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EDUCATION

Current: Ph.D. Candidate (Ph.D. expected May 2009)

University of New Mexico, Department of Political Science

Major fields/ examinations: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Concentrations: Latin American politics, International Political Economy

Dissertation:

The Effects of Trade Based Social Clauses on Labor Rights Enforcement in Less-Developed States

Committee members: Kenneth M. Roberts, Mark J. Peceny, co-chairs

Andrew M. Schrank, Kathryn Hochstetler, Wendy L. Hansen

University of New Mexico, Latin American Studies Program

MA, 2001

Major fields/ examinations: Political Science, Economics

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

BA, 1998

Academic Majors: Political Science and Women's Studies

Concentrations: Latin American politics, Feminist theory

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Latin American political and economic development; Latin American-US relations

economic interdependence; politics of trade and investment

global governance/ international organization

transnational political advocacy; labor rights enforcement

SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS

"Framing Labor Rights as Human Rights: Norms Socialization in the North American Free Trade Agreement," revise and resubmit, Latin American and Iberian Institute *Working Paper Series*.

1998. "The Young Lords: Forging a Puerto Rican Identity through Political Action." *The DePaul Undergraduate Journal* 1, 1 (October).

Works in progress:

"Transnational Actors and Labor Rights Enforcement in the North American Free Trade Agreement," *under review at International Studies Quarterly*

"Linking Trade and Labor Standards: Labor Rights Provisions in the US Generalized System of Preferences."

"Whose Preferences?: US State Interests and Trade Promotion Pacts in Latin America."

"The Impacts and Limitations of Transnational Labor Rights Advocacy: Lessons from Puebla, Mexico."

"The Political Economy of Informality: Street Vending Organizations in Mexico City."

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panelist. "Linking Trade and Labor Standards: Labor Rights Provisions in the US Generalized System of Preferences," Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2-6, 2008. (Global data)

Panelist. "The Impacts and Limitations of Transnational Labor Rights Advocacy: Lessons from Puebla, Mexico," Latin American Studies Association meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 5-9, 2007.

Poster presentation. "Linking Trade and Labor Standards: Labor Rights Provisions in the US Generalized System of Preferences," American Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, IL, August 28-30, 2007. (Latin American and Caribbean cases)

Panelist. "Transnational Actors and Labor Rights Enforcement in the North American Free Trade Agreement," Latin American Studies Association meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 13-18, 2006.

Chairperson. *Balancing Domestic and International Pressures in the Pursuit of Prosperity: Popular Resistance to the Neoliberal Project in Latin America*. Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 10-13, 2004.

Panelist. "Framing Labor Rights as Human Rights: Norms Socialization in the North American Free Trade Agreement," Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 10-13, 2004.

Discussant. "Alternative Youth Movements Presented through Film" roundtable, *Sin Fronteras* Film Festival, Albuquerque, Fall 2003.

Panelist. "Political Alliances and Policy Implementation: Mexico City's Struggle over Street Vending," Western Political Science Association meeting, Long Beach, CA, March 22-25, 2002.

Poster presentation. "Political Alliances and Policy Implementation: Mexico City's Struggle over Street Vending," Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, IL, April 25-28, 2002. (poster)

Panelist. "The Political Economy of Informality: Street Vending Organizations in Mexico City," Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies meeting, Tucson, AZ, March 1-4, 2001.

FELLOWSHIPS

Michael Wallerstein Award for Research in Political Economy, Fall 2008.

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship / Erickson Grant, University of New Mexico, 2007.

Board of Regents Graduate Fellowship, University of New Mexico, 2007.

Fellow, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico, 2005-2008.

Graduate Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico, 2001-2005.

Fellow, U.S. Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, University of New Mexico, (Brazilian Portuguese), 2001-2003.

Graduate Fellow, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico, 1999-2001.

RESEARCH FUNDING

UNM Graduate and Professional Student Association Graduate Research Development Fund. "Free Trade/ Fair Trade: Labor Rights Provisions in U.S. Trade Policy." Washington, D.C, June 2007.

Department of Political Science Dylan Lindsay-Balch Memorial Student Research Grant. Washington, D.C., Spring 2006.

Fellow, Mexico-North Research Network Transnationalism Fellowship Program. "Transnational Advocacy and Labor Rights Enforcement under the NAFTA Labor Side Agreement." Puebla, Mexico, Summer 2006.

Office of Graduate Studies Research Projects and Travel Grant. "Doctoral Dissertation in Political Science: The Effects of Trade Based Social Clauses on Labor Rights Enforcement in Less-Developed States" field project. Toronto, Canada, July 2005.

Student Research Allocations Committee Conference Attendance Grant, Spring 2002.

Tinker Foundation Latin American and Iberian Institute Field Research Grant, "Political Alliances and Policy Implementation: Bureaucratic Capacity in Mexico City." Mexico City, Mexico, Summer 2002.

Student Research Allocations Committee Research Grant. Mexico City, Mexico, Summer 2002.

Tinker Foundation Latin American and Iberian Institute Field Research Grant, "Marginal Actors or Marginalized Activities? Street Vendors in Mexico City." Mexico City, Mexico, Summer 2000.

Student Research Allocations Committee Research Grant. Mexico City, Mexico, Summer 2000.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Visiting Scholar. Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Department of Economics, Puebla, Mexico, Summer 2006.

Research Assistant. University of New Mexico, Department of Political Science, Professor Christine Sierra, 2002-2005.

Research Assistant. University of New Mexico, Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor Chris Butler, 2001-2002.

Oral Historian. Center for Latino Research, DePaul University, 1997-1998.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

July 2008. Instructor, PS 340: Topics: Labor Rights in the International Economy.

Fall 2004- present. Instructor, PS 240: World Politics.

Spring 2004- present. Instructor, PS 220: Comparative Politics.

2002. TA: Game Theory Seminar, Dr. Christopher Butler, Spring.

AWARDS

Nominee, Gunter Starkey Award for Teaching Excellence, 2007.

Nominee, Susan Dees Roberts Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association

Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Association

LANGUAGES

English: Native speaker

Spanish: Advanced proficiency

Brazilian Portuguese: Intermediate proficiency

French: Basic proficiency

REFERENCES

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