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EDUCATION

1. NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH/THE NEW SCHOOL; New York, NY
Political Science Department

Ph.D. in POLITICAL SCIENCE; January 2010.

Major Field: Comparative Politics (passed Field Exam with *Honors*)

Minor Field: American Politics

Ph.D. Dissertation Title:

DEMOCRACY IN "TWO MEXICOS": Political Exclusion, Economic Exclusion, and (Un)civil Modes of Political Action in Oaxaca and Nuevo León

Dissertation Committee:

- David Plotke (chair)
- Mala Htun
- Gabriel L. Negretto-Pérez [Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE); Mexico City]

2. NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH/THE NEW SCHOOL; New York, NY
Political Science Department

M.Phil. in POLITICAL SCIENCE; January 2005.

M.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE; May 2002.

Area of Specialization: Comparative Politics

3. UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA (UIA); Mexico City
Department of Economics

B.A. in ECONOMICS (*Licenciatura en Economía*); December 1997.

Area of Specialization: Macroeconomics (Field of interest: International Economics)

B.A. Thesis: “*Desarrollo Financiero y Crecimiento Económico: Teoría y Evidencia Empírica para Países en Desarrollo*” (Financial Development and Economic Growth: Theory and Empirical Evidence relating to Developing Countries)

Degree with honors: **Honorific Mention (*Mención Honorífica*)**

TEACHING

1. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE (UTB); Brownsville, TX
Department of Government

CHAIR, Department of Government; since Fall 2012.

Assistant Professor; since Fall 2009.

- Courses:

Fall 2009

American Government and Policy

Latin American Politics

Seminar in International and Development Policy and Management (MPPM Program)

Spring 2010

Introduction to Comparative Politics

International and Comparative Public Policy and Management (MPPM Program)

United States-Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Relations (MAIS Program)

Summer 2010

American Government and Policy (2 sections; one in Spanish, one in English)

Fall 2010

American Hispanic Politics

Latin American Politics

Public Policies in the Mexico-U.S. Border Region (MPPM/MAIS Program)

Spring 2011

Comparative Politics

American Government and Policy (2 sections)

Spring 2012

American Government and Policy

Comparative Politics

Seminar in International and Development Policy and Management (MPPM Program)

Fall 2012

Latin American Politics

U.S.-Mexico Border Policy (MPPM Program)

Spring 2013

Introduction to Comparative Politics

International and Comparative Public Policy and Management (MPPM Program)

2. COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA NORTE (COLEF) - Matamoros

Certificate on Border Studies (*Diplomado en Estudios Fronterizos*)

Instructor; October 19, 20, 26, and 27, 2012.

- Course:

Mexico-U.S. Border Relation: Basic Problems, Institutional Framework, and Critical Topics.

3. MEXICAN SCHOOL OF INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY (*Escuela de Inteligencia y Seguridad Nacional, ESISEN*); Mexico City

Instructor; November 10 and 11, 2011.

- Course:

SECURITY IN MEXICO'S NORTHERN BORDER. The Three Mexico's Northern Borders: Tijuana-San Diego, Ciudad Juarez-El Paso, and Tamaulipas-Texas.

4. UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA (UIA); Mexico City

Departments of Economics and Political Science

Visiting Scholar/Part-time Faculty; Fall 2005 - Spring 2007.

- Course:

Comparative Politics/Seminar of Political Research II (Fall 2006 and Spring 2007)

5. EUGENE LANG COLLEGE/THE NEW SCHOOL; New York, NY

Social and Historical Studies

Instructor; Fall 2003.

- Course:

Introduction to Comparative Politics

6. UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA (UIA); Mexico City

Department of Economics

Instructor; Spring 2000.

- Course:

Introduction to Macroeconomics (*"Macroeconomics I"*)

RESEARCH

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- U.S.-Mexico border relations
- Border violence and drug trafficking/organized crime
- Migration and human trafficking

- Contemporary Mexican politics
- Latin American politics

CURRENT RESEARCH:

Drugs, Security and Democracy (DSD) Postdoctoral Fellowship.

***The DSD Fellowship is funded by the Open Society Foundations' Latin America Program and Global Drug Policy Program. The program is a partnership between Open Society Foundations (OSF), the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), and Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia: August 2011-July 2012.

Visiting researcher. National Autonomous University of Mexico (*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*, UNAM) - Research Center on North America (*Centro de Investigaciones sobre América del Norte*, CISAM). Mexico City: June and August 2012.

Project: *Violence on the “Forgotten” (Texas-Tamaulipas) Border: Unemployment, Corruption, and the Paramilitarization of Organized Crime in Mexico’s “New Democratic” Era*

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS

- Drugs, Security and Democracy (DSD) Post-doctoral Fellowship (August 2011 - July 2012)
- FULBRIGHT Fellowship (Sep 2000 - May 2002)
- *Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT)* Scholarship (Fall 2000 – August 2006)
- New School for Social Research Dissertation Fellowship (2003-2004)
- New School for Social Research Graduate Teaching Fellowship (2003-2004)
- New School for Social Research Tuition Scholarship (Fall 2000 - Fall 2003)
- Janey Program for Latin American Studies Summer Grant (Summer 2004)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA) XXV International Congress Travel Grant (October 6-7, 2004)
- 2002 Transregional Center for Democratic Studies (TCDS) New Social Science Training Fellowship (September - December 2002)

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

“Risks on Freedom of Information and the Press due to Violence on the Southwestern U.S. Border.” Paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the Association for Borderland Studies (ABS) (Denver, Colorado; April 10-13, 2013).

“Seguridad y Migración en las Dos Fronteras de México.” Paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the Association for Borderland Studies (ABS) (Denver, Colorado; April 10-13, 2013).

“Migration and Organized Crime in the Texas-Tamaulipas Border Region: Human trafficking and the Dilemmas of Migrant Smuggling in the Rio Grande Valley” (co-authored with Jennifer Bryson Clark). Paper presented at the Eighth Annual Symposium on Human Trafficking (McAllen and Brownsville, TX; April 9-11, 2013).

“Violence on the ‘Forgotten’ Border: Unemployment, Endemic Corruption, and the Paramilitarization of Drug Cartels on the Texas-Tamaulipas Border.” Paper scheduled to be presented at the 108th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) (New Orleans, LA; August 30-September 2, 2012) [cancelled due to hurricane Isaac].

“Losing the Monopoly of Violence. Max Weber, the Mexican State, and the Paramilitarization of Organized Crime in Mexico during Drug War Times” (co-authored with Jose Nava). Paper presented at the 25th Annual Public Administration Theory Network (PAT-Net) Conference (South Padre Island, Texas; May 20-23, 2012).

Participation in the roundtable **“Governance in Dark Times: Implications for Border Security.”** Event to take place at the 25th Annual Public Administration Theory Network (PAT-Net) Conference (South Padre Island, Texas; May 20-23, 2012).

“Women and Violence on the ‘Forgotten’ (Texas-Tamaulipas) Border.” Paper presented at the 54th Annual Conference of the Association for Borderland Studies (ABS) (Houston, Texas; April 11-14, 2012).

“The Phenomenology of Perception and Fear: Living and Working on the U.S.-Mexico Border” (co-authored with Terence Garrett). Paper presented at the 2012 American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference (Las Vegas, Nevada; March 2-6, 2012).

“Drug Wars, Social Networks and the Right to Information: The Rise of Informal Media as the Freedom of Press’s Lifeline in Northern Mexico” (co-

authored with Jose Nava). Paper presented at the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) (Seattle, WA; September 1-4, 2011).

“Border Violence, the (Mis)use of Media, and Border (Mis)management: The Media Spectacle of the so-called ‘War on Drugs’.” Paper presented at the 24th Annual Public Administration Theory Network (PAT-Net) Conference (Norfolk, Virginia; May 19-22, 2011).

“Administrative Surveillance and Fear: Implications for Governance for Those Living on the Mexican and U.S. Border” (co-authored with Terence Garrett and Michelle Keck). Paper presented at the 24th Annual Public Administration Theory Network (PAT-Net) Conference (Norfolk, Virginia; May 19-22, 2011).

“Language, Ethnicity and Inequality” (co-authored with Irma Guadarrama). Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Conference of the Association for Borderland Studies (ABS) (Salt Lake City, Utah; April 13-16, 2011).

“The Current Dilemmas of Mexico-U.S. Border Economics: Media Spectacles, Drug Violence, and U.S. Immigration Policy.” Paper presented at the 2011 American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference (Baltimore, Maryland; March 11-15, 2011).

“Measuring Up Student Success: Discovering Factors Contributing to Student Success in Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs)” (co-authored with Dr. Oralia de los Reyes). Paper presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association (APSA) Teaching and Learning Conference (Albuquerque, New Mexico; February 11-13, 2011).

“Democracy in ‘Two Mexicos’: The Challenge of Political Exclusion and Economic Inequality in Oaxaca and Nuevo Leon.” Paper presented at the 29th International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Toronto, Canada; October 6-9, 2010).

“The Mathematics of Mexico-U.S. Migration Policies” (co-authored with Dr. Miriam Rojas-Arenaza: Mathematics Department, University of Puerto Rico). Paper presented at the 23rd Annual Public Administration Theory Network (PAT-Net) Conference (Omaha, Nebraska; May 20-23, 2010).

“The Democratic Fragility Index: Assessing the Quality of Latin American Democratic Institutions.” Paper presented at the 68th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) National Conference (Chicago, Illinois; April 22-25, 2010).

“21st Century Democracy in the ‘Two Mexicos’: Political Factionalism or Political Cohesion?” Paper presented at the 105th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) (Toronto, Canada; September 3-6, 2009).

“Rules or Rebellion? Lessons for Young and Unequal Democracies.” Paper presented at the 21st International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress (Santiago, Chile; July 12-16, 2009).

“Challenges to Democratic Stability in Southern Mexico: Inequality, Electoral Exclusion and Active Political Factionalism.” Paper presented at the 28th International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; June 11-14, 2009).

“Sources of Political Cohesion in Northern Mexico: The Case of Nuevo León.” Paper presented at the 67th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) National Conference (Chicago, Illinois; April 2-5, 2009).

“Political Conflict in 21st Century Oaxaca: Rules, Opportunities and Economic Structures.” Paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) (San Diego, California; March 20-22, 2008).

“Explaining Democratic Fragility in Latin America: Political Violence, Anti-Regime Rebellion and Other Instance of Democratic Rule Violation.” Paper presented at the 27th International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Montréal, Canada; September 5-8, 2007).

“Redistribution in Contemporary Brazil and Venezuela: Tax Reform and Land Reform.” Paper presented at the 26th International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (San Juan, Puerto Rico; March 15-18, 2006).

“Inequality, Social Unrest and Democratic Fragility in Latin America.” Paper presented at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA) (Portland, Oregon; November 3-6, 2005).

“Latin American Democracy in the Age of Neoliberalism.” Paper presented at the Janey Program for Latin American Studies 2005 Annual Conference (New York, NY; April 15, 2005).

“The Fragile Character of Latin American Democracies: A Catalog of Manifest Violations of Democratic Norms.” Paper presented at the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) 26th and Virginia Commonwealth University's School of World Studies 1st Joint Conference (Richmond, Virginia; April 8-10, 2005).

“Risks for Democratic Rule in Latin America: Income Inequality, Social Unrest and Political Instability.” Paper presented at the 25th International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Las Vegas, Nevada; October 7-9, 2004).

“Global Corporatism, International Labor Solidarity and the Theory of Coalitions: Explaining the Decline of American Unionism after World War I

and the End of Pan-American Labor Solidarity.” Poster presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) (Chicago, Illinois; September 2-5, 2004).

“Inequality and Democratic Fragility in Latin America. Two “Contrasting” Experiences: Mexico and Venezuela.” Paper presented at the 62nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) National Conference (Chicago, Illinois; April 15-18, 2004).

“Distributive Conflicts and Political Disorder in Fragile Democracies: Prospects for Democratic Stability in Brazil and Venezuela.” Paper presented at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) and International Studies Association-Northeast (ISA-NE) (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; November 6-8, 2003).

“Organized Labor, Regime Formation, and International Labor Politics in the United States and Mexico (1910-1940).” Paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA) (Baltimore, Maryland; November 13-16, 2003).

“Democratic vs. Postrevolutionary Authoritarian Regimes: The United States and Mexico (1910-1940).” Paper presented at the 61st Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) National Conference (Chicago, Illinois; April 3-6, 2003); and poster presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; November 6-8, 2003).

“Corporatism in Comparative Perspective.” Paper presented at the First Graduate Student Conference on Twentieth-Century Latin America; Columbia University (New York, NY; March 1, 2003).

“Democratic Transitions and Ideology in Latin America.” Paper presented at the Concluding Conference of the 2002 TCDS New Social Science Training Program (New York, NY; December 16, 2002).

“Las Fuentes de Financiamiento como Determinantes de la Transformación del Modelo Económico en México (1940-1998)” (Financial Investment Resources as Main Forces of Structural Change in Mexico), co-authored with Gerardo Jacobs and Vicente Cell. Paper presented at the International Symposium: “Economic Reform and Social Change in Latin America and the Caribbean. Four Case Studies: Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba and Mexico” (Cali, Colombia; October 27-29, 1999).

Public Presentations

“Human Trafficking, Undocumented Immigration and Organized Crime in Mexico and the United States.” Rio Grande Valley Partnership Chamber of Commerce (Weslaco, Texas; March 28, 2013).

“Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in the Rio Grande Valley.” Valley International Country Club/VICC (Brownsville, Texas; March 20, 2013).

“Life on the Line: Tweeting the Drug War.” Panel presenter at SXSW-Interactive (Austin, Texas; March 9, 2013).

“Dinner and Dialogue: A Dangerous Journey to the United States.” Presentation at Casa Mariposa (South Padre Island, Texas; March 4, 2013).

“Security, Migration, and the Economy in the Texas-Tamaulipas Border Region: The ‘Real’ Effects of Mexico’s Drug War on U.S. and Mexico Border Cities.” Featured Speaker. Latin American and Latino Studies Lecture Series. University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, Arkansas; February 28, 2013).

“National Security and Drug Trafficking.” Presentation at CASEDE’s seminar: “A Debate on Mexico’s Security and Defense 2012,” Casa COLEF (Mexico City; November 16, 2012).

“Fronteras Seguras” (Secure Borders). Featured speaker at the Conference: “The Future of Regional Security: U.S., Mexico and Central America. Assessment and the Future of CARSI and the Merida Initiative,” El Colegio de México (Mexico City; November 15, 2012).

“The ‘Forgotten’ Border.” Featured speaker at the Bridging Cultures Conference “Assessing the Cultural Heritage of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Borderland,” University of Texas at San Antonio (San Antonio, Texas; November 9, 2012).

“Enrique Peña Nieto, Paramilitarism in Mexico and the Future of the Merida Initiative.” Panelist at the Second Global Security Summit presented jointly by the Greater Austin Crime Commission and the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security. Panel: “Implications of Mexican Elections for Combating Narcotics Trafficking in North America and U.S.-Mexico Relations,” Bass Lecture Hall, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin (Austin, Texas; November 8, 2012).

“Seguridad, Migración y Economía en la Frontera Este México-Estados Unidos: Los Efectos ‘Reales’ de la Denominada ‘Guerra contra las Drogas’” (Security, Migration and the Economy on the Eastern Mexico-U.S. Border: The ‘Real’ Effects of the so-called ‘War against Drugs’). Keynote speech at the strategic event to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of El Colegio de la Frontera Norte: “Diagnosis of the Social, Economic and Cultural Implications of Crime and Violence in Mexican Municipalities: Comparative Reflections” (Monterrey, Nuevo León; October 24, 2012).

“Drogas, Violencia y Tráfico de Personas en las Dos Fronteras de México: Diagnóstico y Recomendaciones de Política y Cooperación Regional” (Drugs, Violence and Human Trafficking in the Two Borders of Mexico: Diagnosis and Recommendations of Policy and Regional Cooperation). Presentation at the third meeting of the project “The Migration Processes in Mexico and Central America:

Evaluation and Regional Proposals,” Mexico’s embassy in Guatemala (Guatemala City; October 1, 2012).

“Violencia en el Este de la Frontera México-Estados Unidos: Narcotráfico y Militarización” (Violence on the Eastern Mexico-U.S. Border: Drug Trafficking and Militarization). Presentation at the Research Center on North America (CISAN) – UNAM (Mexico City; August 20, 2012).

“El Caso de Tamaulipas y los Zetas: Clave para Entender la Nueva Configuración del Crimen Organizado en México” (The Case of Tamaulipas and the Zetas: Key for Understanding the New Configuration of Organized Crime in Mexico). Presentation at the Research Center on North America (CISAN) – UNAM (Mexico City; August 15, 2012).

“Crimen Organizado y Migración Indocumentada en Tamaulipas: El Cruce hacia Estados Unidos por la ‘Frontera Olvidada’” (Organized Crime and Undocumented Migration in Tamaulipas: Crossing to the United States through the ‘Forgotten Border’). Presentation at the Permanent Seminar on International Migration (*Seminario Permanente sobre Migración Internacional*) organized by El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF), Instituto Mora, CIESAS; COLMICH, COLMEX, and FLACSO (Mexico City; June 1st, 2012).

“The Present and Future of Organized Crime in Mexico.” Valley International Country Club/VICC (Brownsville, Texas; April 20, 2012).

“The Current Dilemmas of ‘Illegal’ Immigration in Mexico and the U.S: Poverty, Drugs, and Policy.” Featured speaker at the Sixth Annual Conference on Human Trafficking, South Texas College (McAllen, Texas; April 16-18, 2012).

“Flujos de Inversión, Desarrollo Empresarial y Seguridad en México: Las Empresas Mexicanas y Extranjeras en un Entorno Violento” (Investment Flows, Entrepreneurial Development and Security in Mexico: Mexican and Foreign Businesses in a Violent Environment). Keynote speaker at the 1st International Congress: Business Administration and Management in the 21st Century (*1^{er} Congreso Internacional: Gestión y Administración Empresarial para el Siglo 21*), Instituto Tecnológico de la Paz (La Paz, Baja California Sur; February 13-15, 2012).

“Violence along the Texas-Mexico Border: Economic and Social Effects on Border Communities.” South Padre Island Faculty Lecture Series, Club Padre (South Padre Island, Texas; January 20, 2012).

“La Frontera Tamaulipeca, el Tráfico de Personas y la Nueva Configuración del Crimen Organizado en México” (The Tamaulipas Border, Human Trafficking and the New Configuration of Organized Crime in Mexico). Presentation in the panel on “Border Issues and Migration” (Problemática Fronteriza y Migración) at the Mexican Center for Superior Naval Studies (Centro de Estudios Superiores Navales, CESNAV) (Mexico City; November 9, 2011).

“Seguridad Fronteriza y Narcotráfico en México - El Caso Tamaulipas y los Zetas: Clave para Comprender el Crimen Organizado en el País” (Border Security and Drug Trafficking in Mexico - The Case of Tamaulipas and the Zetas: Key for Understanding Organized Crime in the Country). Speech at Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico City; November 7, 2011).

“Violence along the Texas-Mexico Border: Implications for Border Communities.” Presentation at event organized by the Pan American Round Table of Beeville, Texas (Beeville Country Club; October 6, 2011).

“La Frontera ‘Olvidada’. El Caso Tamaulipas: Clave para Entender la Nueva Configuración del Crimen Organizado en México” (The ‘Forgotten’ Border. The Case of Tamaulipas: Key for Understanding the New Configuration of Organized Crime in Mexico). Featured speaker at the International Seminar on Mexico: National Security, Civil-Military Relations, Democracy and the Fight against Organized Crime (Mexico City; October 18-20, 2010).

“Emerging Democracies in Latin America: The Mexican Case.” Featured speaker at the 2001 Workshop for New York Assistant Principals for Social Studies; organized by The Americas Society (New York, NY; November 20, 2001).

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK: *Democracy in “Two Mexicos”: Political Institutions in Oaxaca and Nuevo León.* New York: Palgrave Macmillan (2013).

“Drug Wars, Social Networks and the Right to Information: The Rise of Informal Media as the Freedom of Press’s Lifeline in Northern Mexico” (co-authored with Jose Nava). In Tony Payan, Kathleen Staudt, and Z. Anthony Kruszewski, eds., *A War that Can’t Be Won: A Journey through the War on Drugs.* Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press [Forthcoming].

“Violencia en el Noreste Mexicano. El Caso Tamaulipas: Estado, Sociedad y Crimen Organizado” (Violence in Northeastern Mexico. The Case of Tamaulipas: State, Society and Organized Crime). In Vicente Sánchez Munguía, ed., *Violencia e Inseguridad en la Frontera Norte de México.* Mexico City: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF): 2013 [Forthcoming].

“Security, Migration, and the Economy in the Texas-Tamaulipas Border Region: The ‘Real’ Effects of Mexico’s Drug War.” *Politics & Policy* 41:1 (February 2013): pp. 65-82.

“Mexico’s Economic Dilemmas and Democratic Challenges in an Era of Reform.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 54:4 (Winter 2012): pp. 179-188.

“The Spectacle of Drug Violence: American Public Discourse, Media and Border Enforcement in the Texas-Tamaulipas Border Region during Drug

War Times.” *Norteamérica CISAN-UNAM* 14:2 (July-December 2012): pp. 199-220.

“A Business Perspective on Violence and Organized Crime.” *Voices of Mexico* 94 (Autumn 2012): pp. 19-22.

“The Mathematics of Mexico-U.S. Migration and U.S. Immigration Policy,” co-authored with Miriam Rojas-Arenaza. *Policy Studies* 33:4 (July 2012): pp. 297-312.

“Political Cohesion in Northern Mexico: The Case of Nuevo León (1994-2006).” *The Journal of South Texas* 25:1 (Spring 2012): pp. 4-39.

“Political Factionalism in Southern Mexico: The Case of Oaxaca (2000-2006).” *The Journal of Politics in Latin America* 4:1 (2012): pp. 73-106.

“Latinos and U.S. Policy,” “First Meeting of American Presidents (Panama), 1956,” and “Second Meeting of American Presidents (Punta del Este), 1967.” Entries for *The Encyclopedia of United States - Latin American Relations* (EUSLA). Washington, DC: CQ Press: 2012.

“La Vuelta en ‘U’ de la Transición Mexicana: Los Límites de la Democracia Electoral a Diez Años de la Alternancia.” *Revista Folios*, Año IV, Número 24 (Otoño 2011): pp. 74-80.

***Shannon Speed, Rights in Rebellion: Indigenous Struggle and Human Rights in Chiapas* (book review).** *Latin American Politics and Society* 50:4 (Winter 2008): pp. 193-196.

“The ‘Double Transition’ in Latin America: Democratic Change and the ‘Washington Consensus’ (Main Critiques and Challenges in the 21st Century).” Transregional Center for Democratic Studies (TCDS) Working Paper series 2003.

“Las Fuentes de Financiamiento como Determinantes de la Transformación del Modelo Económico en México (1940-1998)” (Financial Investment Resources as Main Forces of Structural Change in Mexico), co-authored with Gerardo Jacobs and Vicente Cell. In Mauricio de Miranda, ed., *Reforma Económica y Cambio Social en América Latina y el Caribe. Cuatro Casos de Estudio: Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, México*. Bogotá, Colombia: TM Editores, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali (November 2000): pp. 96-140.

“El Actual Modelo de Desarrollo: Orígenes y Perspectivas” (The Current Development Model: Origins and Perspectives), co-authored with Gerardo Jacobs. *Bien Común y Gobierno* 23 (July 2000): pp. 13-26.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Co-chair of the conference: “Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking in Drug War Times: A Dangerous Journey to the United States.” Co-organized by UT-Brownsville and South Texas College; Brownsville and McAllen, TX; April 9-11, 2012.
 - Member of the Regional Research Network in Public Safety and Social Development (*Red Regional de Investigación en Seguridad Pública y Desarrollo Social*, REDSPDS) (November 2012 to date).
 - Reviewer for the journals: *Journal of Public Policy* (Cambridge Journals), *Politics & Policy* (Wiley), *International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior* (PrAcademics Press), *Nóesis* (Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez), *Trayectorias* (Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León), and *Revista Mexicana de Política Exterior* (Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores).
 - Member of the Executive Board of the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS); 2011-2014.
 - Co-coordinator of UTB *Faculty Research Symposium* (UTB; Brownsville, Texas; September 2010-December 2011).
 - Member of the researchers’ network of the Project “México Estatal: Calidad de Gobierno y Rendición de Cuentas en las Entidades Federativas” (CIDE and UNDP; Mexico City; October 15, 2009 to date).
 - Member of the Program Committee and Site Committee for the 25th Annual *Public Administration Theory Network* (PAT-Net) Conference.
 - Organizer/Chair/Discussant of the Conference “Women in Mexican Politics” (UTB; Brownsville, Texas; May 6, 2011).
 - Participant in the *Power of Two Summer Institute* (UTB; Brownsville, Texas; May 17-21, 2010).
 - Program Scholar at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) *Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research* (University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; July 21-August 15, 2003).
- Courses and lectures attended:
- Course 1. Regression Analysis II: Linear Models.
 - Course 2. Scaling and Dimensional Analysis.
 - Lecture 1. Introduction to Computing (SPSS, SAS and STATA).
 - Lecture 2. Matrix Algebra.
- Participant in the N SSR *Pedagogy Workshop* (N SSR; New York, NY; Spring 2003).

- 2002 TCDS *New Social Science Training Fellow* (Transregional Center for Democratic Studies; New York, NY; September 9-December 10, 2002).¹
- Participant in the 13th *Annual Women in International Security (WIIS) Summer Symposium*, “A New Global Security Agenda” (Washington, DC; June 6-11, 2002).
- Participant in the *TCDS Democracy and Diversity Graduate Summer Institute* (Cape Town, South Africa; January 10-25, 2002).
- Participant in the *TCDS Democracy and Diversity Graduate Summer Institute* (Krakow, Poland; July 15-August 1, 2001).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. AVANCE – Análisis, Investigación y Estudios para el Desarrollo, A. C. (FUNDACIÓN ETHOS); Mexico City²

Director of the Area of Political Analysis; August 2007-September 2008.

2. SECRETARIAT OF FINANCE AND PUBLIC CREDIT (SHCP); Mexico City
General Directorate of International Financial Affairs

Advisor to the Director General of International Financial Affairs; 1998-1999.

3. SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SAGAR); Mexico City

General Directorate of Agricultural Sector Studies

Chief of the Department of Economic Studies; 1997.

4. ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS); Washington, DC
Development Programs Department of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD), and Unit for Social Development and Education (USDE)

Junior Associate, Summer Internship Program; June-August 2002.

¹ The “New Social Science Training Project” is funded by The Ford Foundation. It supports projects that focus on common issues faced by societies undergoing transitions in their specific cultural and political contexts. The program creates opportunities for joint research projects between junior scholars from Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and the United States who are studying similar issues from complementary perspectives.

² *Fundación Ethos* is a Mexican think-tank dedicated to research, analysis, evaluation and design of public policies in the areas of poverty alleviation, social and economic sustainable development, and the consolidation of democracy in Latin America (www.ethos.org.mx).

Project: “An OAS Strategy for Follow up to the Monterrey Conference on Financing for Development: Rededication to the Fundamental Goal of Poverty Alleviation”

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
 - APSA Comparative Democratization Section
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 - LASA Mexico Section
- Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS)
- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS)
- Social Science History Association (SSHA)
- Public Administration Theory Network (PAT-Net)
- The Americas Society
- Western Social Science Association (WSSA)
- Women in International Security (WIIS)
- Founding Member of *Fundación Ethos*
- Member of the Technical Committee of the Economics Department; Universidad Iberoamericana Mexico City (2007-2009)

MEDIA

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