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Professional Positions

2007 – present	Academic Program Manager, Latin American Studies Program, University of New Mexico
2005 – 2007	Coordinator of Program Advisement, Latin American Studies Program, University of New Mexico
2000 – 2005	Associate Director, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida
1998 – 2000	Assistant Director, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida
1998	Coordinator of Outreach and Special Events, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida

Education

	Department of Political Science, University of Florida Completed doctoral comprehensive examinations in Comparative Politics, International Relations, and International Development Administration Reached ABD (All But Dissertation) status
1993	M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Florida
1991	B.A., Foreign Service, Baylor University

Major Program Development Grants

2002	United States Department of Education (USDE) Title VI National Resource Center, Co-Principal Investigator (with Charles Wood), in support of the Florida Consortium for Latin American Studies (with UF and Florida International University)	\$696,000
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2002	United States Department of Education (USDE) Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships, Co-Principal Investigator (with Charles Wood), in support of the Florida Consortium for Latin American Studies (with UF and Florida International University)	\$708,000
2000	Tinker Foundation Field Research Institutional Grant, Co-Principal Investigator (with Charles Wood), in support of graduate student summer field research projects	\$45,000
1999	United States Department of Education (USDE) Title VI National Resource Center, Co-Principal Investigator (with Charles Wood), in support of the Florida Consortium for Latin American Studies (with UF and Florida International University)	\$524,613
1999	United States Department of Education (USDE) Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships, Co-Principal Investigator (with Charles Wood), in support of the Florida Consortium for Latin American Studies (with UF and Florida International University)	\$504,000

Teaching Experience

At the University of Florida

CPO 2001	Introduction to Comparative Politics
CPO 3303	Latin American Politics
INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations

Presentations

2006	Chair and Organizer, Latin American Studies Association meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico <i>“Outreach and K-12 Standardized Testing: How to Make Room for Latin American Studies”</i>
2005	Invited Speaker, US Department of Education, Title VI Technical Assistance Workshop, Washington, DC <i>“How to Make a Consortium Work”</i>

- 2004 Chair and Organizer, Latin American Studies Association meeting, Las Vegas, NV *“Outreach Opportunities Offered through the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs”*
- 2004 Invited Speaker, Florida Council for Social Studies, Orlando, FL, *“Standardized Testing in the K-12 Curriculum: How to Teach to the Test and not Throw out Area Studies”*
- 2004 Invited Speaker, International Studies Schools Association, Atlanta, GA, *“Teaching Latin America & the Caribbean: Beyond Cancun, Salsa, and Bananas”*
- 2003 Chair and Organizer, Latin American Studies Association meeting, Dallas, TX
“High Schools, Universities, and Model OAS: Creative Outreach Partnerships”
- 2001 Chair and Organizer, Latin American Studies Association meeting, Washington, DC
“Incorporating Latin American Studies into the High School Curriculum”
- 2001 Chair, University of Wisconsin International Outreach Conference, Madison, WI
“Incorporating Latin American Studies into the High School Curriculum”

Professional Activities/Assignments

- 2005 – present Advisor to BA, MA and PhD students in the UNM Latin American Studies program
- 2005 – present Manager of UNM Latin American Studies Program (Involves program oversight, data compilation, report development, student recruitment, admissions coordination, and program representation at local and national level)
- 1998 – 2005 Director of UF Center for Latin American Studies Outreach Program (Involved outreach initiatives with K-12 and postsecondary institutions, journalists, business leaders, and the general public)
- 1998 – 2005 Coordinator of UF Center for Latin American Studies and FIU Latin American and Caribbean Center’s Summer Study Abroad Program in Rio de Janeiro
- 1999 – 2004 Coordinator of UF Center for Latin American Studies’ Annual Conference 2004: The Latin American Business Environment: Corporate and Career Opportunities

2003: Religion and Identity in the Americas
2002: New Horizons, New Challenges in Tropical Conservation and Development
2001: Latin American Sociology and the Sociology of Latin America
2000: Staging Identity: Latin American Music and Dance
1999: Patterns and Processes of Land Use and Forest Change in the Amazon

Honors, Service, and Awards

2002 – present Chair of Outreach Committee/Executive Member, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs

2005 University of Florida Merit/Productivity Award

2004 University of Florida Merit/Productivity Award

2003 – 2004 Member, University of Florida President’s Campus Climate Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Students
Co-Author, Campus Climate Report on the Status of LGBT Minority Students

2003 University of Florida Merit/Productivity Award

2001 – 2004 Member, University of Florida Provost’s Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Concerns

1999 University of Florida Merit/Productivity Award

1996 Recipient, Tinker Foundation Student Field Research Grant

1992 – 1997 Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Florida

Consulting

2008 ETS Academic Placement Program
Comparative Politics exam reader/evaluator

2007 University of Georgia
External evaluator of Latin American & Caribbean Studies Institute

2007 ETS Academic Placement Program
Comparative Politics exam reader/evaluator

- 2006 University of Georgia
External evaluator Latin American & Caribbean Studies Institute
- 2006 ETS Academic Placement Program
American Politics exam reader/evaluator
- 2006 US Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and
Foreign Language (UISFL) Program
Grant application reader/evaluator
- 2005 US Department of Education Fulbright Hays Seminars Abroad Program
Grant application reader/evaluator
- 2004 ETS Academic Placement Program
Comparative Politics exam reader/evaluator
- 2003 State University of New York at New Paltz
External evaluator of Latin American Studies Program

International Experience

- 2004 Mexico; Outreach project on “Gender, Globalization, and Art in Oaxaca”
- 2003 Brazil; review of UF Center for Latin American Studies study abroad
program in Rio de Janeiro
- 1996 El Salvador; Tinker-supported research on “Women’s Movements and the
Democratization Process”
- 1994 Guatemala; research on “Effects of Civil War on Local Level Politics and
Economic Livelihoods”

Extensive personal travel to Costa Rica, Norway, Spain, and the Caribbean.

Professional Organizations

Consortium for Latin American Studies Programs

Latin American Studies Association