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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of International Studies, Rhodes College. 2012-present.
Assistant Professor, Department of International Studies, Rhodes College. 2005-2012.
Director, Latin American Studies Program. 2013-2016.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin. Ph.D. in Government. May 2005.

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Economy.

New York University. M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. January 1998.

Area of Emphasis: Politics.

University of Wisconsin-Madison. B.A. with Distinction. May 1995.

Majors: Political Science, International Relations.

Universidad Complutense, Madrid. 1994-1995.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed book:

Civil Society Organizations, Advocacy, and Policy Making in Latin American Democracies: Pathways to Participation. Palgrave (2015).

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

“America Will Not Tolerate Slave Traders: Anti-Trafficking Policies and US Power.” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* (2015).

“Protecting Children and Adolescents in Uruguay: Civil Society’s Role in Policy Reform.” *Social Sciences* (2014).

“It’s Not Easy Being Green: Environmental Advocacy and Policy Making in Chile.” *Society & Natural Resources* (April 2014).

“The Power of Persuasion: Issue Framing and Advocacy in Argentina.” *Journal of Latin American Studies* (November 2011).

“From ‘Perverse’ to ‘Progressive’?: Advocating for the Rights and Well-Being of Argentina’s Children.” *International Journal of Children’s Rights* (2011).

“Sex Trafficking: The ‘Other’ Crisis in Mexico?” *The Latin Americanist* (March 2010).

“Framing Violence: Argentina’s Gender Gap.” *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (December 2006).

“The Political Potential of Civil Society: Advocating for Freedom of Information in Argentina.” *The Latin Americanist* (Spring 2006).

Book chapters:

“Human Rights in Argentina.” In *Contention in Context: New Opportunities in Social Movement Research*, ed. Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper, 2012 (Stanford University Press).

“Joining Forces: Civil Society Alliances and Policy Influence in Argentina and Chile.” In *Interest Groups and Lobbying: Volume Three - Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia*, ed. Conor McGrath, 2009 (Edwin Mellen).

“Trafficking and the International Market in Women and Girls.” In *Women and Politics Around the World: A Comparative History and Survey*, ed. Joyce Gelb and Marian Lief Palley, 2009 (ABC/CLIO).

“From Aesthetic Creativity to Political Profundity: Popular Music and Politics in Kenya and Argentina.” (Co-authored with Shadrack Nasong’o). In *Oral and Written Expressions of African Cultures*, ed. Toyin Falola and Fallou Ngom, 2009 (Carolina Academic Press).

Review essay:

“Putting People First: Globalization and Human Security.” *International Studies Review* (Fall 2008).

Book reviews:

Post-Transitional Justice: Human Rights Trials in Chile and El Salvador, by Cath Collins (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2010). In *Bulletin of Latin American Research* (October 2012).

The Politics of Sexuality in Latin America: A Reader on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights, ed. Javier Corrales and Mario Pecheny (Pittsburgh University Press, 2010). In *Latin American Politics and Society* (Spring 2011).

The Dubious Link: Civic Engagement and Democratization, by Ariel C. Armony (Stanford University Press, 2004). In *Latin American Politics and Society* (Fall 2005).

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“A Seat at the Table: Civil Society Participation in Policy Making in Uruguay.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014.

“From ‘Perverse’ to ‘Progressive’?: Advocating for the Rights and Well-Being of Argentina’s Children.” Social Movement Governance, Poverty, and the New Politics of the Americas Conference, Tampa, February 2011.

- “Helping Sex Workers or Freeing Modern-Day Slaves? The Struggle against Sex Trafficking and Tourism in Costa Rica.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Toronto, October 2010.
- “Sex Trafficking: The “Other” Crisis in Mexico?” SECOLAS Annual Conference, New Orleans, April 2009.
- “Trafficking and Hegemonic Projects: Perspectives on the Global Sex Trade.” International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, March 2008.
- “Women and Children for Sale: Sex Trafficking in Latin America.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Montreal, September 2007.
- “Creating Political Opportunities: An Ideational Explanation of Successful Advocacy in Argentina and Chile.” Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, January 2007.
- “The Power of Persuasion: How Civil Society Organizations Frame Policy Issues.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, March 2006.
- “Citizen Participation in Latin American Democracies: The Promise and Peril of ‘Participatory’ Institutions.” Southwestern Political Science Association annual meeting, San Antonio, April 2006.
- “Citizen Participation in Policy Making: Comparative Perspectives on Civil Society Networks and Coalitions.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, September 2004.
- “The Political Potential of Civil Society: Advocating for Access to Public Information in Argentina.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, August 2003.
- “Linking Up is Hard to Do: The Relationship between Political Society and Civil Society in Argentina.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Washington, DC, September 2001.
- “Democratic Consolidation and Civil Society Organizing in the Southern Cone.” Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, April 2001.

COURSES TAUGHT

At Rhodes College:

Introduction to Comparative Politics
Politics and Government of Latin America
Contemporary Issues in Inter-American Relations
The Politics of Social Movements and Grassroots Organizing: “Think Globally, Act Locally”
Women in World Politics: Global Perspectives on Women’s Issues, Rights, and Movements
Democratization in World Politics
International Studies Senior Tutorial
International Studies Internship Course
Introduction to Latin American Studies
Latin American Studies Senior Tutorial
Latin American Studies Internship Course
Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies (Summer program)

At the University of Texas at Austin:

Instructor, Department of Government, UT-Austin. 2004-2005.
US – Latin American Relations

Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, UT-Austin. 2000-2004.
Introduction to Latin American Politics, US – Latin American Relations, The Politics of the Environment, US Foreign Policy, The Politics of Poverty, Introduction to American Politics

Supplementary Instructor, UT-Austin. Fall 2001.
Campus program that trains teaching assistants in active learning methods.

HONORS AND AWARDS

At Rhodes College:

Buckman Curriculum Development Award to participate in a CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar (“Contemporary Cuban Transformations: Social Inequalities and Social Policy in Cuba”), Summer 2016.
Mellon Faculty Innovation Fellowship, 2014-2015.
Hill Grant for curricular development, Summer 2013.
American Political Science Association (APSA) Small Grant, 2012-2013.
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Summer 2012.
Creative Advance Planning (CAP) Mellon Study Leave Award, Spring 2010.
J.S. Seidman Research Fellowship, 2005-2006; 2006-2007; 2007-2008.
Hill Grant for curricular development, 2007-2008 (shared with other Latin American Studies faculty).

At the University of Texas at Austin:

P.E.O. Scholar Award, 2004-2005.
Bruton Fellowship, Office of Graduate Studies, 2004-2005.
University Continuing Fellowship, Office of Graduate Studies, 2003-2004.
David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, Academy for Educational Development, 2002-2003.
Macdonald Fellowship, 2002-2003 & 1999-2000 and Macdonald Summer Fellowships, Government Department, 2002 & 2001.
Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant, Summer 2001.

At New York University:

University Fellowship, 1996-1998.
Research Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Summer 1997.

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

Graduated with Distinction; Distinction in the International Relations Major; Dean’s List; Florence Waste Pulver Scholarship, 1995 (for achievement in the liberal arts); Study Abroad Grant, 1994.

PROFESSIONAL CITIZENSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

- Reviewer of journal article manuscripts for *Latin American Research Review*, *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, *Feminist Formations*, *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, *Environmental Politics*, *World Development*, *Journal of Human Trafficking*, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, and *Journal of Global Research in Education and Social Science*.
- Reviewer of book manuscripts for Lynne Rienner, Routledge, and University of Toronto Press.
- External Reviewer, Latin American Studies Program at Knox College, May 2016.
- Member, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) Executive Board, 2015-2016.
- Member, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) Teaching Committee, 2015-2016.
- Chair and Discussant, panel (“Repertoires of Collective Action: Memory, Identity, Art and Clientelism”), Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, May 2015.
- Co-Chair, Civil Society and Social Movements Track of the 2014 Latin American Studies Association International Congress.
- Co-Chair, special invited panel (“Taking It to the Streets: Perspectives on Recent Mass Mobilizations in Latin American Democracies”), Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014.
- Chair, panel on human rights and US foreign policy, International Studies Association–South Annual Meeting, Nashville, October 2009.
- Chair, panel on sex traffic and trade, Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Montreal, September 2007.
- Invited speaker, “Perspectives from the Field” series, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University, April 2013.

SERVICE TO RHODES COLLEGE

- Director, Latin American Studies Program, 2013-2016.
- Member, Faculty Committee for Latin American Studies Program, Fall 2005-present.
- Primary faculty advisor for first-year students.
- Primary faculty advisor for International Studies majors.
- Faculty Mentor, Fellowships Program, Summer 2014.
- Advisor, Open Rhodes Orientation and Advising Program, Summer 2013; Summer 2009.
- Member, Memphis Center Advisory Board, Spring 2014-present.
- Member, Urban Studies Faculty Advisory Board, Fall 2016-present.
- Member, Faculty Professional Interest Committee, 2010-2012; Fall 2016-present.
- Member, Faculty Development Committee, Spring 2014.
- Member, Admissions Policy Committee, 2014-2015.
- Teaching Mentor to junior faculty, 2015-2016.
- Participant, Mellon Faculty Learning Community, Fall 2015-Spring 2016.
- Co-Director, Mertie W. Buckman Summer Internship Abroad Program, 2006-2009.
- Coordinator, International Studies Internship Program, 2011-2012.
- Member, Fulbright Scholarship Committee, 2011-2012.
- Member, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellows Program Committee, 2015 & 2014.
- Member, Executive Committee of Rhodes College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2007-2009.
- Member, Rhodes College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2005-present.
- Member, Classroom Visitation Committee for tenure review of colleague in International Studies Department, Fall 2015.
- Member, Classroom Visitation Committee for tenure review of colleague in Anthropology/Sociology Department, Fall 2013.
- Member, Classroom Visitation Committee for tenure review of colleague in Modern Languages Department, Fall 2013.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for Mertie Buckman Chair in International Studies, Fall 2015.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for two positions in Economics, Fall 2015.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for one-year American politics position in Political Science, Spring 2015.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for William Randolph Hearst Teaching Fellow position, Spring 2014.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for tenure-track Asian politics position in International Studies, Fall 2012 & Fall 2011.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for tenure-track Middle East position in International Studies, Fall 2010 & Fall 2005.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for multi-year post-doc fellowship in International Studies, Spring 2008.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for two one-year positions in International Studies, Spring 2007 & Spring 2006.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for one-year urban politics position in Political Science, Fall 2010.

Member, Faculty Recruitment and Selection Committee for one-year position in Economics, Spring 2012.

Member, Recruitment and Selection Committee for three-year coordinator position in International Studies, Spring 2012.

Second Reader for International Studies major's Honors research, Fall 2015-Spring 2016.

Faculty Sponsor for Latin American Studies major's Honors research, Fall 2014-Spring 2015.

Faculty Sponsor for International Studies major's Honors research, Fall 2006-Spring 2007.

Faculty Reader for International Studies major's Honors research, Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Faculty Reader for International Studies major's Honors research, Fall 2005-Spring 2006.

Directed Inquiry with student pursuing activist documentary filmmaking, Spring 2016.

Guest lecturer and panelist, "The United States and Latin America: Neighbors or Adversaries?" roundtable discussion sponsored by Latin American Studies Program, March 2015.

Guest lecturer, panels sponsored by Society for World Affairs Today (SoWat): Brazil's political crisis (March 2016); Central American migration (October 2015); women in politics in Latin America (April 2014).

Guest lecturer for Great Decisions course: "The Normalization of US-Cuban Relations" (2016); "US Counter-Trafficking Policy" (2015); "Arab Awakening" (2014); "Rebuilding Haiti" (2011); "Global Crime" (2010); "Cuba After Castro" (2009).

Panelist, "Latin American Studies Preview: Mario Vargas Llosa and the Nobel Prize in Latin America," October 2010.

Panelist, "Latin American Studies Roundtable," March 2009.

Panelist, "What To Do With an International Studies Major," April 2009, March 2008 & October 2005.

Panelist, "Democracy, Terrorism, and Peace in the Middle East," October 2005.

Delivered keynote address, "The Forgotten Region?: Opportunities and Challenges for Global Engagement in Latin America," at the Mid-South Model United Nations Conference, February 2008.

Guest speaker, Mid-South Model United Nations Conference, breakout sessions on violence against women (2009), female genital mutilation (2012), human trafficking (2014), and child labor (2015).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Latin American Studies Association
Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies
Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies