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Current Position:

Assistant Professor,
Department of Political Science, Wichita State University

Areas of interest and expertise:

Comparative Politics, Public Opinion and Political Behavior, Democratization, Peace-Building, Latin American Politics, Latin American International Relations, US Foreign Policy (especially towards Latin America), Development Theory.

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, United States

Ph.D in Political Science, April 2003

Main areas of concentration: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Dissertation: “*Democracy at Risk: Citizens’ Support for Undemocratic Options*”

University of Pittsburgh, United States

Master of Arts in Political Science, 1997- 2000

University of Pittsburgh, United States

Certificate in Latin American Studies, 1997-2000

University Rafael Landivar, Guatemala

Master of Arts in Teaching and University Research, 1990-1993

Uppsala University, Sweden

Diploma in Conflict Resolution, Graduate level, Spring-Summer 1989

Institute universitaire d'études du developpement (IUED), Geneva, Switzerland

Certificate in Development Studies, Graduate program, academic year 1985-1986

University Rafael Landivar, Guatemala

Bachelor of Arts (Licenciatura) in Political and Social Sciences

Major in International Relations, 1979-1984, Cum Laude

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), United States

Undergraduate courses (Latin American Politics and World Politics)

Iowa Falls High School, Iowa, United States
High School Diploma

Guatemalan-American Institute, Guatemala
High School Diploma

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic:

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Wichita State University, courses and research in the areas of Comparative Politics and International Relations (Fall 2005-Present).

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University. Courses and research in the areas of Comparative Politics and Latin American Politics. Also *Research Coordinator* for the Latin American Public Opinion Project, LAPOP and *Research Fellow*, Center for the Americas, Vanderbilt University (Fall 2004-Summer 2005).

Senior Researcher at the Association for Social Research (Asociación de Investigación y Estudios Sociales, ASIES), a renowned Guatemalan Research Center established in 1979 (August 2000-August 2004).

Invited Professor

Program on Human Rights Research (graduate level).

University of San Carlos and University Rafael Landívar, Guatemala (2002 and 2003)

Vicedean of the School of Political and Social Sciences

University Rafael Landívar, Guatemala (1989-1991)

Chair of the Department of Political Science

University Rafael Landívar, Guatemala

(1990-1991)

Professor at University Rafael Landívar (Jesuit University), Guatemala (1987-1996).

Head of the Department of Political Research at the Asociación de Investigación y Estudios Sociales (ASIES), Guatemala (1992-1997)

Courses taught:

Wichita State University (USA): Political Inquiry, Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations, Public Opinion in Comparative Perspective, Developing World, Global Democracy, Latin American Politics, Latin American International Politics.

Vanderbilt University (USA): Latin American Politics, Latin American International Relations (undergraduate level), Comparative Politics (graduate level).

University Rafael Landivar (Guatemala):

Law School: Quantitative Research Methodology, Political Analysis of Guatemala.
Political Science Department: Socio-Political Analysis, Sociology of Development, Current Sociological Theories, Analysis of National Reality, Theory of Power, Sociology of Political Organizations, Introduction to International Relations.

Non-Academic Positions:

Executive Secretary of the Commission for Electoral Reform derived from the Peace Accords. Joint project between the Guatemalan Supreme Electoral Tribunal and the Organization of American States, OAS, February-August 1997.

Deputy Director of the Department for North America at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala (1988-1991)

Officer (Professional Staff) at the Department for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development of Guatemala (1986-1987)

Assistant to the Director, in charge of Fund-Raising and Publications at the Save the Children Alliance, Guatemala (1981-1985)

Consultant in short-term projects with the following organizations:

- Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Latin American Program (USA)
- Development Associates, Inc. (USA)
- Casals and Associates (USA)
- ARD, Inc. (USA)
- Organization of American States (OAS, Guatemala)
- Instituto de Relaciones Internacionales para la Paz, IRIPAZ (Guatemala)
- Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Políticos, INCEP (Guatemala)
- PROCESOS (Costa Rica)
- Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, IIDH (Costa Rica)

Advisory Boards and Committees

Member of the Political Science Scientific Editorial Group (Comité Científico Editorial de Ciencia Política) of the Network of Scientific Journals of Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal (Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina, El Caribe, España y Portugal).

Member of the Scientific Advisory Group of the Americas Barometer, Vanderbilt University (Fall 2005-Present).

Associate Member of the Association for Social Research (ASIES) in Guatemala (Fall 2004-Present).

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Chapters in Edited Volumes

Construyendo la democracia en sociedades posconflicto: Guatemala y El Salvador, un enfoque comparado (Guatemala and Ottawa: F&G Editores and IDRC Publishers, 2007). With L. Blanco, R. Córdova, N. Loya, C. Ramos, and A. Zapata.

“The State of Democracy in Conflict and Post-Conflict Latin America” in *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America II*, C. Arnson, editor. Forthcoming.

“Negotiating Peace in a Dwindling Cold War Scenario: Guatemala and El Salvador Compared” in *Negotiating with Armed Oppositions to the State*, D. Porch and M. Rasmussen, editors. Forthcoming.

“Strengthening Human Rights Institutions in Guatemala” in J. De Zeeuw and K. Kumar, Eds. *Promoting Democracy in Post-Conflict Societies: Views and Lessons from Africa, Asia and Central America* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2006).

“From Peace to Democratization: Lessons from Central America” with Cynthia Arnson, in *Contemporary Peacemaking*, John Darby and Roger McGinty, Eds. (London: Palgrave/McMillan Press, 2003). Revised and updates second Edition, forthcoming in 2008.

“Los Jóvenes y la Democracia en Guatemala” *Con la herencia de la paz: cultura política de la juventud centroamericana*, F. Rodríguez, S. Castro y J. Madrigal, Eds. (Heredia, Costa Rica: EFUNA, 2003).

“El Liderazgo Político en Guatemala: Un Proceso de Reconstrucción y Redefinición” in Wilhelm Hofemeister, Ed. *El Liderazgo Político en América Latina* (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2002).

“Las Dimensiones y el Impacto Político de la Delincuencia en Guatemala” in *La Población del Istmo 2000: familia, migración, violencia y medio ambiente*, co-author with Mitchell A. Seligson (Costa Rica, University of Costa Rica, 2000)

"Peace and Democratization in Guatemala: Two Parallel Processes" in *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America*, Cynthia Arnson, Ed. (Palo Alto/Washington D.C: Woodrow Wilson Center/Stanford University Press, 1999).

La Realidad Política Guatemalteca. Required textbook for several years for all careers at the University Rafael Landívar (Guatemala, University Rafael Landívar, 1994)

Journal Articles and Working Papers

Refereed Journals:

“Trends in Democracy Assistance. What has the US Been Doing?”, in *Journal of Democracy*, Journal of Democracy, Volume 19, Number 2. April 2008 (with S. Finkel, A. Perez-Linan and M. Seligson).

“2007: un año de contrastes para la democracia en Guatemala”, in *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad Católica de Chile. 2008, Vol. 28 n. 1. (with L. Blanco)

“The 2007 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Guatemala”, *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 27, Issue 3, Pages 393-580 (September 2008).

“Guatemala 2006: El aniversario de la paz y la democracia” in *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad Católica de Chile, Vol. 27, May, 2007. Special Edition Anuario Político de América Latina (with L. Blanco).

“La Ciencia Política en Guatemala: El Reto de la Consolidación como Disciplina Independiente” in *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad Católica de Chile, Especial Edition No. 25(1), July 2005

“The General Elections in Guatemala, November-December 2003,” *Electoral Studies*, Elsevier Science/University of Essex, Vol. 24, Issue 1, March 2005.

Book Reviews, Non-Referred Journal Articles and Working Papers:

Book Review: The Quiet Revolutionaries: Seeking Justice in Guatemala, Paul Jesilow and Frank M. Afflitto, in *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, Volume 2, Number 2, July 2008.

“Construyendo la Democracia en Sociedades Posconflicto: Un Enfoque Comparado entre Guatemala y El Salvador”, Resumen Ejecutivo, in *Revista ASIES* No. 2, 2006 (Guatemala, 2006).

“La Opinión Pública y el Estado de Derecho en Guatemala” in *Revista ASIES*, No. 1, 2006 (Guatemala, 2006).

“Democracy Assistance to Post-Conflict Guatemala: Finding a Balance between Details and Determinants,” *Working Paper No. 30*, Netherlands Institute for International Relations (The Hague, Netherlands, 2004).

“Paz, Democracia y Cultura Política en Guatemala”, *Working Paper No. 2004-04 PROCESOS* (Serie Cuadernos de Trabajo, San José, Costa Rica: 2004).

“Guatemala’s Democracy in Jeopardy,” *FOCAL Point*, Canadian Foundation for the Americas, August 2003, Vol. 2, Number 8.

“El Apoyo a la Democracia en Guatemala” in *Revista ASIES No. 3, 2002* (Guatemala, ASIES, 2002).

“Evaluando la Democratización y la Paz en Guatemala” in *Revista ASIES No. 1, 2001* (Guatemala, ASIES, 2001)

“Los Jóvenes y la Democracia en Guatemala” *Working Paper No. 2001-06*, (Costa Rica, PROCESOS, 2001).

“The Popular Referendum and the Future of the Peace Accords in Guatemala”, in *Working Paper #243*, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars (Washington, D.C., October, 1999) (also published in Spanish in December, 1999).

“Gobernabilidad y Democracia: Conceptos Básicos” in *Revista ASIES No. 3, 1992*, (Guatemala, ASIES, 1992).

“El Sistema Político Guatemalteco,” *Revista ASIES No. 5, 1991* (Guatemala, ASIES, 1991).

“La Cooperación Sur-Sur: Alternativa o Utopía,” *Revista Estudios Sociales* (Guatemala, University Rafael Landivar, 1987).

Monographs and Other Publications

Cultura Política de la Democracia en Guatemala: 2006. VII Estudio de Cultura Democrática de los Guatemaltecos (Vanderbilt University/USAID/FLACSO-Guatemala: 2007).

(English version) *The Political Culture of Democracy in Guatemala: 2006* (Vanderbilt University/USAID/FLACSO-Guatemala: 2007)

Building Democracy in Post-Conflict Societies: Guatemala and El Salvador in Comparative Perspective, Executive Summary (ASIES/IDRC/FUNDAUNGO, 2006). Published in English and Spanish.

Effects of Democracy Assistance on Democracy Building: Results of a Cross-National Quantitative Study, Report of a Study prepared for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), with Steven Finkel, Anibal Pérez-Liñán and Mitchell Seligson (November, 2005).

La Cultura Política de la Democracia en Guatemala: 2004, Report published by ASIES/AID/ARD and Vanderbilt University (Fall 2004).

- (English version) *The Political Culture of Democracy in Guatemala: 2004*, ASIES/USAID/ARD and Vanderbilt University (Vanderbilt University: Nashville, TN, 2004)
- Los Valores Democráticos de los Jóvenes y Maestros en Guatemala* (Guatemala, ASIES y Fundación SOROS, 2003).
- Democratic Values of Guatemalans in the New Century*, Fifth Report of the Democratic Indicators Monitoring System (Guatemala, ASIES, 2002).
- “Como se percibe la paz en Guatemala” in *Revista MOMENTO* No. 11, 2002 (Guatemala, ASIES, 2002)
- La Cultura Democrática de los Guatemaltecos en el Nuevo Siglo* (Guatemala, ASIES, 2002).
- La Cultura Democrática de los Guatemaltecos en los Departamentos de Quiché y Quetzaltenango* (Guatemala, ASIES, 2002).
- Diagnóstico de los Partidos Políticos en Guatemala*, coauthor with C. Ortiz and M. Barahona) (Guatemala, ASIES, 2000)
- Cuarto Estudio sobre La Cultura Democrática de los Guatemaltecos*, coauthor with M. Seligson, M. Young, C. Hammil and M. Lucas (Guatemala, Development Associates, University of Pittsburgh and ASIES, 2000).
- Tercer Estudio sobre La Cultura Democrática de los Guatemaltecos*, coauthor with M. Seligson, M. Young and M. Lucas (Guatemala, Development Associates, University of Pittsburgh and ASIES, 1998).
- Segundo Estudio sobre La Cultura Democrática de los Guatemaltecos*, coauthor with M. Seligson, M. Young and M. Lucas (Guatemala, Development Associates, University of Pittsburgh and ASIES, 1996).
- “Posibilidades de paz: nuevo rumbo para Guatemala” in *Procesos de Negociación Comparados en Africa y América Latina* (Guatemala, FLACSO, 1994)
- “Gobernabilidad y Democracia” in *Revista Visión Nacional* No. 1, 1994 (Guatemala, Fundación para el Desarrollo Institucional, DIG, 1994).
- “The Central American Crisis” in *Third World Dimensions in Conflict Resolution* (with A. Siliazzy *et. al*). Report from the Advanced International Programme on Conflict Resolution (Sweden, Uppsala University, 1990).

RESEARCH GRANTS OBTAINED AND PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

Principal Investigator and Country Director for Guatemala of the comparative survey research project *Democratic Indicators Monitoring System*. Part of the Cross-National Study conducted in 22 countries by the Americas Barometer and the Latin American Public Opinion Project.

Funded by: United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
(2003-Present)

Summer Research Grant from Wichita State University Office of Research Administration, for the book project *Authoritarian Governments or Authoritarian Citizens: A Look at Latin American Political Culture* (2006)

Principal Investigator and Coordinator of the comparative research project *The Sustainability of Peace and Democracy in Central America: The Cases of Guatemala and El Salvador*

Funded by: International Development Research Center of Canada (IDRC).
(2003-2006)

Researcher for the project *A Cross-National Quantitative Study of the Effects of Democracy Assistance on Democracy Building*, with S. Finkel, A. Pérez-Liñán and M. Seligson.

Funded by: USAID.
(2005)

Team Leader and Principal Investigator of the comparative research project “*Democratic Transition in Post-Conflict Societies, Building Local Institutions*”

Funded by: The Netherlands Institute of International Relations (Clingendael Institute).
(2003-2004)

Researcher of the comparative research project “*The Political Culture of Central America*”

Funded by: PROCESOS of Costa Rica
(2003)

Principal Researcher and Coordinator of the survey research project “*The Democratic Values of Young Adults and School Teachers in Guatemala*”

Funded by: The SOROS Foundation
(2002-2003)

Principal Researcher and Coordinator of the survey research project “*The Democratic Values of Guatemalans, Fifth Study*”

Funded by: United States Development Agency (USAID).
(2001-2002)

Researcher of the comparative research project “*The Political Culture of Youth in Central America*”..

Funded by: Instituto Interamericano para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (IICA) and Procesos of Costa Rica.
(2000- 2001)

Researcher and Coordinator for Guatemala of the comparative research project “*Mapping Human Rights: A Quantitative Approach*”

Funded by: Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos.
(2001-2002)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

-Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh. Fall 1999-Spring 2000 (to pursue PhD program in Political Science).

-LASPAU/Fulbright Fellowship for graduate study in the United States. Fall 1997-Summer 1999 (to pursue PhD program in Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh).

-Scholarship from the Institute for International Education (IIE), Regional Program of Graduate Fellowships in the Social Sciences, Fall 1997-Spring 1999 (to pursue PhD in Political Science).

-Tuition Remission Fellowship, Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, Fall 1997-Summer 2000.

-Tuition Remission scholarship from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2003.

-Scholarship from the Institut Universitaire d'etudes du developpement, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 1986-Spring 1987 (to pursue graduate certificate in development studies).

-Scholarship from the government of Sweden, Spring-Summer 1990 (to participate in graduate program in conflict resolution at Uppsala University).

-Scholarship from American Field Service (AFS), for a year of High School in the United States, 1977-1978.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker, **Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series** 2007-2008, Exploring Democracy at Home and Abroad, University of New Hampshire, February, 2008. Lecture: *Financing Democratic Change*.

Panelist at the **XXVII LASA Congress**, Montreal, Canada, September 2007. Panel: Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America. Paper presented: *Challenges of Democratization in Conflict and Post-Conflict Latin America*.

The US and Democracy in Latin America: A Change of Course? Paper presented at the **2007 American Political Science Association Meeting (APSA)**. Chicago, August 2007 (paper presented by co-author, Carolyn Shaw).

Invited Panelist at the **Workshop Negotiations with Armed Oppositions to the State**, organized by the Naval Postgraduate School, August 9-10, 2007. Presentation: *Negotiations and Political Reintegration of Armed Opposition Groups in Guatemala and El Salvador*.

Invited Panelist at the **Symposium Prospects for Democracy in Latin America**, organized by the University of North Texas, April 5-6, 2007. Paper presented: *Democracy in Guatemala and El Salvador: An Uneven Performance*.

Panelist at the **2006 American Political Science Association Meeting (APSA)**, Philadelphia, August, 2006. Panel: Can Democracy be Promoted? A Cross-National Study of USAID Democracy and Governance Programs. Presentation: *The Record of US Democracy Assistance*.

Discussant at the Conference **Candidate Indicators for the United Nations Development Program Democracy Support Index**, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, May 2006.

Panelist at the Conference **Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America**. Paper presented: *The State of Democracy in Conflict and Post-Conflict Latin America*, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC, April 2006.

Chair and Panelist at the **XXVI LASA Congress**, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March, 2006. Panel: Peace-Building and Democratization in Central America. Paper presented: *Democracy and Peace in Guatemala and El Salvador: A Comparative Approach*.

Invited Speaker at **the University of Kansas**, November, 2005 . Topic: *Democracy Assistance in the World and Challenges of Democratization in Guatemala*. Sponsored by the student's association Latin American Solidarity.

Panelist at the conference **State Fragility in the Western Hemisphere: Identification, Prevention, and Reconstruction**, Arlington, VA, October 2004. Sponsored by the Office of External Research, Bureau of Intelligence & Research (INR) U.S. Department of State. Panel: Assessing State Fragility in the Western Hemisphere. Presentation: *Public Opinion and State Fragility in Latin America*.

Panelist at the **XXV LASA Congress**, Las Vegas, October, 2004. Panel: Social Cleavages and Political Parties in Latin America. Paper presented: *Predictors of Electoral Behavior in Guatemala and El Salvador*.

Panelist at the **2004 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention**, Montreal, Canada, March 2004. Panel: Promoting Democracy in Post-Conflict Societies. Paper presented: *Assessing Electoral Assistance to Guatemala*.

Panelist at the **2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association**, Philadelphia, August, 2003. Panel: Measuring Ethnic Group Attitudes Toward Institutions of Government: Caveats and Plaudits for Public Opinion Approaches. Paper presented: *Indigenous Perceptions of Democracy in Guatemala*.

Invited Speaker at **American University**, August, 2003. *Democracy in Guatemala at the Crossroads: Citizens' Support for Undemocratic Options*. Sponsored by the Council on Comparative Studies at AU and the Department of Government of AU.

Panelist at the Seminar on Guatemala for designated U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala, John R. Hamilton, Arlington, Virginia, November, 2002. Sponsored by the **Office of External Research, Bureau of Intelligence & Research (INR) U.S. Department of State**. Panel: Social and Political Culture of Guatemala's Developing Democracy. Presentation: *Indicators of Democracy in Guatemala*.

Chair and Panelist at the **XXIII LASA Congress**, Washington, D.C., September 2001. Panel: The Return of the Caudillos: Support for Authoritarian Leaders in Latin America. Paper presented: *Voting in the Strongmen in Guatemala*.

Discussant at the **Congress of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALAS)**, Antigua Guatemala, February 2001. Round Table on Guillermo O'Donnell's "Democracy and Comparative Politics," with the participation of Guillermo O'Donnell in the panel.

Panelist at the **Congress of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies**. Antigua Guatemala, February 2001. Panel: Peace and Democratization in Guatemala. Paper presented: *An Assessment of Peace and Democracy in Guatemala*.

Panelist at the **XXII LASA Congress**, Miami, March 2000. Panel: Challenges to Democratization in Central America. Paper presented: *The Political Impact of Crime in Guatemala*.

Panelist at the **2000 Latin American Social and Public Policy Graduate Student Conference**, University of Pittsburgh, February 2000. Paper presented: *Voting in the Strongmen: the Case of Guatemala*.

Panelist at the **Seminar “The Challenge of Democratic Transition in Post-Conflict Situations: Applying Lessons from the Past to Future United Nations Peacemaking and Peacebuilding”**, organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for Senior Officials of the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, March, 1999. Presentation: *The Challenges to Democratization in Post-Conflict Guatemala*.

Panelist at the **XXI LASA Congress**, Chicago, 1998. Panel: Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America. Presentation: *Democracy and Peace in Guatemala*.

Discussant at the **XVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association**, September 24-27, 1992, Los Angeles, CA. Panel: The Guatemala Peace Process.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the American Political Science Association, APSA (United States)
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA (United States)
- Member of the Association for Social Research and Studies, ASIES (Guatemala)
- Member of the Latin American Public Opinion Project, LAPOP, Vanderbilt University (United States).

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native language)
English (near native fluency)
French (fluent)

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

SPSS
Stata