 Policing and Communities: Strategies Reshaping Effectiveness and Legitimacy at the Local Level	Ongoing
Principal Investigator	
 University EAFIT – National Police of Colombia, Colombia	November 2021 – December 2022
National Police Transformation Process / Technical Secretariat	
Research Assistant	
 Vera Institute of Justice, Center for Immigration and Justice, New York, NY	
Questioning Bias Project: an assessing tool for bias crime	February 2017 -July 2017
Graduate Research Fellow 2017	
 Rutgers University. School of Criminal Justice, Newark, NJ	May 2016 –December 2016
Guided Research Fellows 2016	
Researcher	
Homicide trends and characteristics in the Metropolitan Region of Chile 2001-2013	
 Latin American College of Social Science-FLACSO, Ecuador	
Latin American Network of Security Analysis and Organized Crime (RELASEDOR)	February – June 2013
Researcher	
 Latin American College of Social Science-FLACSO, Chile	
Security and Citizenship Program, Santiago, Chile	October 2008 – January 2011
Global Consortium on Security Transformation	
Institute of Development Studies (IDS); and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC),	
Researcher and Project Manager	
 Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS)	March 2007 – December 2008
School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University	
FLACSO-Chile, Santiago-Chile	
Citizen Security and Democracy in the Americas: Political Database of the Americas (PDBA)	
Research Assistant	

Teaching Experience

Kennesaw State University	
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice	
Undergraduate	
Research Methods in Criminal Justice	Fall 2024
Policing in America	Spring 2025/Spring 2026/Fall 2026
Foundations of Criminal Justice	Spring 2025/Summer 2025/Fall 2025/Spring 2026
Graduate	
M.S in Criminal Justice	
Advanced Criminological Theory	Fall 2025
Comparative Criminal Justice	Summer 2026
Advanced Law Enforcement	Fall 2026

Ph.D. In International Conflict Management Fall 2025
 Directed Study: Criminal Governance, Violence and Security in Latin America

Rutgers University

School of Criminal Justice

Instructor of Record/Lecturer

Undergraduate	Crime in Different Cultures	Fall 2023 - Spring 2024
	Police and Society	Fall 2023 – Spring 2022
	Crime in Different Cultures (online)	Fall 2020/Spring 2021/Summer 2021
	Contemporary Policing	Fall 2019/Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate	Risk-Based Policing (Dr. Joel Caplan)	Spring 2019
	Criminology (Dr. Mercer Sullivan)	Spring 2018
	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Dr. Sara Wakefield)	Fall 2017
Graduate	Research and Evaluation (Dr. Jason Silver)	Fall 2018

University of Chile – School of Government, Santiago, Chile

Graduate Certificate in Crime Analysis (Chilean Investigative Police) June – November 2024
 Module Instructor (In Spanish – Online)
 Data for Crime Analysis/ Social Network Analysis /Qualitative and Mixed Methods

University of Chile – School of Government, Santiago, Chile

June 2024/ June 2025/June 2026

Center for Citizen Security Studies (CESC)
 Graduate Certificate in Applied Criminology
 Module Instructor (In Spanish – Online)
 Criminological Theory Module

Teaching Assistant (in Spanish / online)

Program for National Police of Uruguay	June–November 2022
Program for Carabineros (Chilean National Police)	September – November 2021
Crowd Control Policing Units	

CONOSE (Citizen Security Knowledge Network) UNDP / USAID / FLACSO

May 2023

Citizen Security and Violence Prevention Certificate for Police Officers
 (Central America & Dominican Republic)
 Instructor
 Transparency and Accountability in Policing (In Spanish / Online)

Alberto Hurtado University, Santiago, Chile

2014-2015

School of Law / Center for Urban Safety
 Graduate Certificate in Citizen Security
 Instructor
 Policing and Crime / Crime and Violence in Latin America (in Spanish)

B.A. in Political Science (Undergraduate) (in Spanish)

Co-Instructor (with Dr. Alejandra Luneke)

1 Semester 2014

Violence, Security, and Public Policy in Latin America

Conference Presentations (Selected)

- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** & Keller, T. (2025, November). Accessibility and Quality of Open Data in Policing. *American Society of Criminology 2025, Washington, DC.*
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2025, November). The Circulation of Policing in Latin America. *American Society of Criminology 2025, Washington, DC.*
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2024, November). Crime and Safety in Rural Areas The case of BioBio and Valparaíso Regions in Chile. *American Society of Criminology 2024, San Francisco, CA.*

- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2024, November). Hybrid Policing: Exploring Community Policing Innovation in Adoption in Latin America. *American Society of Criminology 2024, San Francisco, CA.*
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2023, November). The Tale of Two Travels: The Adoption of Hot Spots Policing in Latin America. *American Society of Criminology 2023, Philadelphia, PA.*
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2022, November). Trust in the Police in Latin America: A Multilevel Analysis of Institutional and Experiential Models. *American Society of Criminology 2022, Atlanta, GA.*
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2021, October). Trust in the Police in Latin America: A Multilevel Analysis of Institutional and Experiential Models. *The Public and Democracy in the Americas Conference. Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) - Vanderbilt University / ITAM, Mexico (online).*
- Gonzalez, C.; **Salazar, F.** ; Nunez, M. & Stuardo, S. (2020, November). Panorámica de la Criminología en Chile a Principios del Siglo 21 [Criminology in Chile: A Panoramic Overview at the Beginning of the 21st Century]. *1er Congreso de la Sociedad Chilena de Criminología (online).*
- **Salazar, F.** (2019, November). Hate Crime Victimization: A Social Network Analysis of Reporting Intentions and Behaviors among College Students. *American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*
- **Salazar, F.** & Miller, J. (2018, November). Stop and Search: Challenges for Police Management and Supervision. *American Society of Criminology 2018, Atlanta, GA.*
- **Salazar, F.** (2016, November). Characterization of the Homicide Trends in Metropolitan Region, Chile: How to Understand High Homicide Areas in a Nationwide Low Homicide Rate? *American Society of Criminology 2016, New Orleans, LA.*
- **Salazar, F.** (2014, June). Tendencias del homicidio: Hacia la caracterización del fenómeno en Chile a partir de las estadísticas de salud (2000-2011) [Trends of homicide: towards a characterization of the phenomenon in Chile using Public Health Data]. *2nd International Conference of Government, Crime and Justice Statistics, Center of Excellence for Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice, UNODC-INEGI, Mexico.*

Invited Presentations (Selected /*in Spanish)

- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2025, April). Evolución y Aprendizajes de Estrategias de Policía de Proximidad [Evolution and Lesson Learned in Proximity Policing Strategies]. La transformación de la seguridad ciudadana desde los gobiernos locales al 2050, Ministry of Interior - Government of Peru, Lima, Peru.
- **Salazar-Tobar, F.** (2024, October). Prevención del Delito Policial* [Policing and Crime Prevention]. Maestría en Criminología y Políticas de Prevención del Crimen, II Semana de Charlas de Actualización Profesional, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), El Salvador.
- **Salazar, F.** (2024, March). Policing in Latin America, Guest Lecturer. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, BA in International Criminal Justice. Professor Hung En-Sung.
- **Salazar, F.** (2020, October). Trust Lab Annual Workshop, Michigan State University.
- **Salazar, F.** (2019, October). Confianza y Legitimidad en la Policía: Tendencias Regionales y Desafíos Locales* [Trust and Legitimacy of the Police: Regional Trends & Challenges at the local level]. *1st International Congress of Crime Prevention and Peace Culture, Zacatecas, Mexico.*
- **Salazar, F.** (2018, July). Barrios, lugares y comunidad: desafíos para la prevención y el gobierno local en seguridad ciudadana* [Neighborhood, Places and Communities: challenges for public safety and local governments]. *Diseño Urbano y Prevención de la Violencia: Experiencias en México*, Metropolitan Public Safety Authority of Guadalajara, University of Guadalajara, USAID.
- **Salazar, F.** (2014, August). Indicadores y medición de la violencia contra la mujer: la experiencia de Chile* [Indicators and Measurement of Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women in Chile]. *Reunión técnica de especialistas en registros administrativos de violencia contra las mujeres*, UN-Women Mexico-IN Mujeres; Mexico.

Student Supervision

Kennesaw State University

Pablo Soto-Cruz – Doctoral Student in International Conflict Management
School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development

Dissertation Co-Chair (Dr. Darina Lepadatu SCJ/SCMPD)
The Partnership Between Security and Humanitarian Actors During High-Uncertainty Crises: Migration Caravans in Central America, A Comparative Study of Guatemala and Costa Rica (2018–2023)

Spring 2026 – Ongoing

Directed Study (Criminal Governance, Violence and Security in Latin America)

Fall 2025

Hormonie Veals – MS in Criminal Justice Student
Thesis Committee Chair

August 2026 - Ongoing

Black versus blue: An examination of W.E.B. Dubois Double Consciousness of Black Police Officers

Abbriannah Baker - MS in Criminal Justice Student
Graduate Research Assistant

Fall 2025 - Ongoing

Elaina Johnson – Criminal Justice Major and Honors Student

Fall 2026

Honors Contract: "The evolution of American Policing: From Slave Patrols to Modern Law Enforcement"
Policing in America Course

Brielle Hudson – MS in Criminal Justice Student
Demo Project

September-December 2024

Professional Experience

Ministry of the Interior and Public Safety

May 2014 - August 2015

Office of the Under Secretary of Interior, Santiago, Chile
Head of Department of Public Safety, Division of Studies

Ministry of the Interior and Public Safety

March 2011 – April 2014

Office of the Under Secretary of Crime Prevention, Santiago, Chile
Research Analyst, Department of Studies and Statistics

Latin American Social Science School (FLACSO-Chile), Santiago, Chile

Security and Citizenship Program

March 2006 – December 2010

Research Assistant / Research Associate

Professional Organizations and Memberships

- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
 - Division of Policing / Division of International Criminology / Division of Public Opinion and Policy
- American Sociological Association (ASA)
 - Crime, Law and Deviance Section
- Chilean Society of Criminology (SOCHICRIM)

Professional Service

- Kennesaw State University
 - Affiliated Faculty Member - School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development (November 2025 – ongoing)
 - Committee Search for Assistant Professor in CJ (Ongoing)
 - SCJ Chair Search Committee (2025-2026)
 - Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO), Faculty Co-Advisor (Fall 2025 – ongoing)
 - General Education Council (GEC) – SCJ Representative
 - Faculty Search Committee (2024)
- Rutgers University
 - Southern Criminology Workshops. Organizing Committee (October 2018, March 2020, November 2023)
 - SCJ Faculty Search Committee 2021. Graduate Student Representative
 - SCJ Graduate Student Association Board Member – Student-Faculty Liaison (AY 2019-2020)
- American Sociological Association
 - Crime, Law and Deviance Section - Student Paper Award Committee (2025-2026)
- American Society of Criminology
 - Division of International Criminology – Social Media Committee Member (2020)
- Chilean Society of Criminology (SOCHICRIM)

- Founding and Acting Board Member
- Co-organizer Annual Conference (2020)
- Program Co-Chair 2nd Annual Conference (2021)
- Abstract reviewer
- Reviewer
 - Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice
 - Policing: An International Journal
 - Police and Society
 - Crime & Delinquency
 - Police Quarterly
 - Built Environment
 - International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice
 - International Journal of Conflict and Violence
 - Sobre Mexico: Revista de Economía, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico
 - Revista Política Criminal [Journal of Criminal Policy], Universidad de Talca, Chile
 - Estudios Públicos (CEP)
 - Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo [National Agency for Research and Development - Government of Chile]. Law and Political Science Research Cluster.
 - Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación, Gobierno de Uruguay. Fondo Sectorial de Seguridad Ciudadana. [National Agency for Research and Innovation - Government of Uruguay. Citizen Security Sector Grants].
 - Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Working Paper Series

Skills and Training

- Languages: Spanish (Native Speaker)
- Statistical Packages: STATA (Advanced level) / SPSS (Advanced level) / R (Intermediate level)
- Social Network Analysis (R social network packages and Gephi)
- Crime mapping analysis (ARGIS Basic and RTMDx Software for Risk Terrain Modeling)
- Web-Survey Design (Qualtrics and SurveyMonkey)
- Qualitative Analysis Software (NVivo)
- Learning Management System (Canvas, Blackboard and D2L)
- Experience teaching synchronous and asynchronous online courses
- Experience organizing academic events
- Leadership and management experience in government agencies

References

Available upon request.