

My future research plans are to both develop my current work, and to expand it in two promising directions. The first direction is to continue to develop the research on trade based labor clauses and the trade and labor linkage approach to labor rights enforcement. To this end, I intend to send some of the dissertation chapters out for review as separate articles, and I am developing a review of the Latin American GSP cases for the International Labor Rights Forum. I am planning on expanding the GSP and NAFTA cases to analyses that compare the labor guarantees of NAFTA and Mercosur and other clauses. I am also planning a paper on the emergence of transnational labor solidarity in Puebla through a comparison of the garment and automotive sectors and the transnational links to their unions. Last, I want to analyze how the enforcement of the GSP labor clause compares to enforcement of the GSP mechanisms that protect investor's rights and intellectual property.

The second strand of future research is to turn my attention to the ways that my research can be integrated more generally into the work on the development of international institutions. I am most interested in developing new research that shows how the trade-labor linkage contributes to our understanding of how states create and enforce rule-based behavior in international regimes, whether as cases of institutional design, or as institutional effectiveness. Finally, the rise of transnational advocacy, especially around labor rights, has not been fully investigated around the ways that such groups engage international organizations (IOs, INGOs), as compared to how they pressure states. I intend to develop studies that investigate where transnational advocates can push states toward promoting labor rights enforcement within IOs and INGOs, where the norms of sovereignty are mediated by states' membership. I am most interested in the experiences of developing countries as they are increasingly integrated into the global economy, I examine the Latin American states in particular, and I will continue to focus my work around these countries.