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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Western Michigan University, April 2007

Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Theory

Dissertation: "Democracy on Stilts: Bolivia's Democracy from Stability to Crisis"

Committee: Emily Hauptmann, Gunther Hege, Sybil Rhodes, and Mark P. Jones

M.A., Political Science, Western Michigan University, August 1999

Concentration: Political Theory

B.S., Central Michigan University, May 1997

Majors in Political Science and History, Minor in Latin American Studies

Honors Thesis in History: "In Defense of the King: Finding a Just Title to the Kingdom of Peru (translation and commentary on the 1571 *Anónimo de Yucay*)"

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Mount Saint Mary's University, 2008-present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American Politics, Dickinson College, 2006-2008

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative politics, especially democratization, nationalism, and political institutions

Latin American politics, especially political parties, elections and electoral systems, populism,
and 20th century Andean political history

Political theory, especially democracy, identity, and political ideologies

Methodology, especially qualitative methods, comparative method, and research design

RESEARCH GRANTS & COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

National Science Foundation (SES-0751662) Bolivian case Co-Investigator: "Electoral Systems and Party Personnel: The Consequences of Reform and Non-Reform," directed by Matthew Shugart, Ellis Kraus, and Robert Pekkanen, 2008-2011

Dickinson College, Dana Research Grant, 2007-2008

The Graduate College, Western Michigan University, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005-2006

Institute for International Education, Fulbright Fellowship, for dissertation research in Bolivia, 2003-2004

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

American Academy of Political and Social Science, Graduate Fellow, 2006

The Graduate College, Western Michigan University, Graduate Research Award, 2006

Western Michigan University, George W. Klein Memorial Award, 2000 & 2005

Western Michigan University, All-University Award for Graduate Teaching Effectiveness, 2001
Western Michigan University, Doctoral Associate, 1998-2004
Alpha Kappa Mu Honors Society, 1997
Western Michigan University, Graduate College Fellowship, 1997-1998
Central Michigan University, John B. Warriner Scholarship, 1995-1997
Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, 1996
Central Michigan University, Thelma Key Memorial Scholarship, 1995-1996
Golden Key National Honors Society, 1995
United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, Juan Andrade Scholarship, 1994-1995
Central Michigan University, Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, 1993-1997
League of United Latin American Citizens National Scholarship, 1993-1995

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

"From 'Parliamentarized' to 'Pure' Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003," *The Latin Americanist* 52, 3 (October 2008): 5-30.

Encyclopedic Entries

"Taborga, Miguel de los Santos," in Jay Kinsbruner, ed., *Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture*, 2nd ed. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2008.

Short Essays & Invited Commentary

"Bolivia's New International Stage," *e-International Relations* (July 3, 2008), <http://www.e-ir.info/?p=508>.

"Reelección indefinida y 'democradura': ¿un modelo chavista para Bolivia?" *Tiempo Político* (La Paz, Bolivia), August 24, 2007

"Ingeniería electoral: el sistema de voto alternativo." *Tiempo Político*, May 25, 2007.

"¿Y qué de las prefecturas? Proteger al ciudadano." *Tiempo Político*, September 1, 2005.

"El Estado de derecho cómo necesidad: Las condiciones mínimas para la democracia." *Tiempo Político*, June 24, 2004.

"¿Democracia de referéndum?" *Tiempo Político*, March 11, 2004.

CURRENT RESEARCH & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Research project, "Electoral Systems and Party Personnel: The Consequences of Reform and Non-Reform" (directed by Matthew Shugart, Ellis Kraus, and Robert Pekkanen), data collection and organization for ongoing NSF-funded research project (2008-2011), includes upcoming research trips to Bolivia in 2009 and 2010

Book manuscript, *Politics in Bolivia: Between Stability and Crisis*, writing/editing in progress (expected completion in August 2009)

Article manuscript, "Electoral Reform, Regional Cleavages, and Party System Stability in Bolivia, 1985-2005," under journal review

Article manuscript, "The 2008 Election of Savina Cuéllar: Chuquisaca and the New Regionalism in Bolivia," under journal review

Conference paper, "The Political Economy of Bolivia's New Regionalism" (with Miguel A. Buitrago), accepted for presentation at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009

Conference paper, “Clientelistic Networks or Policy Teams (or Both)? Bolivia’s Political Parties since October 2003,” accepted for presentation at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, June 2009

PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Papers Presented

- “Pop Culture in the Classroom: *American Idol*, Karl Marx, and Alexis de Tocqueville,” presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference, Baltimore, February 2009
- “Bolivia’s Party System after October 2003: Where Did All the Politicians Go?” presented at the Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008
- “Democratization, Social Crisis, and National Reinvention: Evidence from the Bolivian Case,” presented at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, September 2007
- “From ‘Parliamentarized’ to ‘Pure’ Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007
- “Forging a New Social Contract? Bolivia’s 2006 Constituent Assembly Election,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007
- “Imagining Bolivia: The Struggle for Democracy in the Midst of Competing Visions of the Nation,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2006
- “Mixed-Member Proportional Electoral Systems in New Democracies: The Bolivian Experience,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2005
- “Parliamentarized Presidentialism: A New Model of Executive-Legislative Relations,” presented at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, September 2002
- “Electoral Systems and the Formation of Democratic Party Systems: Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2002
- “Parliamentarized Presidentialism: New Democracies, Constitutional Engineering, and the Bolivian Model,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2001
- “Polyarchy in Five South American States: Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2000
- “Decentralization and Democratization in Bolivia,” presented at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, March 2000
- “The Consolidation of Democracy in Bolivia, 1985-1997,” presented at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1999

Panels Organized

- “New Party Dynamics and Elections in Latin America,” Political Institutions Section panel, International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, June 2009

Panel Chair and/or Discussant

Discussant, Panel: "Subnational Perspectives on Democracy and Party Competition in Latin America," Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009
Chair, Panel: "Party Systems in Latin America," Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (a selected list)

Panelist, "Lula's Political *Bossa Nova*: South America at the Dawn of its Third Century," Pan American Day Symposium, Villanova University, April 2009
Panelist, "Political Polarization in the Andes," Elliot School of International Affairs, Latin American and Hemispheric Studies Program, George Washington University, December 2008
Presenter/Moderator, "Latin America: The Next US President's Agenda," Great Decisions Forum, Mount St. Mary's University, November 2008
Panelist, "Does the Democratic form of Government Need to be Anchored in Religious Values? A Skeptic's Perspective," Philosophical Society Forum, Mount St. Mary's University, November 2008
Panelist, "A Living Wage for Dickinson College," Common Hour Discussion Forum, Dickinson College, October 2007
Lecture, "Buscando la Bolivia Imaginada: Entre 'Guerra del Gas' y Asamblea Constituyente," Spanish Club Guest Speaker Series, Dickinson College, February 2007

PARTICIPATION AT SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Chair/Discussant, Comparative Perspectives panel, "Reconciling Customary Law Norms, Identity-Related Conflicts, and State Political Institutions: Mexico's Multicultural Experiment in Comparative Perspective" (An International Conference and Edited Volume), American University, Washington, DC, February 2009.
"Politics and Society in Contemporary Latin America," Kellogg Institute for International Studies Regional Workshop on Latin America, University of Notre Dame, May 2006
"Descentralización: Consideraciones para un debate constitucional" [Decentralization: Considerations for a constitutional debate], FES-ILDIS, La Paz, Bolivia, April 2004
"Constitutional Design 2000," Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, December 1999

COURSE DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATIONS

Developed undergraduate course on "Politics and Culture of the Andes" for inclusion to the Non-Western Studies curriculum as a capstone course in the core curriculum at Mount Saint Mary's University
Developed and taught undergraduate course on "Democracy and Democratization," a survey of new democracies and related issues at Dickinson College (where it had not been taught for many years) and Mount Saint Mary's University (where it was introduced as a new course)
Developed and taught multidisciplinary "Introduction to Latin American Studies" core requirement course for Latin American Studies certificate program at Dickinson College (in addition to weekly readings-based seminar discussions, the course also included an extensive invitational speakers' series, many of whom attended class discussions and interacted directly with students)

Miguel Centellas—vitae

Developed and taught senior seminar on “Democracy and Its Discontents,” a multidisciplinary exploration of the relationship between liberalism, socialism, and fascism to democratic ideals at Dickinson College

Developed and taught special topics course on “Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America,” a study of populism and its relation to democratic theory with a focus on selected Latin American populist leaders at Dickinson College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mount Saint Mary's University

Comparative Politics

Democracy and Democratization

Comparative Political Systems: Latin America (elective course that fulfills “Non-West” liberal arts core curriculum requirement)

Third World Political Development (elective course that fulfills “Non-West” liberal arts core curriculum requirement)

American Foreign Policy

Research Methods I (focus on research design and non-statistical methods, such as content analysis, ethnography, and semi-structured interviews)

Dickinson College

Research Methods

Introduction to Latin American Studies (multidisciplinary seminar required for Latin American Studies Certificate)

Latin American Government and Politics

Democracy and Democratization

Comparative Politics

Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America (multidisciplinary study of selected Latin American populist leaders and the relationship between democracy and populism)

Senior Seminar: Democracy and Its Discontents (explored the relationship between democracy and liberalism, socialism, and fascism)

Western Michigan University (as Instructor)

Introduction to Political Science

Critical Thinking About Politics (liberal arts core requirement for university undergraduates)

International Relations

Latin American Politics

Contemporary Political Theory

Western Michigan University (as Teaching Assistant)

Critical Thinking About Politics (liberal arts core requirement for university undergraduates)

American Judicial Politics

STUDENT ADVISING

Dickinson College (a selected list)

Maciej Turek, Graduate Fellow and Guest Scholar, Jagiellonian University (Kraków, Poland) and the Copernicus Society of America, pre-doctoral research on the American vice presidency (assisted with methodology and research design), 2008

Juliana Horwath, Dana Research Assistant, 2007-2008.

Brian Booher, "Countering a Global Trend: Popular Resistance to Neoliberalism in Chile, France, and Australia," Political Science Honors Thesis, Spring 2008

Lindsay Robinson, "Decentralization in Sub-Saharan Africa: Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia in Comparative Perspective" Political Science Honors Thesis, Spring 2008

Alice Drozdiak, "María, Why Don't You Write? The Role of Sexual Language in Life Narratives of Colonial Mexican Mystics," Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008

Shana Ellsbury, "Authoritarianism at the State Level: Oaxaca and Its Implications for Mexico's Democratization," Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008

Melissa Nolan, "La polémica de la memoria y el futuro de la democracia en Chile," Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Executive committee, Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association (2007-present)

Manuscript reviewer: *The Latin Americanist*, Wiley-Blackwell

Media interviews: *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, Voice of America, Public Radio International, *The Atlantic*

Featured guest, "Latin America's New Socialism," *Open Source*, Public Radio International, (January 3, 2006), podcast: <http://www.radioopensource.org/latin-americas-new-socialism>.

Invited contributor, "Perspectives" *World Focus*, Public Broadcasting Service (online <http://worldfocus.org/blog/category/blogs/perspectives>)

Contributor, The Gringo Tambo, online interdisciplinary researcher community of Bolivianists (<http://gringotambo.wordpress.com>)

ADMINISTRATION, SERVICE, AND OTHER CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Mount St. Mary's University

Pre-Law Search Committee, 2009

Honors Committee, 2009

Intercultural Development Advisory Committee, 2008-2009

Non-Western Studies faculty, 2008-2009

Participant, Faculty Writing Group, 2008-2009

Dickinson College

Interim Director, Latin American Studies Certificate Program, 2007-2008; duties included: coordinating interdisciplinary faculty course offerings, managing student staff assistant, overseeing senior theses and coordinating theses committees, and organizing guest speaker series

Latin American Studies faculty, 2006-2008

Faculty advisor, Sigma Lambda Beta, 2007-2008

Supervisor, Dana Research Assistant, 2007-2008

Supervisor, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, 2007

Oral examiner, International Studies Program, 2007

Participant, Junior Faculty Works in Progress Seminar, 2007

Co-founder and member, Faculty Soccer Team, 2006-2008

Western Michigan University

Political Science Graduate Student Association (various executive positions), 1998-2003
Co-founder, The Democracy Group (graduate student working group on democratic theory and democratization issues), 1998-2003

Research assistant for Emily Hauptmann with APSA-sponsored research on history of postwar political theory; also helped develop new PhD and MA reading lists, 2001

Research assistant for Ashlyn Kuersten with NSF funded (SES-9911284) Court of Appeals Database project (data organization and online database construction), 2000

Research assistant for Emily Hauptmann with APSA-sponsored research on history of postwar political theory, 1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (Sections: Comparative Politics; Comparative Democratization; Political Organizations & Parties; International History & Politics)

Bolivian Studies Association

Latin American Studies Association (Section: Political Institutions)

Midwest Political Science Association

LANGUAGES & OTHER SKILLS

Native fluency (written and conversational) in Spanish and English

Moderate abilities in Italian, French, Portuguese, and Catalan

Proficient in various software packages, including: Microsoft Office applications (Windows & Mac), STATA, Minitab, Blackboard, Movable Type, HTML & CSS, and general web design and collaborative software packages

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