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Education

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

Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis, 2003-present

Refereed Publications

- "Policy-Based Voting, Perceptions of Feasible Issue Space, and the 2000 Mexican Elections." Forthcoming at *Electoral Studies*.
- "It's Not Easy Being Green: Minor Party Labels as Heuristic Aids." Forthcoming at *Political Psychology*. (with Travis Coan, Jennifer Merolla, and Laura Stephenson)
- "From the Gap to the Chasm: Gender and Participation among Non-Hispanic Whites and Mexican-Americans." Forthcoming at *Political Research Quarterly*. (with Cindy Kam and Jennifer Wilking)
- "Beyond the 'Narrow Database': Another Convenience Sample for Experimental Research." *Political Behavior* vol. 29 no. 4 (2007): 415-440. (with Cindy Kam and Jennifer Wilking)
- "Crisis, Charisma, and Consequences: Evidence from the 2004 U.S. Presidential Election." *Journal of Politics* vol. 69 no. 1 (2007): 30-42. (with Jennifer Merolla and Jennifer Ramos)
- "La Aplicación de los Métodos Experimentales en el Estudio de los Atajos Informativos en México." *Política y Gobierno* vol. 14 no. 1 (2007): 117-142. (with Jennifer Merolla and Laura Stephenson)
- "What's Left and Who's Right? A Q-Method Study of Individual and Contextual Influences on the Meaning of Ideological Labels." *Political Behavior* vol. 28 no. 2 (2006): 151-173.
- "Qué es la Izquierda y Quién está la Derecha en la Política Mexicana. Un Enfoque con el Método Q al Estudio de las Etiquetas Ideológicas." *Política y Gobierno* vol. 13 no. 1 (2006): 51-98.
- "Globalization, Globalización, Globalisation: Public Opinion and NAFTA." *Law and Business Review of the Americas* vol. 11 no. 3/4 (2005): 573-596. (with Laura Stephenson, Jennifer Merolla, Carole Wilson)
- "Representation in Latin America: A Study of Elite-Mass Congruence in 9 Countries." *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 38 no. 4 (2005): 388-416. (with Juan Luna)
- "Better the Devil You Know than the Saint You Don't? Risk Propensity and Vote Choice in Mexico." *Journal of Politics* vol. 63 no.1 (2001): 93-119. (with Scott Morgenstern)

Selected Works in Progress

Patterns of Competition in Latin American Party Systems: A Twelve Country Comparison. Book Manuscript. (with Herbert Kitschelt, Kirk Hawkins, Juan Luna, and Guillermo Rosas)

Democracy under Stress: Crises, Evaluations, and Behavior. Book Manuscript. (with Jennifer Merolla)

"When Hegemonic Parties Lose: The 2000 Elections in Mexico and Taiwan." (with John Aldrich and Beatriz Magaloni) *Revise & Re-submit at the Journal of Politics.*

"Can Canadians Take a Hint? The (In)Effectiveness of Party Labels as Information Shortcuts in Canada." (with Jennifer Merolla and Laura Stephenson) *Revise and Resubmit at the Canadian Journal of Political Science.*

"Holding Out for a Hero: An Experimental Study of Crisis, Leadership, and Vote Choice." (with Jennifer Merolla) *Under Review at the Journal of Politics.*

"El Poder del Peje: Crises and Leadership Perceptions in the Context of the 2006 Mexican Election." (with Jennifer Merolla) *Book chapter prepared for edited volume; Ulises Beltrán, editor.*

"Sex, Stereotypes, and Security: An Experimental Study of the Effect of Crises on Assessments of Gender and Leadership." (with Mirya Holman and Jennifer Merolla) *Under Review at Political Psychology.*

"Affecting the Unaffected: Priming Opposition to Free Trade among Students in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. (with John H. Aldrich, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Laura B. Stephenson)

Other Publications

"Estructuración Ideológica e Izquierda en los Sistemas de Partidos Latinoamericanos circa 1996-1998." *Chapter in forthcoming book edited by Jorge Lanzaro (CLACSO).* (with Juan Luna)

"Hacia una Definición de la Izquierda y la Derecha en México." *Este País* no. 141 (2002): 69-75. (with Alejandro Moreno)

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 Merolla, and Laura Stephenson)

Selected Grants and Awards

Research

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 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

Course Development/Teaching

ASUCD Excellence in Education, Nominee and Finalist, 2007

UC-Davis Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Program Award, 2004

General Study

Duke 'Ole R. Holsti' Named Instructor Academic Year Fellowship, 2002-2003

National Science Foundation Three-Year Graduate Fellowship, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2001-2002

Duke Latin American Studies Fellowship for Graduate Study, 1997-1998

University of Chicago University Scholarship (full tuition), 1994-1996

Language Study

Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, 2000-2001

Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Fellowship (Mexico), Summer 2000

Selected Conference Presentations

“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 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 Merolla, and Jennifer Ramos)

“Can Canadians Take a Hint? The In(Effectiveness) of Party Labels as Information Shortcuts in Canada.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association, May 30-June 1, 2007, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. (with Jennifer Merolla and Laura Stephenson)

“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 Merolla, and Jennifer 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 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 Merolla and Jennifer Ramos)

“The Effects of Crises on Political Evaluations.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20-23, 2006. (with Jennifer Merolla)

“Have Cue, Will Travel? Political Parties as Heuristics in Three Countries.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1-4, 2005. (with Jennifer Merolla and Laura Stephenson)

“What’s Left and Who’s Right in Mexican Politics? A Q-Method Approach to Understanding Ideological Labels in Mexican Politics” Paper prepared for presentation at the Conference on Surveys and Methods in Mexican Politics, sponsored by the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at the University of California, San Diego, June 17, 2005.

“With the Support of Women: Gender and System Support in Democratic Contexts.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005. (with Cindy Kam and Jennifer Wilking)

“The Elusive ‘C’: Causes and Consequences of Charismatic Political Leadership.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005. (with Jennifer Merolla and Jennifer Ramos)

“From the Gap to the Chasm: Gender and Participation among Anglo-Americans, Mexican-Americans, and Mexicans.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA, March 17-19, 2005. (with Cindy Kam and Jennifer Wilking)

“‘Left’ and ‘Right’ in Latin America: A Cross-National Q-Method Study.” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association,” Las Vegas, NV, October 7-9, 2004.

- "More than Just Labels? Political Parties as Heuristics in Three Contexts." Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 2004. (with Jennifer Merolla and Laura Stephenson)
- "Form or Substance? The Candidate Appraisal Vote in the Newly Democratic Context." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 14-18, 2004.
- "Representation in Latin America: A Study of Elite-Mass Congruence in 9 Countries." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 27-29, 2003. (with Juan Luna)
- "Managerial Styles Among Mexican Voters." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, August 29-September 1, 2002.
- "Patterns of Representation in Developing Countries." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 7-10, 2001. (with Juan Luna)
- "The Political Significance of Left-Right Semantics in Latin America." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington, DC, September 6-8, 2001.
- "Globalization, Globalización, Globalisation: Public Opinion Toward NAFTA." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001. (with Jennifer Merolla, Laura Stephenson, and Carole Wilson)
- "Electoral Evaluations and Party Change in Mexico and Taiwan." Paper presented at the conference on "The Rise of DPP and PAN in Taiwan and Mexico," Duke University, January 26-27, 2001 and at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001. (with John Aldrich and Beatriz Magaloni)
- "Priming Individuals on Free Trade: A cross-national experiment on the linkages between economic insecurity and policy preferences." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 18-22, 2001 and at the International Society for Political Psychology Conference, July 15-18, Cuernavaca, Mexico. (with John Aldrich, Jennifer Merolla, and Laura Stephenson)
- "Ideological Dimensions and Left-Right Semantics in Latin America." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, Miami, FL, March 16-18, 2000. (with Guillermo Rosas)
- "Racing the Titanic: Globalization, Insecurity, and American Democracy." Paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 2-5, 1999. (with John Aldrich, Claire Kramer, Peter Lange, John Ratliff, and Laura Stephenson)
- "Political Reform and Party Competition in Mexico, 1988-1991." Paper presented at American Political Science Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 2-5, 1999. (with Carole Wilson)

Invited Talks/Workshops

- "Democracy under Stress." Workshop. Duke University, August 23-24, 2007. (with Jennifer Merolla)
- "*El Poder del Peje*." Presentation at seminar sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE). July 12, 2007. (with Jennifer Merolla)
- "The Political Consequences of Crisis: How Conditions of Threat Affect Attitudes toward Individuals, Leaders, and Institutions." Workshop, Sherman Kent School for Intelligence Analysis. June 25, 2007. (with Jennifer Merolla)
- "Chavez/*Chavismo* in Venezuela: Causes and Consequences of Charismatic Political Leadership," Critical Issues Series, Hemispheric Institute on the Americas, International House, UC-Davis, Feb. 10, 2005.
- "Political Representation in Latin America." Stanford University, Comparative Politics Working Group, November 15, 2004.

"Do Parties Cue or Confuse? Political Parties as Heuristic Aids in Three Countries." University of Western Ontario, October 28, 2004. (with Jennifer Merolla and Laura Stephenson)

"Party Identification in Mexico." Conference on Free Markets and Democracy in Mexico in the 21st Century, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, October 26, 2002. (with Carole Wilson)

Other Professional Activities

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

Panel Discussant: American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 30-Sept. 3, 2007; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Meeting, April 12-15, 2007; MPSA Meeting, April 20-23, 2006; MPSA Meeting, April 7-10, 2005; Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington, DC, September 6-8, 2001; Conference on International Institutions: Global Processes~Domestic Consequences, Duke University, April 9-11, 1999; Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 31-April 2, 1999.

Panel Chair: APSA Meeting 2007; MPSA Meeting 2004.

Language and Research Skills

Advanced proficiency in Spanish.

Advanced proficiency in statistical methods and programs.

Participant, Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods Training Institute, Tempe, AZ, January 2-13, 2002.

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics; Latin American Politics; Mexican Politics; Comparative Political Behavior; Research Design and Methodology.

Teaching Experience

University of California, Davis

Graduate Level

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

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

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

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

Undergraduate Level

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

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

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

MURALS Mentor, 2006-2007

Duke University

Undergraduate Level

Latin American Politics (PS151), Fall 2001

Mexican Politics (PS199), Spring 2003