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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science	2002	Stanford University
MA in Political Science	1998	Stanford University
BA in Latin American Studies	1992	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Western Michigan University

Associate professor with tenure, 2008-present
Assistant professor, 2002-2008

Universidade de Brasília

Visiting instructor, Department of Political Science: 1999

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Comparative politics and international relations, including:
Comparative public policy (especially economic regulation)
Comparative foreign policy (especially trade diplomacy)
Comparative immigration & citizenship policy

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Social Movements and Free-Market Capitalism in Latin America: Telecommunications Privatization and the Rise of Consumer Protest. (2006). Albany: State University of New York Press.

Book chapters

“Brazil (The Other American Giant)” (2007) In *Global Perspectives on the United States*. Edited by Karen Christiansen and David Levinson. Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire: 66-71.

“Progressive Pragmatism as a Governance Model: An In-Depth Look at Porto Alegre, Brazil.” (2003) In *What Justice? Whose Justice? Fighting for Fairness in Latin America*. Edited by Susan Eckstein and Timothy Wickham-Crowley. Berkeley: University of California Press: 217-232.

Article manuscripts under review

“Courting the Third World: Lula’s South-South Trade Diplomacy.” Co-authored with Gabriel Ondetti.

“States and their Citizens Abroad: Democratization and the Extension of Formal Rights and Obligations to Diasporas.” Co-authored with Arus Harutyunyan.

Working papers

“The Politics of Agricultural Biotechnology in Brazil, 1995-2005: Interests and Institutions as Explanations for Unexpected Policy Choices.”

“The Use of Consumerist Frames in Brazilian Economic Reforms, 1985-2005.”

Published book reviews

Review of Johnson III, Ollie Andrew (2001) *Brazilian Party Politics and the Coup of 1964*. In *Journal of Politics*. Vol. 65, Issue 4, pp. 1264-1297, November 2003.

Review of Naím, Moisés (1993) *Paper Tigers & Minotaurs: The Politics of Venezuela’s Economic Reforms*. In *The Stanford Journal of International Affairs*. Vol. IV, Issue I, pp.128-131, 1995.

CLASSES TAUGHT

PhD level

- Civil Society (Mediating Movements and Institutions in Comparative Politics)
- Dissertation Proposal Workshop
- Qualitative Methods
- State and Society (Core Seminar in Comparative Politics)
- Teaching Excellence (for graduate student instructors)

Masters level

- Paradigmas de Políticas Públicas (taught in Portuguese at the University of Brasília)

Undergraduate level

- Critical Thinking about Politics
- Design and Methodology for International Field Research
- Globalization: Global Problems and the Search for Solutions
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Introduction to International Relations

Latin American Politics (classroom and online versions)

Online

Latin American Politics

GRANTS RECEIVED

Western Michigan University

International Education Faculty Development Award, 2007

Research Development Award, 2006

Faculty Research and Creative Activities (FRACASF) grant, 2005

Fulbright Scholarship, Institute for International Education, for dissertation research in Brazil, 1999-2000

Social Science Research Council, International Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, for study of language and culture in Brazil, 1996-97

Stanford University

O'Bie Shultz Award in International Studies, Institute for International Studies, 1999

Graduate Research Opportunity Grant, College of Humanities & Sciences, 1998

Title VI Foreign Language/Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarship, Center for Latin American Studies, 1995

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Courting the Third World: Lula’s South-South Trade Diplomacy.” Co-authored with Gabriel Ondetti. Presented (by co-author) at the congress of the Latin American Studies Association, September 5-8, 2007, Montréal, Canada.

“States and their Citizens abroad: Democratization and the Extension of Formal Rights and Obligations to Diasporas.” Co-authored with Arus Harutyunyan. Presented (by co-author) at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, held August 30-September 2, 2007, Chicago, IL.

“States and Their Citizens Abroad: The Sequencing and Viability of Citizenship Rights for Emigrants.” Co-authored with Arus Harutyunyan. Presented at the and at the 48th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, held February 28-March 3, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois and at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago, IL

“The Politics of Agricultural Biotechnology in Brazil, 1995-2005: Interests and Institutions as Explanations for Unexpected Policy Choices.” Presented at the 48th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, February 28-March 3, 2007, Chicago, IL.

“The Politics of Agricultural Biotechnology in Brazil, 1995-2005: Interests and Institutions as Explanations for Unexpected Policy Choices.” Presented at the meeting of the Brazilian Studies Association, October 13-16, 2006, Nashville, TN.

“Politics and Biotechnology Policy in South America’s Agricultural Powers.” Presented at the congress of the Latin American Studies Association, March 15-18, 2006, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

“Expatriate Politics: How Democracies Compete for Citizen Loyalties in a Globalized World.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 1-5, 2005, Honolulu, HW.

“Consumers and Politics in Brazil.” Presented at the congress of the Latin American Studies Association, October 7-10, 2004, Las Vegas, NV.

“The Comparative Politics of Formal and De Facto Multiple Citizenships: How Do Countries Treat Their Citizens Who Leave?” Presented at the meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

LEADERSHIP ROLES AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

“From Interest Groups to Street Mobs: Neoliberalism and Non-State Actors in Latin America.” Panel discussant at Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006, Chicago, IL.

“Citizenship in Strange Lands.” Panel chair at the meeting of the International Studies Association, March 1-5, 2005, Honolulu, HW

“The Relationship Between Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Economic Growth.” Panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2004, Chicago, IL.

“Civil Society and Democratic Consolidation.” Panel discussant at the meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Sections: Qualitative Methods; Comparative Politics of Developing Countries; Science, Technology and the Environment

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Sections: Latin American Political Institutions; Economics and Politics (Executive Committee, 2006-07); Brazil

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Society for Women in International Political Economy (SWIPE)

PROFESSIONAL TALKS AND INVITED LECTURES

“States and Their Citizens Abroad.” Public talk to social science faculty, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Spain. April 6, 2007.

“Consumerism and Economic Reform in Brazil.” Presentation at the Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, May 15, 2006.

“Agricultural Biotechnology in Brazil and Argentina.” Public talk at the Centro para el Desarrollo y la Apertura de América Latina (CADAL), Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 17, 2006.

“Consumerism and Economic Reform in Brazil.” Public talk at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI,

February 13, 2006.

“Expatriate policies: How governments treat their citizens who leave.” Public talk at Western Michigan University, sponsored by Latin Americanists at WMU. Kalamazoo, MI, March 24, 2005.

“American power and global security.” Member of discussion panel sponsored by WMU Institute of Government and Politics. Kalamazoo, MI, March 16, 2005.

“Giants of the American hemisphere: Brazil and the United States.” Presentation to the United Nations Association, Kalamazoo, MI, October 17, 2004.

“External pressures on Cuba.” Panel discussant at conference on “Globalization and the Americas,” Center for Latin American Studies, Michigan State University, October 2003.

“Privatización y movimientos de consumidores.” Presentation to the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Universidad Nacional del Nordeste, Corrientes, Argentina, December 2002.

“What the United States can learn from Latin America about fighting terrorism.” Public talk at Western Michigan University, sponsored by the Peace Center, September 2002.

REVIEWS

Article manuscripts

Latin American Research Review
Journal of Political Science Education
Politics & Policy

Book manuscripts

Penn State University Press
Routledge Publishers

Grant proposals

National Science Foundation

Pedagogical

Review of proposed syllabi for course on Land in Latin American Studies. “Reconceptualizing Latin America: Curriculum Dissemination Workshop.” Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University. Dec. 9, 2006.

SERVICE AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Senator for Political Science, Faculty Senate, Term began May 3, 2007

Co-chair, Steering Committee, Women’s Caucus, College of Arts & Sciences, 2005-2006 (Steering Committee Member, 2004-2005)

Center for Teaching and Learning mentor for faculty teaching large classes, 2004-2005

Faculty Advisor, International Politics Forum, 2005-2006; 2006-2007

Department of Political Science committees: Executive Committee, 2005-2006, 2004-2005; Honors Committee, 2005-2006, 2004-2005; 2006-2007; Comparative Politics Graduate Field Committee, 2004-2005, 2003-2004, 2007-2008; Comparative Politics Hiring Committee, 2004-2005, 2003-2004; Undergraduate Education Committee, 2002-2004

Advisor, Standard Political Science Major and Minor, 2003-2007

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Immigration Counselor / Paralegal / Accredited Representative before the United States Board of Appeals, Catholic Charities Immigration Counseling Services, Dallas, Texas, 1992-94. Prepared briefs and represented clients in hearings for political asylum, suspension of deportation, and other immigration cases.

Live-in Manager, *Casa Ricardo Chacón* Shelter for Homeless Refugees from Central America, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992. Coordinated employment, social, and legal services for 20 refugees.

LANGUAGES

Read, write, and speak Portuguese and Spanish (Near-Native Fluency)