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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX

Ph.D., Political Science (2017)

Dissertation Title: “Securing Territory: State Interests and the Implementation of Ethnic Land Rights in the Americas.”

Committee: Kurt Weyland (Chair), Daniel Brinks, Raúl Madrid, Zachary Elkins, and Daniel Powers.

Major Grant: NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (Political Science), 2014-2015

Vanderbilt University School of Law Nashville, TN

LL.M. (2005)

Major Grant: Fulbright Foreign Student Program, 2004-2005

Universidad Americana Managua, Nicaragua

J.D. (2002)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Under Review

“State Interests and the Implementation of Ethnic Land Rights in Latin America.” Presented at APSA 2016, Southwestern Social Science Association 2017, and Behavioral Models of Politics at Duke 2017.

Other

“Neoliberal Ethnic Lands: Temporal Discontinuities in Indigenous Lands Regularization in Brazil.” Presented at APSA 2017.

“Land Institutions and Transnational Organized Crime in Central America: Evidence from Honduras.” Presented at Transnational Criminal Law in the Americas Conference (2017)

“National Security Trumps Ethnic Land Rights.”

“Biosphere Reserve or Ethnic Land? Ethnic Resistance and Ethnic Land Regularization in Honduras versus Nicaragua.”

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“The Impact of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.” 2007. 38 *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review* 487.

BOOKS (EDITED VOLUMES)

Annotations and Humboldt’s Library.* Forthcoming. In *Political Essay on the Kingdom of New Spain* by Alexander von Humboldt. Vera M. Kutzinski & Ottmar Ette (eds.), Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

* Historical research and writing, similar in content and form to encyclopedia entries.

Annotations, List of Plates, and Humboldt's Library. 2012. In *Views of the Cordilleras and the Monuments of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas* by Alexander von Humboldt. Vera M. Kutzinski & Ottmar Ette (eds.), Chicago: U Chicago Press, p. 395-548.

Annotations and Humboldt's Library. 2011. In *Political Essay on the Island of Cuba* by Alexander von Humboldt. Vera M. Kutzinski & Ottmar Ette (eds.), Chicago: U Chicago Press, p. 325-460.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University, Institute of Politics and Strategy Pittsburgh, PA

Instructor of Record, Comparative Judicial Politics, Spring 2018

Instructor of Record, Globalization, International Organizations, and International Law, Fall 2017

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government Austin, TX

Instructor of Record, International Human Rights in the U.S. and Latin America, Spring 2017.

Instructor of Record, International Human Rights in the U.S. and Latin America, Fall 2016.

Supplemental Instructor, U.S. Politics in Comparative Perspective, Spring 2015.

Discussion Session Leader, Patriotism and Human Rights, Fall 2015.

Teaching Assistant, Human Rights and World Politics, Spring 2014.

Supplemental Instructor, U.S.-Latin American Relations, Fall 2013.

Teaching Assistant, The U.S. in Comparative Perspective, Spring 2013.

Teaching Assistant, Comparative Legal Systems, Fall 2012.

Universidad Católica, School of Law Managua, Nicaragua

Assistant Professor, Public International Law, AY 2005-2007.

AWARDS & GRANTS

American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section, Award to present original research at APSA 2017.

National Science Foundation, Political Science Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, AY 2014-2015.

The University of Texas at Austin, Graduate School, Continuing Fellowships, AY 2014-2015.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship in Political Science, Summer 2014.

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, ICPSR Fellowship, Summer 2014.

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Fellowship, Summer 2013.

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, Latin America Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant, Summer 2013.

The University of Texas at Austin, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS), Lozano Long Graduate Summer Field Research Grant, Summer 2012.

The University of Texas at Austin, Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship, AY 2011-2012.

The United Nations Institute for Research and Training (UNITAR), Core Diplomatic Training, Spring 2006.

Vanderbilt University, Center for the Americas, Conference Award, Spring 2005.

United States Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, Fulbright Foreign Scholar Program, AY 2004-2005.

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

University of California Riverside, Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, Fall 2017.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Paper Presentation, Fall 2017.

The University of Windsor Faculty of Law (Canada), Transnational Law and Justice Network (TLJN), Transnational Criminal Law in the Americas Conference, Paper Presentation, Spring 2017.

Duke University, Fourth Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, Poster Presentation, Spring 2017.

Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Conference, Paper Presentation and Discussant, Spring 2017.

The University of Texas at Austin, School of Law, The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, Paper Presentation, Spring 2017.

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology, Power History and Society Network, Paper Presentation, Spring 2017.

The University of Texas at Austin, Certificate for Inclusive Classroom Leadership, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Invited Speaker, Spring 2017.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Paper Presentation, Fall 2016.

Syracuse University, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Multi-Method Research Designs and Survey Experiment Designs, Paper Presentations, Summer 2013.

University of Potsdam (Germany), Workshop, Humboldt in English Project, Paper Presentation, Summer 2013 & Summer 2016.

Vanderbilt University, Alexander von Humboldt and the Hemisphere Working Conference, Paper Presentation, Spring 2009.

Vanderbilt University, School of Law, Security in the Americas Conference, Paper Presentation, Spring 2005.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The University of Texas at Austin, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Certificate for Inclusive Classroom Leadership, Spring 2017.

Academy of International Law at The Hague, Diploma Public International Law, Fall 2006.

United Nations Institute for Research and Training, Diploma Public International Law, Fall 2006.

The University of California at San Diego, School of Law, Diploma in U.S. Law, Fall 2004.

Universidad Centro Americana, Diploma Financial Law, Fall 2003.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork for Dissertation

Brazil, total time: 9 months, July 2013, August 2014-February 2015.

Urban areas: Brasília, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Manaus, and Boa Vista.

Rural areas: São Joaquim, Santa Isabel do Rio Negro, San Gabriel da Cachoeira, Tefé, Tabatinga, Querari, and Surucucu.

Honduras, total time: 3 months, March-May 2015.

Urban areas: Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula.

Rural areas: Puerto Lempira, Catacamas, Mocoron, Masca, and Tela.

Nicaragua, total time: 3 months, July 2012, June-July 2015.

Urban areas: Managua and Masaya.

Rural areas: Amasau, Bilwi, and Bluefields.

Research Assistance and Coding Experience

Dr. Zachary Elkins, Comparative Constitution Project (CCP), 2012-2014, 2015-2016

Varieties of Democracy Project, Country Coordinator and Expert Coder, Nicaragua

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer 2014. Courses: “Causal Inference,” “Spatial Econometrics,” “Complex Systems,” and “Theory Evaluation.”

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer 2013. Courses: “Typological Theory, Concepts, and Measurement,” “Designing and Conducting Fieldwork,” “Experimental Methods,” “Natural Experiments,” and “Multi-Method Research Design.”

COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, R, SAS, GIS (ArcGIS and QGIS), Python, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (near native), Portuguese (fluent), French (beginner)

SERVICE

Secretary (elected), Human Rights Section, American Political Science Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association

Law and Society Association
American Bar Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress Washington D.C.
Fellow, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division (June 2017 – August 2017)

- Produced (collected qualitative data, analyzed quantitative data, and drafted) one 20-page (single spaced) report on U.S. aid for global health, 1 2-page (single spaced) information sheet on the World Health Organization, and 5 case studies (12-pages, single spaced) on criminal organizations in Central America.
- Collected data and created information graphics (figures and maps) on the topics of disease outbreaks and criminal organizations in Central America.
- Participated in 2 briefings for Senate Committee on Foreign Relations staff on global health.
- Conducted 1 peer review and responded to congressional inquiries about global health and the politics of Latin America.

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
Assistant Managing Editor/Assistant Director (March 2007-August 2011)

Key Responsibilities:

- Delivered in timely fashion over 350-printed pages of high-level research product on the intellectual history of Cuba, Mexico, and the Andes, published in three volumes by the University of Chicago Press (2011-2018).
- Collaborated with faculty members to secure a National Endowment of the Humanities Grant (\$100,000).
- Negotiated a Memorandum of Understandings with the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (Lima, Peru).

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nicaragua Managua, Nicaragua
Director/ Legal Adviser/Analyst/Intern (February 2002-March 2007)

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversaw the negotiation of multilateral agreements in international discussions and public fora with foreign officials and non-governmental organization representatives.
- Provided legal advice for the case Dispute Regarding Navigational and Related Rights (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua) before the International Court of Justice.
- Served as a liaison between the Ministry, the Central American Integration System, the Organization of American States, and other high-level government and non-governmental organization representatives.
- Drafted foreign policy briefs and legal opinions: disarmament, nuclear proliferation, small arms and light weapons, demining, sustainable development, and anti-corruption.

REFERENCES

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