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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Department of International Studies, Rhodes College. 2019-present.
Associate Professor, Department of International Studies, Rhodes College. 2012-2019.
Assistant Professor, Department of International Studies, Rhodes College. 2005-2012.

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

Single-authored books:

The Youngest Citizens: Children's Rights in Latin America. Routledge (2019).

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

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

"The 'Keys to the Kingdom:' Interest Groups, Ideologues, and Immigration Policy." *Social Justice* (2023).

"Think Globally, Act Locally: Community-Engaged Comparative Politics." *PS: Political Science & Politics* (2019).

"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:

“Protecting Children and Adolescents in Uruguay.” In *Contemporary Developments in Child Protection: Volume Three – Broadening Challenges in Child Protection*, ed. Nigel Parton, 2015 (MDPI).

“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:

The Civil Sphere in Latin America, ed. Jeffrey Alexander and Carlo Tognato. (Cambridge University Press, 2018). In *American Journal of Sociology* (January 2020).

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).

Other publications:

“The Shadow Pandemic.” *Latin American Perspectives Blog* (October 5, 2020). Available at:
<https://laperspectives.blogspot.com/2020/10/the-shadow-pandemic.html>

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Surges and Separations: The Treatment of Child Migrants in the United States.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, May 2021.

“Explaining the Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policy.” Faculty Development Endowment series, Rhodes College, October 2020.

“Think Globally, Act Locally: Designing a New Course on Social Movements and Activism.” American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, February 2018.

“The ‘Triumph’ of the Revolution: Cuban Nationalism and Nostalgia.” Cuba at the Crossroads Symposium, Rollins College, February 2017.

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

“Children’s Rights Advocacy in Uruguay and Argentina.” Faculty Development Endowment series, Rhodes College, April 2013.

“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.

“Human Rights Crisis or Business As Usual? The Politics of Sex Trafficking” International Studies Association–South Annual Meeting, Nashville, October 2009.

“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.

“Human Rights Advocacy and the Rule of Law in Argentina.” North Central Council of Latin Americanists annual meeting (plenary session), Milwaukee, October 2000.

COURSES TAUGHT

At Rhodes College:

Introduction to Comparative Politics
Politics and Government of Latin America
Contemporary Issues in US-Latin American Relations
Politics of Social Movements and Grassroots Organizing: “Think Globally, Act Locally”
Women in World Politics: Global Perspectives on Issues, Rights, and Movements
Democratization in World Politics
Research Methods in International Studies
International Studies Senior Tutorial
International Studies Internship Course
International Studies International Internship Course
Directed Inquiry in International Studies (topics: migration; activism and art)
Introduction to Latin American Studies
Latin American Studies Senior Tutorial
Latin American Studies Internship Course

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.
Training in active learning methods.

HONORS AND AWARDS

At Rhodes College:

Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching, 2019. Highest faculty honor for teaching.
<https://news.rhodes.edu/stories/rhodes-honors-professors-amy-risley-and-michael-larosa-clarence-day-awards-outstanding>

Stanley J. Buckman Rotational Professorship, 2021-present.
Provides research support.

Mellon Faculty Fellowship in Health Equity, Human Flourishing, and Well-Being, 2021-2022.
For development of course on migration and human rights.

Faculty Development Endowment Grant, 2020. For summer research on migration policy.

Buckman Curriculum Development Award to participate in a CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar (“Contemporary Cuban Transformations: Social Inequalities and Social Policy in Cuba”), 2016.

Mellon Faculty Innovation Fellowship, 2014-2015. For development of community-engaged learning course on social movements.

Hill Grant for pedagogical innovation and curricular development, 2017 (shared with International Studies faculty); 2013 (individual award); 2008 (shared with Latin American Studies faculty).

American Political Science Association (APSA) Small Grant, 2012-2013.

Faculty Development Endowment Grant, 2012. For summer research.

Creative Advance Planning (CAP) Mellon Study Leave Award, Spring 2010.

J.S. Seidman Research Fellowship, 2005-2006; 2006-2007; 2007-2008.

Artinian Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2007.

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, Government Department, 2002-2003 & 1999-2000.

Macdonald Summer Fellowships, Government Department, 2002 & 2001.

Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant, Summer 2001.

At New York University:

University Fellowship, 1996-1998. Full tuition and stipend.

Research Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Summer 1997.

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as a Junior, 1994.

Graduated with Distinction, 1995.

Distinction in the International Relations Major, 1995.

Dean’s List, multiple semesters.

Florence Waste Pulver Scholarship, 1995 (for achievement in the liberal arts)

Study Abroad Grant for year in Madrid, 1994.

Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies

PROFESSIONAL CITIZENSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Reviewer of journal article manuscripts for:

Comparative Politics
Latin American Research Review
Latin American Politics and Society
Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Feminist Formations
Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy
International Studies Perspectives
International Journal of Children's Rights
Journal of Human Trafficking
Journal of Criminology
Environmental Politics
Policy Studies Journal
World Development
Social Science
Politics, Groups, and Identities
Journal of Intercultural Studies
Journal of International and Global Studies
Journal of Global Research in Education
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology

Reviewer of book manuscripts for Lynne Rienner, Routledge, and University of Toronto Press.

Reviewer of chapter for edited volume for Elgar Research Agendas.

External Reviewer, Latin American Studies Program at Knox College, May 2016.

Program Co-Chair, Civil Society and Social Movements Track of the 2014 Latin American Studies Association International Congress.

Member, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) Executive Board, 2015-2016.

Member, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) Teaching Committee, 2015-2016.

Participant, Roundtable titled "Teaching Undergraduate Research Methods," Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 2022.

Discussant, panel titled "Public Opinion, Perceptions, and Evaluations in Comparative Perspective," Southern Political Science Association meeting, New Orleans, January 2018.

Chair and Discussant, panel titled "Repertoires of Collective Action: Memory, Identity, Art and Clientelism," Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, May 2015.

Co-Chair, special invited panel titled "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 gender and legal rights, ACS Women's and Gender Studies Conference, Rhodes College, March 2009.

Chair, panel on sex traffic and trade, Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Montreal, September 2007.

Invited presenter for webinar titled "Civil Society and Democracy in Latin America," Primary Source (Latin America and the Caribbean Now: Topics for the Classroom series), April 2019.

Invited speaker, "Contemporary Crises at the US-Mexico Border," Trezevant Manor, Memphis, April 2019.

Invited speaker, "The 'Triumph' of the Revolution: Cuban Nationalism and Nostalgia," Trezevant Manor, Memphis, October 2016.

Invited speaker, “Perspectives from the Field” series, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University, April 2013.

Invited speaker, Timothy Class, Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis (session on the evolution of the Castro regime in Cuba), March 2012.

SERVICE TO RHODES COLLEGE

Co-Chair, Working Group on Expressive Speech. Task force convened by Marjorie Hass, President of Rhodes College. We met during the 2019-2020 academic year, researched issues relating to expressive speech and inclusivity in higher education, reviewed existing institutional practices and policies, proposed recommendations for the future, and authored a report that was submitted to the President in May 2020 and shared with the campus community at: https://www.rhodes.edu/sites/default/files/2020-10/Expressive_Speech_Report_2020.pdf

Chair, Department of International Studies, Rhodes College. 2017-2020.

Director, Latin American and Latinx Studies Program, Rhodes College. 2013-2016.

Member, Rhodes College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2005-present.

Teaching Mentor to junior faculty, 2015-2016; 2016-2017.

Facilitator, peer mentoring cohort and inaugural member of steering committee for professional faculty development, 2016-2018.

Presenter, New Faculty Orientation panel on effective teaching, 2016-2019

Presenter, Paths to Full Professor panel, 2023

Participant, Mellon Faculty Learning Community, 2015-2016.

Faculty Mentor, Mertie W. Buckman Summer Internship Abroad Program, 2020 & 2019.

Co-Director, Mertie W. Buckman Summer Internship Abroad Program, 2006-2009.

Member, Mertie W. Buckman Summer Internship Selection Committee, 2022-present.

Coordinator, International Studies Internship Program, 2020 & 2019; 2011-2012.

Priorities and accomplishments as Department Chair:

Led external review (planned visit, authored the self-study).

Revised Department assessment plan.

Participated in strategic planning initiatives.

Undertook major curricular revisions of three interdisciplinary (“bridge”) majors and IS minor

Mentored junior and mid-career faculty.

Led three successful tenure, promotion, and other faculty reviews.

Oversaw increase in number of IS majors.

Created study abroad scholarship for IS majors.

Mentored Mertie Buckman International Interns.

Oversaw expansion of community-based learning, service-learning, and internship opportunities.

Strengthened outreach to alumni and other friends of the Department.

Created faculty sub-committees within Department.

Chaired hiring committees.

Enhanced web presence and promotional materials; engaged in extensive event planning.

Completed other routine duties (creating course schedule, updating Catalogue, overseeing operating budget, convening meetings, advising new majors and individuals planning to study abroad, informing students of professional opportunities, etc.).

Priorities and accomplishments as Program Director:

Taught Senior Seminar and internship course as overloads. Also taught Introduction to Latin American Studies (LALS 200), an interdisciplinary course and the Honors Tutorial.

Oversaw the Program's first-ever external review.

Increased number and diversity of elective courses.

Increased number and diversity of student experiences studying, volunteering, and interning in Latin America.

Expanded community-based learning, service-learning, and internship opportunities in Memphis.

Strengthened outreach to Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) and Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

Created web page and promotional materials; engaged in extensive event planning.

Faculty committees:

Faculty Governance Committee, 2021—present.

Secretary, 2022-2023.

Faculty Professional Interest Committee, 2010-2012; 2016-2019

Chair, 2018-2019.

Co-Chair, Spring 2018.

Secretary, 2016-2017.

Vetting Committee for Associate Provost position, 2023.

Workload and Compensation Ad Hoc Committee, 2018-2019.

Faculty Development Committee, 2014.

Admissions Policy Committee, 2014-2015.

Fulbright Scholarship Committee, 2011-2012.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellows Program Committee, 2015 & 2014.

Executive Committee of Rhodes College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2007-2009.

Interdisciplinary committees:

Latin American and Latinx Studies Program Committee, 2005-present.

Latin American and Latinx Studies sub-committee on curricular reform, 2016-2018.

Urban Studies Faculty Advisory Board, 2016-2020.

Memphis Center Advisory Board, 2014-2017.

Teaching evaluation and other faculty review committees:

Promotion without tenure review, Modern Languages, Fall 2022.

Tenure review, Urban Studies, Fall 2021.

Fourth-year review, Urban Studies, Fall 2019.

Tenure review, International Studies, Fall 2018.

Second-year review, Urban Studies, Fall 2017.

Fourth-year review, International Studies, Fall 2016.

Tenure review, International Studies, Fall 2015.

Fourth-year review, International Studies, Fall 2014.

Tenure review, Anthropology/Sociology, Fall 2013.

Tenure review, Modern Languages, Fall 2013.

Faculty recruitment and selection committees:

Two tenure-track positions in Sociology, Fall 2019.

Chair, Two-year position in International Studies, Spring 2019.
Chair, One-year position in International Studies, Spring 2018.
Senior scholar in European politics in International Studies, Fall 2015.
Tenure-track Asian politics position in International Studies, Fall 2012 & Fall 2011.
Tenure-track Middle East position in International Studies, Fall 2010 & Fall 2005.
Multi-year post-doc fellowship in International Studies, Spring 2008.
Two one-year positions in International Studies, Spring 2007 & Spring 2006.
Coordinator position in International Studies, Spring 2012.
One-year position in Political Science, Spring 2018.
One-year position in Political Science, Spring 2015.
William Randolph Hearst Teaching Fellow position, Spring 2014.
One-year urban politics position in Political Science, Fall 2010.
Two tenure-track positions in Economics, Fall 2015.
One-year position in Economics, Spring 2012.

Advising and mentorship of students:

Primary faculty advisor for first-year students, 2007-present.
Primary faculty advisor for International Studies majors, 2006-present.
Advisor, Open Rhodes first-year advising summer program, 2021, 2019, 2013 & 2009.
Faculty Advisor, Society for World Affairs Today (SoWat) student organization, 2019-present.
Faculty Mentor, Fellowships Program, Summer 2014 & Spring 2016.
Faculty Sponsor for International Studies major's Honors research, 2022- 2023.
External Faculty Reader for Spanish major's Honors research, 2019-2020.
Faculty Sponsor for International Studies-Political Science bridge major's Honors research, 2018- 2019.
External Faculty Reader for Psychology major's Honors research, 2018-2019.
Faculty Reader for International Studies major's Honors research, 2015-2016.
Faculty Sponsor for Latin American Studies major's Honors research, 2014-2015.
Faculty Sponsor for International Studies major's Honors research, 2006- 2007.
Faculty Reader for International Studies major's Honors research, 2010-2011.
Faculty Reader for International Studies major's Honors research, 2005- 2006.
Faculty Reader for Latin American and Latinx Studies major's senior research, Fall 2021& Fall 2017.
Directed Inquiry with student researching immigration, Fall 2019.
Directed Inquiry with student pursuing activist documentary filmmaking, Spring 2016.
Faculty Mentor for students participating in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Symposium (URCAS), 2006, 2007, 2012, 2017.
Led a workshop on women workers and gender violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico to help students prepare for their Tex-Mex Alternative Spring Break trip to Mexico, February 2008.
Led a workshop on sustainable development in Latin America to help students prepare for their Summer United Nations Peacemaking Trip, April 2006.

Guest lectures and presentations on campus:

Great Decisions lectures: Global agenda on climate change (2022); Children's rights in Latin America (2020); The Trump Administration's migration and border policies (2019); Women in parliament (2018); The 'Pink Tide' and Inter-American affairs (2017); Normalization of US-Cuban relations (2016); US counter-trafficking policy (2015); Uprisings in MENA countries (2014); Rebuilding Haiti (2011); Global crime (2010); Cuba after Castro (2009).

Mid-South Model United Nations Conference presentations: Welcoming remarks during Opening Ceremonies (2019 & 2018); crisis in Venezuela (2018); child soldiers (2017); child labor (2015); human trafficking (2014); female genital mutilation (2012); and violence against women (2009).

Panels sponsored by Society for World Affairs Today (SoWat): Progressive political leaders in Latin America (November 2022); Protests in Hong Kong (October 2019); Brazil's elections (November 2018); Gender violence (April 2018); peace process in Colombia (October 2016); Brazil's political crisis (March 2016); Central American migration (October 2015); women in politics in Latin America (April 2014).

Opening Convocation Address: "Making Connections and Building Community Through Liberal Arts Education." Delivered to incoming first-year class and their families, August 2019.

Book talk on *The Youngest Citizens: Children's Rights in Latin America*, March 2020.

"Wartime Sexual Violence," panel hosted by Culture of Consent, April 2022.

Hill grant presentation: "Enhancing International Studies in a Liberal Arts Environment: Methods Training, Community-Engaged Learning, and Professional Development," December 2017.

"Docile Bodies: A Feminist Conversation about Surveillance," Gender and Sexuality Studies roundtable, November 2016.

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

"Latin American Studies Preview: Mario Vargas Llosa and the Nobel Prize in Latin America," panel sponsored by Latin American Studies Program, October 2010.

Discussion leader, Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies, December 2010.

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

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

"The Challenges of Democratization in Latin America," High Table, October 2005.

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

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement: Historical Influences and International Inspirations," Memphis Connection excursion to the National Civil Rights Museum, August 2009.