

Education

- Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Political Science. *GPA excellence commendation.*
- M.A. The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. International Economics and Latin American Studies. *Awarded with distinction.*
- B.F.S. School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

Academic Positions

- *Associate Professor, tenured*, May 2005-present. Tufts University.
- *Assistant Professor*, September 2002-May 2005. Tufts University.
- *Assistant Professor*, September 1995-July 2002. Columbia University.
- *Director*, Institute for Latin American and Iberian Studies, 1997-1998. Columbia University.

Publications

Book

- *Political Culture and Institutional Development in Nicaragua and Costa Rica: World Making in the Tropics* crafts a synthetic approach to political culture by blending rationalist, structuralist, and culturalist theories. The book also deploys this synthetic approach to show how political-cultural factors have shaped political and economic development in two paradigmatic cases of failure and success. Cambridge University Press (2005). **Book Prize:** Choice Outstanding Academic Title (2006).

Book Chapters and Journal Articles

- *Perspectives on Politics*. Review of Mario Sznadger and Luis Roniger, *The Politics of Exile in Latin America* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), forthcoming.
- “Costa Rica: Political Culture and Performance,” co-authored, forthcoming, in edited volume on Cultural Continuity and Change (Basic Books).
- “Democracy in Central America,” in edited volume, Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner, eds., *Latin America’s Struggle for Democracy* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008).
- *Perspectives on Politics*. Review of Frances Hagopian and Scott Mainwaring, eds., *The Third Wave of Democratization in Latin America: Advances and Setbacks* (Cambridge University Press, 2005). June 2006.
- *Political Science Quarterly*. Review of David Slater’s *Geopolitics and the Post-colonial* (Malden: Blackwell, 2004). Winter 2005-06.

- “Latin American Citizenship: Civic Microfoundations in Historical Perspective,” in Katherine Hite and Paola Cesarini eds., *Authoritarian Legacies and Democratization in Latin America and Southern Europe*. (Notre Dame Press, 2004). Blind review process.
- “The New Latin American Citizen: First-World Models and Third-Wave Products,” in Riordan Roett & Carol Wise, eds., *Post-Stabilization Politics in Latin America: Competition, Transition, Collapse* (Brookings Institution/Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003). Blind review process.
- “Reform and Counter-reform: the Path to Market in Hungary and Cuba,” *Comparative Politics*. Co-authored. January 2002.
- “Identity and Persuasion: How Nations Remember their Pasts and Make their Futures,” *World Politics*. April 2000.
- “The New Military Autonomy in Latin America,” *Journal of Democracy*. Co-authored. October 1998.
- “Toy Countries,” *Political Science Quarterly*. Review. Winter 1997-98.
- “Mistrust and Violence,” *Latin American Research Review*. Review. Winter 1995.

Papers Presented at Academic Conferences

- “High Infidelity: Political memory, imagination, and violent conflict,” presented at the International Studies Association conference in New York, New York, February 16, 2009.
- “Costa Rica: Political Culture and Performance,” Co-presenter, Conference on Cultural Continuity and Change, Cultural Change Institute, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, October 24-26, 2008
- “Citizenship and Violence in Theoretical and Historical Perspective: Cases from Latin America.” Conference on political violence, Princeton University, March 2008.
- “Democratic Institutions as Arenas for Political Warfare,” Conference in Honor of Alfred Stepan, Columbia University, October 2007.
- “War by Other Means: Domain Construction and the Subordination of Citizens,” American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, September 2007
- “Core Truths and Significant Lapses: Democracy's Microfoundations,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA). Chicago, September 1998.
- “Neither Gentlemen nor Citizens,” Conference on authoritarian legacies in Latin America and Southern Europe, Torcuato di Tella University. Buenos Aires, August 1998.
- “Transformative Politics and Historical Memory: Democratization in Nicaragua,” American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, 1995.

Panel and roundtable invitations

- Discussant, Coercive Institutions in Comparative Perspective, panel, American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, 2013
- Presenter, The Politics of Memory, roundtable, American Political Science association (APSA), Chicago, 2007
- Presenter on "Presidential Elections in Latin America: Myths, Facts, and the Future of the Region." Conference on Innovative Approaches, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, MA, 14 April 2006.
- Discussant and Chair, "Building Democracy in Latin America," New England Political Science Association Meeting. Portland, 29-30 April 2005.
- Discussant, "Peace Time Crimes," New School for Social Research. New York, 16 April 1998.
- Discussant, "Conversation with the Leaders of the Mexican Opposition," Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, New York University. New York, 21 November 1997.

Invited Talks

- Invited speaker, "Political Violence in Latin America: A Historical and Theoretical perspective," David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University. Cambridge, April, 2011.
- Invited speaker, "Rousseau's Dilemma," David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University. Cambridge, December 2002.
- "Constructed Realisms: Distinction and Development in Central America," Conference on the roles of ideas and culture in political analysis, Princeton University. Princeton, May 1998.
- "Citizenship and Authoritarian Legacies," Workshop on Authoritarian Legacies, Casa Italiana, under the aegis of Columbia's Institute for Latin American and Iberian Studies and sponsored in part by the Italian Government. 10-12 October 1997
- "Speaking Prose All Along," meeting of professional Schools, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. New York, November 14, 1997.
- "Trust-building and Democratic Consolidation: Nicaragua and Costa Rica," Latin American Studies Program, Princeton University. Princeton, March 21, 1995.

Policy Conferences

- La Nicaragua Posible, A Conference on the strategic and policy options for the country's political and economic development -- Co-author of conceptual frame, as well as discussant for all panels. Synthesized, critiqued, and integrated the various presentations during the event as well as in a written report. Managua, October 2006

Professional Activities

- *Reviewer*: Manuscript, Cambridge University Press, 2008
- *Organizer*, "Politics of Demarcation", APSA panel, 2007
- *Board member*, advisory Board, "Comparative Governance and Politics Journal," Committee on "Democracy Research," German Society for Political Science (DVPW). *Invited* 2007.
- *Board member*, Board of Concepts and Methods: *International Political Science Association*. *Elected* 2006.
- *Referee*: APSR, 2005, 2006
- *Referee*: World Politics, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009
- Award Committee: member, APSA's Article Award in Politics and History, 2003.
- *Member*, Roundtable on "U.S. National Interests and the Western Hemisphere," *Council on Foreign Relations*. New York City, September-May 1998.
- Media appearances: CNN (Latin America), Canal 2 and Canal 10 (Nicaragua).

Teaching

Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy:

- Political Violence: Theories and Approaches

Executive Masters Program, INCAE:

- Conceptual and Analytical Tools. Cases: Central America, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Venezuela

Political Science Department, Tufts University:

- Political Violence in State and Society
- Introduction to Latin American Politics
- Seminar on Culture in Politics and Society
- Sophomore Seminar on the Political Economy of Latin America

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- Introduction to Comparative Politics

School of International and Public Affairs (MIA), Columbia University:

- Seminar on the Political Economy of Latin America
- Seminar on Women in Development
- Comparative Democratization:
- Eastern Europe and Latin America

Political Science Department (Ph.D.), Columbia University:

- Seminar on Culture in Politics and Society

Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University:

- Democratization in Theory and Practice, Co-instructor, graduate seminar. Spring 1995.

Department of Politics, Princeton University:

- Lecturer. Spring 1994

University Service

- A&S Junior Faculty Mentoring Program. Fall 2011-2012
- Committee on Student Life. Member, Fall 2011- present.
- Faculty Research Award Committee (FRAC), September 2008-Spring 2009.
- Institute for Global Leadership (IGL). Board Member 2005-present.
- International Relations Program. Executive Committee. Member. 2005-Fellowships Committee. Member. 2004-present.
- Committee on Student Life. Member. 2004-September 2008
- IR Thesis Exchange. Co-chair. 2004-2005.
- Latin American Studies. Curricular committee, thesis advisor. 2002-present

Other Professional Positions

- *Consultant*, The World Bank, Country Case Political Analysis (Nicaragua), March-May 2007.
- Contributing columnist. *Confidencial*. Nicaraguan weekly, specializing in socioeconomic and political commentary. August 1997-December 1997.
- *Consultant*, The World Bank. Washington, D.C. 1985-86. Interest rate structure analysis, macroeconomic analysis, balance of payments model

- construction, and field research. Countries: Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Mexico and Central America.
- *Assistant to Senior Economist* of LACP II, The World Bank. Washington, D.C., 1979-1982. Also member of economic missions to Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, and El Salvador; staff member of Economic Analysis and Projections Department; and Researcher in the Chile, Peru, Ecuador Division of LACPI. Specialized in country macroeconomic analysis and projection.
 - *Assistant to Chief of International Division*, Banco de América. Managua, 1975-1976.

Other Publications

- *Zaman*, Istanbul, "A New Patron for Latin America? Not so Fast." Essay/commentary on trade, the Left, and politics in Latin America. June 2006.
- *Confidencial*, Managua. Columns on the civic life of New York City; national developmental strategies; mistrust in Central America; and changing patterns of military autonomy in the Southern Cone.
- *The New Republic*, Washington, D.C. Article on Cuban political and economic crisis, co-authored, September 12, 1994.
- *The Washington Post*, Washington, D.C. Review article on the ideologies and politics of Central America and Panama, co-authored, April 10, 1994.
- *The New Republic*, Washington, D.C. Article, policy prescriptions for Central America in the 1990s, co-authored, April 12, 1993.
- *The New Republic*, on the Sandinista Front (FSLN) after the elections, co-authored, May 18, 1992.
- *The New Republic*, on intra-elite competition in post-Sandinista Nicaragua, co-authored, June 17, 1991.
- *The New Republic*, cover story: "The Autumn of the Caudillo", article on Cuban politics, co-authored, April 22, 1991.
- *The New Republic*, "Crisis of the Clans", on the electoral transition from "Sandinismo" to "Chamorrismo", co-authored, May 21, 1990.

Prizes, Fellowships, Awards

- Prize: Choice Outstanding Academic Title (2006) for *Political Culture and Institutional Development in Costa Rica and Nicaragua: World Making in the Tropics*.
- *Teaching Scholar*, March-May 2007. Central American Business Institute (INCAE).
- FRAC Fellowship, *Tufts University*, Spring semester 2007.
- UNITE Award, *Tufts University*, 2003-04, for excellence in teaching and advising.

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- FRAC Fellowship, *Tufts University*, Summer 2004.
- Visiting Fellow, *Center of International Studies*, Princeton University, Fall 1998 to Spring of 1999.
- *Open Society Foundation*, Finalist, 1998.
- Visiting Fellow, *Center of International Studies*, Princeton University, Fall 1994 to Spring of 1995.
- Columbia University's *Humanities and Social Sciences Council Award*, Summer 1997.
- *Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International Studies*, Brown University, alternate, 1994.
- *Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation*, "Honorable Mention" in dissertation fellowship competition, 1990.
- *MacArthur Fellowship in International Peace and Security*, 1989-90.
- *M.I.T. Department of Political Science*, merit-based full tuition and stipend awards, 1985-88.
- *M.I.T. Department of Political Science*, Commendation for excellence (5.0 GPA).
- *Award of Distinction*, general examination in international economics and Latin American Studies, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, May 1984.

Languages

Native Spanish, fluent English, fair Portuguese, reading French.