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### EMPLOYMENT

- 7/08- Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University  
Assistant Director, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University  
7/03-6/08 Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis

### EDUCATION

- 2003 Duke University, Ph.D. in Political Science with distinction in exams  
1996 University of Chicago, M.A. in Latin American Studies  
1994 Loyola University Chicago, B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*

### BOOKS

- In Press *Latin American Party Systems*. Cambridge University Press. (with Herbert Kitschelt, Kirk A. Hawkins, Juan Pablo Luna, and Guillermo Rosas)  
2009 *Democracy at Risk: How Terrorist Threats Affect the Public*. University of Chicago Press. (with Jennifer L. Merolla)

### ARTICLES

- In Press Terrorist Threat, Leadership, and Vote Choice: Evidence from Three Experiments. *Political Behavior*. 27pp. (with Jennifer L. Merolla)  
2009 Las Percepciones de Liderazgo en el Contexto de las Elecciones Mexicanas de 2006. *Política y Gobierno* volumen temático (special issue): 41-81. (with Jennifer L. Merolla)  
2008 Policy-Based Voting, Perceptions of Feasible Issue Space, and the 2000 Mexican Elections. *Electoral Studies* 27(4): 649-660.  
2008 Can Canadians Take a Hint? The (In)Effectiveness of Party Labels as Information Shortcuts in Canada. *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 41(3): 673-696. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Laura B. Stephenson)  
2008 It's Not Easy Being Green: Minor Party Labels as Heuristic Aids." *Political Psychology* 29(3): 389-405. (with Travis Coan, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Laura B. Stephenson)  
2008 From the Gap to the Chasm: Gender and Participation among Non-Hispanic Whites and Mexican-Americans. *Political Research Quarterly* 61(2): 205-218. (with Cindy D. Kam and Jennifer R. Wilking)  
2007 Beyond the 'Narrow Data Base': Another Convenience Sample for Experimental Research. *Political Behavior* 29(4): 415-440. (with Cindy D. Kam and Jennifer R. Wilking)  
2007 Crisis, Charisma, and Consequences: Evidence from the 2004 U.S. Presidential Election. *Journal of Politics* 69(1): 30-42. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Jennifer M. Ramos)

- 2007 La Aplicación de los Métodos Experimentales en el Estudio de los Atajos Informativos en México. *Política y Gobierno* 14(1): 117-142. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Laura B. Stephenson)
- 2006 What's Left and Who's Right? A Q-Method Study of Individual and Contextual Influences on the Meaning of Ideological Labels. *Political Behavior* 28(2): 151-173.
- 2006 Qué es la Izquierda y Quién está a la Derecha en la Política Mexicana. Un Enfoque con el Método Q al Estudio de las Etiquetas Ideológicas. *Política y Gobierno* 13(1): 51-98.
- 2005 Representation in Latin America: A Study of Elite-Mass Congruence in 9 Countries. *Comparative Political Studies* 38(4): 388-416. (with Juan Pablo Luna)
- 2005 Globalization, Globalización, Globalisation: Public Opinion and NAFTA. *Law and Business Review of the Americas* 11(3/4): 573-596. (with Jennifer L. Merolla, Laura B. Stephenson, and Carole J. Wilson)
- 2001 Better the Devil You Know than the Saint You Don't? Risk Propensity and Vote Choice in Mexico. *Journal of Politics* 63(1): 93-119. (with Scott Morgenstern)

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Race, Identity, and Politics. Chapter 8 in *Political Culture of Democracy in Guyana* (AmericasBarometer Report), 2009. (with Margarita Corral)
- Book Review of *Politicians and Politics in Latin America*, edited by Manuel Alcántara Sáez, in *Latin American Politics and Society* vol. 50 no. 4 (2008): 173-196.
- Hacia una Definición de la Izquierda y la Derecha en México. *Este País* no. 141 (2002): 69-75. (with Alejandro Moreno)
- Book Review of *Brazilian Party Politics and the Coup of 1964* by Ollie Andrew Johnson, III, in *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 35 no. 5 (2002): 621-624.
- Priming Individuals on Free Trade: A Cross-National Experiment of the Linkages between Economic Insecurity and Policy Preferences. Working Paper 2001/168, Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Ciencias Sociales, Instituto Juan March de Estudios e Investigaciones (2001) (with John Aldrich, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Laura B. Stephenson)

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- National Science Foundation Collaborative Research Grant, \$297,252 (with Jennifer Merolla), 2009-2011
- Vanderbilt University Research Scholar Fellowship (supporting a one semester leave), 2009-2010
- Inter-American Development Bank Grant (with Mitchell A. Seligson; award included funds for internet experiments in Mexico and the United States), 2009
- Time-sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS) award (with Jennifer Merolla), 2008
- UC-Davis, IGA Junior Faculty Research Award, 2007
- Fletcher Jones Small Grant (from Claremont Graduate University; with Jennifer Merolla), 2007
- UC-MEXUS, Small Grant Award, 2006-2007
- UC-Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) Faculty Grant (with Jennifer Merolla), 2006-2007
- Fletcher Jones Small Grant (from Claremont Graduate University; with Jennifer Merolla), 2005-2006
- UC-Davis Small Grant in Aid of Research, 2005-2006
- UC-MEXUS, Small Grant Award (with Cindy Kam), 2004-2005

UC-Davis, IGA Faculty Seed Grant Competition (with Jennifer Ramos), 2004-2005.  
UC-Davis New Faculty Research Program Award, 2004-2005  
UC-Davis IGA Junior Faculty Research Award (with Jennifer Merolla and Laura Stephenson), 2003-2004  
Duke University Research Grants (several, to purchase survey questions in Mexico), Summer 2002  
Duke University Department of Political Science Research Grant (Mexico), Summer 2001  
Mellon Research Grant (Mexico), Summer 2001  
Duke Globalization and Equity Research Grant (Peru), Summer 1998  
Ford Foundation Pre-dissertation Research Grant (Peru), Summer 1998  
University of Chicago Mexican Studies Research Grant (Mexico), Summer 1995

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### General

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1998-2002  
Duke Latin American Studies Fellowship for Graduate Study, 1997-1998  
University of Chicago University Scholarship, 1994-1996

### Teaching

ASUCD Excellence in Education, Nominee and Finalist, 2007  
UC-Davis Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Program Award, 2004

### Language

Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, 2000-2001  
Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Fellowship (Mexico), Summer 2000

## **INVITED TALKS**

2009 Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, D.C.  
2008 Stanford University, Comparative Politics Working Group  
Claremont Graduate University  
2007 Vanderbilt University  
Duke University  
Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)  
Sherman Kent School for Intelligence Analysis  
2006 Workshop in Mexico City, sponsored by the Mexican Academy of Sciences, the University of California and UC-MEXUS  
2005 Conference sponsored by the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego  
UC-Davis, Critical Issues Series, Hemispheric Institute on the Americas  
2004 Stanford University, Comparative Politics Working Group  
University of Washington, Center for Comparative and Historical Analysis of Organizations and States (CHAOS)  
University of Western Ontario  
2002 Conference on Free Markets and Democracy in Mexico in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Southern Methodist University

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, 2007-2009**

Feeling the Threat: An Experiment Examining Emotions, Information Processing, and Policy Stances. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 3-6, 2009, Toronto, Canada. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Travis Coan)

(Mexican) Democracy under Threat: Evidence Linking Economic and Security Crisis to Attitudes toward Institutions. Paper prepared for presentation at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, June 11-14, 2009, Brazil. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Evis Mezini)

Revisiting the Programmatic Structure of Latin American Party Systems. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA. (with Kirk Hawkins, Juan Pablo Luna, and Guillermo Rosas)

Cues and Candidates in Canada: Are Canadian Party Labels Good Substitutes for Information? Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-6, 2008, Chicago, IL. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Laura B. Stephenson)

Sex, Stereotypes, and Security: An Experimental Study of the Effect of Crises on Assessments of Gender and Leadership. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 4-7, 2007, Portland, OR. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Mirya Holman)

Engage Abroad, Protect at Home: A Study of Dual Strategies in Mexico and the U.S. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 4-7, 2007, Portland, OR. (with Travis Coan, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Jennifer M. Ramos)

Deal or No Deal: An Experimental Study of Crises and Attitudes toward International Cooperation in Mexico. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago, IL. (with Travis Coan, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Jennifer M. Ramos)

*El Poder del Peje*: Crises and Leadership Perceptions following the 2006 Mexican Election. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago, IL. (with Jennifer L. Merolla)

Authoritarian Attitudes under Crisis Conditions. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 12-15, 2007, Barcelona, Spain. (with Jennifer L. Merolla and Jennifer M. Ramos)

## TEACHING

### Vanderbilt University

Comparative Political Behavior (PSCI390), Spring 2009

Latin American Politics (PSCI217), Fall 2008

Mexican Politics (PSCI219), Spring 2009

### University of California, Davis

Qualitative Research Methods: Research Design and Implementation (POL216), Fall 2005

Political Research Seminar (POL214A and POL214B), Fall 2006 and Winter 2007

Seminar on Political Behavior in New Democracies (POL290F), Winter 2004

Seminar on Latin American Politics: Democratic Construction and Durability (POL290F), Fall 2004

Mexican Politics (POL179), Fall 2003, Winter 2005, Spring 2006, Winter 2007, Spring 2008

Latin American Politics (POL143), Fall 2004, Fall 2006, Spring 2008

Seminar on Political Behavior in New Democracies (POL196B), Winter 2004, Winter 2005

### Duke University

Latin American Politics (PS151), Fall 2001

Mexican Politics (PS199), Spring 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Electoral Studies, International Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Public Choice, Public Opinion Quarterly, TESS*

Panel Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Meetings, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009; American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, 2007; Latin American Studies Association Congress, 2001; Conference on International Institutions: Global Processes~Domestic Consequences, Duke University, 1999; Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, 1999

Panel Chair: APSA Meeting 2007; MPSA Meeting 2004

Section Chair: Comparative Politics: Political Behavior, MPSA Meeting 2010

Member: American Political Science Association; Experiments on Governance and Politics; Latin American Studies Association; Midwest Political Science Association; World Association for Public Opinion Research