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Education

American University, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2013 (Summer, expected)

- Dissertation: "Politics at Home Abroad: The Engagement of Mexican Migrants in their Home Towns"
- Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics and International Relations
- GPA: 3.92

Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California

Master of Arts in International Policy Studies, December, 2002, GPA: 3.98

Santa Clara University, School of Arts and Sciences, Santa Clara, California

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Studies and Philosophy, *cum laude*, June, 1998, GPA: 3.68

Universidad de Buenos Aires and the **Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales**

Buenos Aires Argentina, exchange program, 1996 – 1997

Additional Education

Understanding Complexity I: Simple Applications for Political Science and Policy & Theory Development, Short Course #23,

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, August 31, 2011

Designing and Conducting Field Research, Short Course #2, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association,

Toronto, Canada, September, 2009

Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO—Latin American Social Sciences Council) Buenos Aires, Argentina,

August – November, 2004

Distance Learning Course: "Democracia y representación política en América Latina"

Awards and Fellowships

Neil and Ann Kerwin Doctoral Dissertation Award, 2011 – 2012

AU, School of Public Affairs Graduate Honor Dissertation Award, Spring 2011 (declined)

AU, School of Public Affairs Award for Outstanding Scholarship at the Graduate Level, 2009 - 2010

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant in Political Science, 2010 – 2011

Gill Family Foundation Scholarship for Dissertations Using Quantitative Methods, 2009 – 2010

Fulbright-García Robles grantee to Mexico, 2009 -2010

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, Inducted 2009

American University Graduate Honor Award, 2006 – 2009

American University Dean's Award, 2006 – 2009

American University Graduate Assistantship, 2006 – 2009

American University Ph.D. Award, 2006 – 2009

Monterey Institute of International Studies Graduate Merit Award, 2001 – 2002

Publications

Documented Failures: The Consequences of Immigration Policy on the US-Mexico Border. Report prepared for the Kino Border Initiative, Nogales, Arizona, U.S.A. and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico with funding from Catholic Relief Services of Mexico, February 12, 2013. Presented at the Ad Hoc Hearing “Lines that Divide US: Failure to Preserve Family Unity in the Context of Immigration Enforcement at the Border,” Chaired by Congressman Raúl Grijalva on April 10, 2013.

Latin America's Multicultural Movements and the Struggle Between Communitarianism, Autonomy, and Human Rights. Edited by Todd Eisenstadt, Michael S. Danielson, Moises Jaime Bailon Corres and Carlos Sorroza Polo. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Community Strength and Customary Law: Explaining Migrant Participation in Indigenous Oaxaca.” In *Latin America's Multicultural Movements and the Struggle Between Communitarianism, Autonomy, and Human Rights.* Edited by Todd Eisenstadt, Michael S. Danielson, Moises Jaime Bailon Corres and Carlos Sorroza Polo. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Political Subsystems in Oaxaca's *Usos y Costumbres* Municipalities: An Analysis of the Civil-Religious Service Background of Mayors.” In *Latin America's Multicultural Movements and the Struggle Between Communitarianism, Autonomy, and Human Rights.* Edited by Todd Eisenstadt, Michael S. Danielson, Moises Jaime Bailon Corres and Carlos Sorroza Polo. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“All Immigration Politics is Local: The Day Labor Ordinance in Vista, California,” in *Taking Local Control: Immigration Policy Activism in U.S. Cities and States.* Edited by Monica Varsanyi. Stanford University Press and the Center on Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2010.

“Uruguay and Paraguay: An Arduous Transition,” with Diego Abente Brun, in *Latin America: Its Problems and Its Promise*, 5th Edition, Jan Knippers Black, ed. Westview Press, 2010.

“Walking Together, but in Which Direction? Gender Discrimination and Multicultural Practices in Oaxaca, Mexico,” with Todd A. Eisenstadt, in *Politics and Gender* 5:2 (June, 2009)

Ongoing Research

“Institutions, not Culture: Explaining the Failure to Elect Women in Indigenous Southern Mexico,” with Todd Eisenstadt and Jennifer Yelle. R&R at *Journal of Politics in Latin America.*

“When the Road to the Mayor's Office Crosses the Border: Political Trajectories of Migrant Mayors in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Working paper.

“Migration as a Democratizing Force in Sending Communities? A Comparative Study of Local Politics in Mexico.” Working paper.

“Bringin' it All Back Home: Remittances, Social Capital and Indigenous Traditions: Evidence from Southern Mexico's Migrant-Sending Communities,” with Todd A. Eisenstadt. Working paper.

Presentations

“Institutions, not Culture: Explaining the Failure to Elect Women in Indigenous Southern Mexico,” with Todd Eisenstadt and Jennifer Yelle. Paper Accepted to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 30 – September 2, 2012.

“Transnational Dynamics of Local Elite Composition: A Comparative Study of Pathways to Power in Three Mexican States.” Paper Presented at the XXX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 23-26, 2012.

“When the Road to the Mayor's Office Crosses the Border: Political Trajectories of Migrant Mayors in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Paper Presented at the 70th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 12 – 15, 2012.

“Migrant Civil Society and Collective Remittances: Explaining Home Town Engagement in Mexico.” Paper presented at the Conference of the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies, American University, Washington, DC, March 23 & 24, 2012.

“Migration as a Democratizing Force in Sending Communities? A Comparative Study of Local Politics in Mexico.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2, 2011.

“Mexican Migrants as Political Actors in their Home Towns.” Seminar: Economics, Politics and Violence in Contemporary Mexico, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, AU, March 3, 2011.

“U y C: ¿Un mecanismo de control político? El Debate académico.” Asociación Nacional de Estudiantes de Ciencia Política, Oaxaca, Mexico, November 10, 2010.

“Ciudadanos sin nación y residentes sin representación: Inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos.” Seminario: Ciudadanía en el siglo XXI: sus múltiples rostros,” Oaxaca, Mexico, December 4, 2009.

“Migration and Hometown Politics in Oaxaca, Mexico's Indigenous Municipalities.” VI International Congress on Migration: Migration and Social Institutions, The Jesuit Migrant Service Network, Mexico City, November 6, 2009.

“Bringin' it All Back Home: Remittances, Social Capital and Indigenous Traditions: Evidence from Southern Mexico's Migrant-Sending Communities,” with Todd A. Eisenstadt. The Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, June 11 – 14, 2009 and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 4, 2009.

“Migration and Customary Practices in Oaxaca: Preliminary Findings from the “2008 Survey of Oaxaca, Mexico Customary Law Municipalities.” Conference: Reconciling Liberal Pluralism and Group Rights: Oaxaca, Mexico's Multiculturalism Experiment in Comparative Perspective, American University, Washington, DC, February 20, 2009.

“Cambio y continuidad en las practicas de usos y costumbres frente a la migración internacional.” Conference: Law and Society in Oaxaca, Mexico, Oaxaca, Mexico, August 5, 2008.

“The Intersection of Customary Law and Ethnicity: An Assessment of Gender Discrimination in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montréal, Canada September 7, 2007.

“The Promise of Social Movement Unionism: The Case of the Citizenship Project and Teamsters Local 890 in the Salinas Valley of California.” The 28th Annual Southwest Labor Studies Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 9, 2002.

Teaching Experience

Teacher's Assistant, “Organizational Behavior and Management,” Professor Barbara Bird

(American University, Kogod School of Business, Undergraduate Course), 2012

Adjunct Instructor, GOVT-130 Comparative Politics, American University, Fall 2011

Teacher's Assistant, “Mexican Politics,” Professor Todd Eisenstadt

(American University, Department of Government, Undergraduate Course), 2008

Teacher's Assistant, “Latin American Politics,” Professor Todd Eisenstadt

(American University, Department of Government, Undergraduate Course), 2008

Teacher's Assistant, “Dynamics of Political Change,” Professor Todd Eisenstadt

(American University, Department of Government, Undergraduate Course), 2007 and 2009

Teacher's Assistant, “Latin American Politics Through Film,” Professor Todd Eisenstadt

(American University, Department of Government, Undergraduate Course), 2007

Teacher's Assistant, “Politics in the United States,” Professor David Lublin

(American University, Department of Government, Undergraduate Course), 2007

Teacher's Assistant, “International Economics,” Professor Robert McCleery

(Monterey Institute of International Studies Graduate Course), 2002

Work Experience

American University, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (CLALS), Washington, DC

Doctoral Fellow, 1/2013 – Present

- Data analysis, research design, survey sample selection for project on Latino entrepreneurship in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area

Kino Border Initiative, Nogales, Arizona, USA and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico

Research Consultant, 8/2012 – 12/2012

- Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data and wrote the report: “Documented Failures: The Consequences of Immigration Policy on the U.S.-Mexico Border.”
- Gathered original qualitative data in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico

American University, Kogod School of Business, Washington, DC

Graduate Assistant to Prof. Barbara Bird, 8/2012 – 12/2012

- Research assistant: literature reviews, theory development, research design, and fundraising for: “Latino Immigrant Entrepreneurs: Planning and Future Time Perspectives,” a study of Latino immigrant small business owners in the DC Metropolitan area.
- Teaching assistant: Graded weekly homework assignments for “Organizational Behavior and Management.”

Graduate Assistant to Prof. Frank DuBois, 8/2012 – 12/2012

- Literature review and theory development for research project on Japanese-Brazilian transnational migrants and their role as a conduit of international technology transfer.
- Research assistance on industrial development, international trade, and Latin American business affairs.

American University, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (CLALS), Washington, DC

Graduate Assistant to Director Eric Hershberg, August 2010 – August 2011.

- Research assistance on Latin American and Latino politics and public affairs.
- Funding proposal development for national research grants and awards.
- Organizing of workshops, and research and policy seminars on such topics as Latino Politics in the U.S., Contemporary Mexico, and the Extractive Industries in Latin America.

American University, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC

Graduate Assistant to Prof. Todd Eisenstadt, 2007 – 2009

- Grant administration for the project: “Uniting Law and Society in Indigenous Oaxaca.” Higher Education for Development, USAID-TIES research and teaching partnership between American University (AU) and the Benito Juárez Autonomous University of Oaxaca (UABJO).
- Participated in the design and testing of “The 2008 Survey of Oaxaca Mexico’s Customary Law Municipalities.”

Graduate Assistant to Dean William LeoGrande, 2006-2007

- Research assistance for article on U.S. Policy toward Latin America since 2000.
- Research assistance for book on U.S. – Cuba relations.

Graduate Assistant to Prof. David Lublin, 2006-2007

- Teaching Assistant: Politics in the US
- Research on Latin American electoral systems and their implications for minority representation.

The Children’s Defense Fund, Washington, DC

Policy Associate, Family Income and Jobs Division, 2004 – 2006

- Supported the Capitol Hill advocacy efforts of senior policy staff, and prepared comments and speeches to be presented to the general public, at congressional hearings, and in the media.
- Represented the organization in the news media on BET and PBS.

The Center on Policy Initiatives, San Diego, California

Economic Policy Analyst, May 2003- November 2003

- Conducted an analysis of the fiscal impact of a proposed living wage ordinance.
- Conducted an analysis of local economic development initiatives using shift-share, and location quotient methods.

Monterey Institute of International Studies, Graduate School of International Policy Studies, Monterey, California

Graduate Assistant to International Policy Studies Professor Jan Knippers Black, 2001- 2002

- Editorial and data gathering assistance to update *Development in Theory and Practice* for a new addition.
- Conducted original research for book on global human rights.

Graduate Assistant to International Economics Professor Robert McCleery, 2001 – 2002

- Reviewed studies of the human rights impacts of NAFTA.
- Teaching assistant for graduate course in international economics.

Research Experience

Field Research Experience

Guanajuato, Mexico, July 2011

Los Angeles, Fresno, Lamont, Greenfield and Seaside, CA, May 2011

Chicago, IL, March and April 2011

Oaxaca, Mexico, November 2010

Denver and Montrose, CO, October 2010

San Diego, California, July – August 2007; August 2010

Oaxaca, Guanajuato, and Zacatecas, Mexico, October 2009 – July 2010

Oaxaca, Mexico, June – August 2008

Oaxaca, Mexico, May – July, 2007

Research Projects

“Uniting Law and Society in Indigenous Oaxaca.” Higher Education for Development, USAID-TIES research and teaching partnership between American University (AU) and the Benito Juarez Autonomous University of Oaxaca (UABJO).

Co-directors: Todd A. Eisenstadt, AU and Moisés Jaime Bailón Corres, UABJO.

- Participated in the design and testing of “The 2008 Survey of Oaxaca Mexico's Customary Law Municipalities.”
- Grant Administration

“Latino Entrepreneurs in the DC Metropolitan Area.” Research collaboration between the American University Kogod School of Business, the American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, the George Washington University School of Business and the Latino Economic Development Corporation.”

- Conducted literature review on immigrant entrepreneurship
- Helped to design a structured survey of Latino small business owners in the DC metropolitan area
- Assisted with fundraising efforts

Other

The Public Purpose, manuscript reviewer for comparative politics, 2008

Language: Fluent in Spanish

Foreign Residence: Argentina, Spain, Mexico

Research Methodology: Linear and maximum likelihood regression analysis, survey research, ethnography, semi-structured and open-ended interviewing.

Technical Skills: Extensive experience working with U.S., Mexican and other large survey and administrative datasets including public use microdata files. Advanced Knowledge: STATA, SPSS, Excel. Basic Knowledge: R, RQDA, Weft QDA, NVivo, NetLogo.