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### EDUCATION

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**Doctorate in Political Science**, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA, expected May 2011  
Exams in Comparative Politics (Latin America) and American Politics. Minor fields: Methods and Political Behavior. Certificate in Latin American Social and Public Policy.

**Master's in City and Regional Planning**, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, 2002  
Concentration in Community Economic Development. Peter Andrews Prize for Best Thesis.

**BA in Latin American Studies**, University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX, 1999  
High Honors & Special Honors in Plan II Program. Model Thesis Award. Study abroad in Chile.

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Research Coordinator (Postdoctoral Position)**, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, September 2010—

**Instructor**, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2009-Spring 2010

### SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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**Institute for Survey Research Summer Institute**, Univ. of Michigan, Summer 2008. Coursework in questionnaire design, question testing, focus groups, sampling, and analysis with missing data.

**Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Institute**, University of Michigan, Summer 2006. Coursework in maximum likelihood and scaling and dimensional analysis.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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Forthcoming. Civic Education, Political Discussion and the Social Transmission of Democratic Knowledge and Values in a New Democracy: Kenya 2002. *American Journal of Political Science*. (with Steven E. Finkel).

2010. Knowing Left from Right: Ideological Thinking in the 2002 and 2006 Brazilian Presidential Elections. *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 2(3). (with Barry Ames)

2009. Legitimate Grievances: Preferences for Democracy, System Support, and Political Participation in Bolivia. *Latin American Research Review* 44(3).

2003. Addressing the Affordability Gap: Framing Child Care as Economic Development. *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*. 12(3): 294-313. (with Mildred Warner and Rosaria Ribeiro)

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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2010. Affirmative Action in Brazil. *Americas Quarterly*. (Web Exclusive, October 25).

2010. Who's Covered? Health Care in the Americas. *Americas Quarterly* 4(3). (with Diana Orcés)

## WORKING PAPERS

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A Transition Model of the Change in Support for Lula in Brazil, 2002 to 2006. Revise and Resubmit at *Latin American Politics and Society*. (with Barry Ames and Miguel García)

The Bully Pulpit: Church Influence on Political Socialization in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil.

Networks and Knowledge: The Simultaneous Impact of Political Discussion and Political Knowledge during Two Presidential Election Campaigns in Brazil.

Local Connections: Social Networks and Neighborhood Leaders in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil.

Who Supports Affirmative Action in Brazil? (Preliminary research presented in *AmericasBarometer Insights Series* No. 49.)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2010. The Bully Pulpit: Church Influence on Political Socialization in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil. Presented at:

The XXIX Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.

The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. *Nominated for the Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics at the Annual Meeting of the MPSA.*

2010. Networks and Knowledge: The Simultaneous Impact of Political Discussion and Political Knowledge during Two Presidential Election Campaigns in Brazil. Presented at the Political Networks Conference, Duke University.

2010. Local Connections: Social Networks and Neighborhood Leaders in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2009. Ideological Thinking in the 2002 and 2006 Brazilian Presidential Elections. Presented at:

The XXVIII Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2009. A Transition Model of the Change in Support for Lula in Brazil, 2002 to 2006. (with Miguel García). Presented at:

The XXVIII Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Associations, New Orleans

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Associations, Chicago

2008. Political Discussion and the Social Transmission of Democratic Knowledge and Values in a New Democracy: The 2002 Kenya National Civic Education Program. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston. (with Steven Finkel)

2008. Diversity, Social Networks, and Participation in Brazil. Presented at the Networks in Political Science Conference, Harvard University, Boston.

2008. Assessing the Impact of Neoliberalism in Latin America: A Response to Huber and Solt and Walton. Presented at the Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference, Pittsburgh.

2007. Is It Legit? Democratic Legitimacy and Protest in Bolivia. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans.

2006. Democratic Legitimacy and Regime Stability: What is the Connection? Presented at the Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference, Pittsburgh.

## **OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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2010. Discussant, Panel on The Consequences of Party Nationalization, 2010 International Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association.

2008. Discussant, Panel on Elections and Political Parties in Latin America, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

## **GRANTS AND HONORS**

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National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009-2010

Umberger Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2009-2010

Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-2009, for dissertation research

Field Research Grant from the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2007

Summer Research Grant from the Political Science Department, University of Pittsburgh, 2007

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 academic years, for Portuguese study

Nationality Rooms Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2006

Peter Andrews Prize for Best Thesis, Cornell University, 2002

Merit-Based Fellowship for Full Tuition and Stipend, Cornell University, 2000-2002

Model Thesis Award from Plan II Honors Program, University of Texas at Austin, 1999

Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 1999, for research in Chile

Phi Beta Kappa (elected), University of Texas at Austin, 1999

Robert C. Byrd and Dedman Merit Scholarships, University of Texas at Austin, 1994-1998

College Scholar Awards and Dean's Honor Lists in Liberal Arts, Univ. of Texas at Austin, 1995-1999

National Merit Scholar, 1994

## **TEACHING**

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Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2010; Fall and Summer 2009

Lecturer, Brazil Today short course, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2009

## **INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES**

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April 2010. Brazil Festival, University of Pittsburgh

May 2009. Instituto Monserrat, Caxias do Sul, Brazil

September 2008. Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

## **CONSULTING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

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**Consultant**, Ford Institute for Human Security, University of Pittsburgh. Performed statistical analysis on determinants of attacks on African refugee camps, Spring 2008.

**Field Researcher** for Professor Barry Ames, University of Pittsburgh. Conducted interviews in Brazil for the book project *Politics Without Parties: The Social Roots of Electoral Behavior in Brazil*, March 2008.

**Research Assistant** to Professor Steven Finkel, University of Pittsburgh. Managed data on Kenya National Civic Education Program, 2007-present.

**Research Assistant** to Prof. Mildred Warner, Cornell Univ. Conducted economic impact analyses and managed community research project, “Connecting Child Care & Economic Development,” 2001-2.

**Consultant and Intern**, Public/Private Ventures. Authored reports on the labor market for Fathers at Work demonstration project and other workforce development grants, 2001-2002.

## **FIELD RESEARCH**

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Brazil: June-August 2007, March 2008, September 2008-June 2009

Bolivia: May-June 2006

Chile: December 1998-January 1999

## **SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY**

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Cohort Representative & Assistant Programming Chair, Pitt Political Science Dept., 2005-2007

Department Representative, Cornell Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, 2001-2002

Academic Committee Chair & Member, Univ. of Texas Plan II Students' Association, 1994-1999

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Spanish Teacher, Perry High School, Pittsburgh Public Schools, PA, 2004-2005

Planner, Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, Pittsburgh, PA, 2002-2004

Economic Development VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America), Laredo, TX, 1999-2000

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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American Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

## **LANGUAGES**

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English (native), Spanish and Portuguese (fluent), Romanian (limited working proficiency), German (basic)