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## **Current Position**

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*Postdoctoral Fellow & Professorial Lecturer*, Department of Public Administration & Policy, School of Public Affairs, American University (8/2013-present)

Full-time faculty position in the Department of Public Administration & Policy with teaching and advising duties in the Master of Public Administration and Master of Public Policy programs

## **Education**

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Ph.D. Political Science, March 2013

School of Public Affairs, American University, Washington, DC

Fields: Comparative Politics, Global Health Policy, Research Methods.

Dissertation Title: *Polio and the Politics of Policy Diffusion in Latin America*

Committee: William LeoGrande (chair), Robert Durant, Jeremy Shiffman, and Robert Pastor

M.A. International Service, May 2008

School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC

Field: Comparative Regional Studies (Latin America)

B.A. Music and Ethnic Studies, May 2005

Lesley University, Cambridge, MA

## **Research and Teaching Interests**

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- Public health in Latin America (past, present, and future)
- History of medicine and science in the global South
- Globalization (past, present, and future), international organizations, and global governance
- Comparative public policy
- Policy implementation, evaluation, and analysis
- Qualitative research methods

## **Publications**

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### ***Books and Monographs***

**Jiménez, M. R.** (in progress). *Albert Sabin: A Biographical Memoir*. Washington, DC: National Academy of Sciences Press.

Brenner, P., **Jiménez, M. R.**, Kirk, J. M., & LeoGrande, W. M. (Eds.) (2014). *A Contemporary Cuba Reader: The Revolution under Raul Castro*. Boulder, CO: Rowman & Littlefield.

Brenner, P., **Jiménez, M. R.**, Kirk, J. M., & LeoGrande, W. M. (Eds.) (2007). *A Contemporary Cuba*

*Reader: Reinventing the Revolution.* Boulder, CO: Rowman & Littlefield.

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

**Jiménez, M. R.** (2010). Sexuality and Security: A Critical Report on the Summit of the Americas. *Journal of Sexuality and Social Policy Research*, 7 (2), 142–146.

Kirk, J., & **Jiménez, M. R.** (2009). Cuban Medical Internationalism: Central America a Decade after Hurricane Mitch. *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research*, 15(2), 83-101.

**Jiménez, M. R.** (2007). The Answer Lies Within: Fixing our Image Abroad by Fixing Our Democratic Deficiencies. *Swords and Ploughshares Journal of International Affairs*, 16 (2).

### **Book Chapters and Professional Reports**

LeoGrande, W. & **Jiménez, M.R.** (2014). Disaster, Disease, and Environmental Degradation: U.S.-Cuban Cooperation as a Bridge to Reconciliation. In Cathie Krull (Ed.) *Cuba in a Global Context: International Relations, Internationalism and Transnationalism*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, forthcoming.

LeoGrande, W. & **Jiménez, M.R.** (2012). U.S.-Cuba Relations: Prospects for Cooperative Coexistence. In S. Castro Mariño & R.W. Pruessen (Eds.) *Fifty Years of Revolution: Perspectives on Cuba, the United States, and the World* (359-373). Gainesville: University Press of Florida.

**Jiménez, M. R.** (2011) Cuba's Pharmaceutical Advantage. *North American Congress on Latin America, Report on the Americas*, 44 (4), 26-43.

**Jiménez, M. R.** (2007). The Political Economy of Leisure: Tourism in Cuba. In Brenner, P., **Jiménez, M. R.**, Kirk, J. M., & LeoGrande, W. M. (Eds.) *A Contemporary Cuba Reader: Reinventing the Revolution* (146-155). Boulder, CO: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Brenner, P. & **M.R. Jiménez.** (2006) U.S. Policy on Cuba: Beyond the Last Gasp (cover story). *North American Congress on Latin America NACLA, Report on the Americas*, 39 (4), 15-22.

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

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“Politics and Polio Eradication,” American University, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Washington, DC, October 3, 2013

“History Matters: AIDS and Public Health Culture in Cuba,” Cuba Futures Conference, Bildner Center, CUNY, New York City, New York, March 31, 2011

“Disease, Disaster, and Environmental Degradation: How Cuba and the United States Can Collaborate on Common Interests,” with William M. LeoGrande, Cuba Futures Conference, Bildner Center, CUNY, New York City, New York, March 31, 2011

“Medical Internationalism and Disaster Relief: The Case of Cuba, Haiti, and Brazil,” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 7, 2010

“From Latin American to Latino: Borders and Disciplinary Boundaries,” Latinas in Politics Seminar, American University, Washington, DC, November 4, 2009

“Sexual Education and HIV/AIDS in Cuba,” Measure of a Revolution Conference, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, May 11, 2009

## Experience

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*Graduate Assistant*, School of Public Affairs, American University (8/2008-5/2013)

Edited book manuscripts, conducted research and co-authored articles on U.S.-Cuba relations, and served as a TA for honors undergraduate and graduate level courses on Cuba

*Principal Researcher*, Institute for Policy Studies Cuba-US Vaccine Diplomacy Project (3/2010-10/2010)

Conducted research on international cooperation and biotechnology, focusing on the development of Cuba's biotechnology industry and current vaccine research and production capacity

*Co-Director*, Latino Youth Conference, American University (9/2009-5/2010)

Developed educational and training materials for Latino high school students and their families on leadership and college readiness, led workshops in Spanish and English for Latino high school students and their parents

*Assistant Director*, Council on Latin America, American University (9/2007-5/2010)

Developed supporting materials for and helped author a proposal to create a Center on Latin American and Latino Studies, which was approved in the spring of 2009. Supporting materials included spreadsheets of potential funders and partners, profiles of similar centers at other universities, profiles of current faculty with related research or teaching interests and existing courses offered in different departments on campus

*Research Assistant*, Council on Foreign Relations, Latin America & Caribbean Program (9/2007-9/2008)

Conducted research and provided editorial assistance for Dr. Julia Sweig's book, *Cuba: What Everyone Needs to Know* (Oxford University Press, 2009), as well as conducted research focused on socioeconomic impact of Latin American migration and expanding Latino populations in the United States

*Research Assistant*, Dr. Robert Pastor, Center for Democracy and Election Management (CDEM) and The Elders Organization, American University (09/2007-09/2008)

Conducted research on election monitoring and management in the United States and abroad, provided background research for Elders Organization, specifically related to President Jimmy Carter's work in Sudan and the Middle East on behalf of The Elders

*Resident Director*, American University Study Abroad Program, Havana, Cuba (1/2007-5/2007)

Developed course materials for undergraduate courses in collaboration with University of Havana faculty, led discussion sessions for foreign policy and Cuban politics courses, supervised student research projects and independent studies, and advised undergraduate students on senior capstone projects

*Co-Instructor*, Contemporary Cuba, American University, Office of Study Abroad (9/2006-12/2006 & 9/2007-12/2007)

Developed curriculum for and co-taught introductory course on contemporary Cuba for American University undergraduate students participating in semester-long study abroad program in Havana, Cuba

*Teaching and Research Assistant*, School of International Service, American University (9/2005-5/2008)

Assisted with syllabi development, graded student research papers and exams, guest lectured, led study and discussion sessions, and provided research assistance to professors in Foreign Policy and Comparative Regional Studies programs

## Honors and Awards

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- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Public Administration & Policy, School of Public Affairs, American University, 2013-2014
- Provost's Office Dissertation Award, American University, Fall 2012
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Competition (alternate), 2011 & 2012

- Eagle Endowment Community Service Award for the Latino Youth Conference, American University, 2010
- Merit Graduate Honor Award, School of Public Affairs, American University, 2008-2012
- Harold Davis and John Finan Memorial Prize for Outstanding Scholarship in Latin American Studies, American University, May 2008
- McNair Scholar's Merit Award and Fellowship, School of International Service, American University, 2005-2007; McNair Scholar, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, 2004-2005
- Best Entering Student Talent (BEST) Award/Scholarship for vocal performance, Berklee College of Music, 2000-2001 and 2003-2004

## References

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