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USAID grants \$631,000 for Bolivia research

Pitt's longstanding tradition of research on Bolivia will get a boost from a \$631,000 grant by the United States Agency for International Development to Mitchell Seligson, Daniel Wallace Professor of Political Science.

The grant will support a series of surveys of the national population of Bolivia. The University of Pittsburgh Latin American Public Opinion Project, which Seligson directs, has been carrying out national survey samples of Bolivian democratic attitudes and behaviors since 1998.

The USAID grant also will support a survey of public officials in key institutions in the country. The survey will be carried out in collaboration with Mellon Professor Barry Ames and assistant professor Anibal Perez-Linan, both of the Department of Political Science.

In addition, the grant will support graduate research assistantships for Bolivian students to study for their Ph.D.s at Pitt in Latin American politics with an emphasis on mass politics. This is part of a larger effort to understand the evolution of democracy in Latin America and the factors that might stimulate its consolidation.

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