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EDUCATION

Doctorate in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA, dissertation defended October 6, 2011
Exams in Comparative and American Politics. Minor fields: Methods and Political Behavior. Certificate in Latin American Social and Public Policy.

Master's in City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, 2002

BA in Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX, 1999

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Research Coordinator (Post-Doctoral Position), Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University, September 2010-present

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2009-Spring 2010

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Institute for Survey Research Summer Institute, Univ. of Michigan, Summer 2008.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Univ. of Michigan, Summer 2006.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Forthcoming. Keeping Up with the Souzas: Social Influence and Electoral Change in a Weak Party System, Brazil 2002-2006. *Latin American Politics and Society*. (with Barry Ames and Miguel García)

2011. Civic Education, Political Discussion and the Social Transmission of Democratic Knowledge and Values in a New Democracy: Kenya 2002. *American Journal of Political Science*. (with Steven E. Finkel).

2010. Knowing Left from Right: Ideological Thinking in the 2002 and 2006 Brazilian Presidential Elections. *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 2(3): 3-38. (with Barry Ames)

2009. Legitimate Grievances: Preferences for Democracy, System Support, and Political Participation in Bolivia. *Latin American Research Review* 44(3): 102-126.

BOOK

2011. *A Qualidade da Democracia no Brasil e em Perspectiva Comparada: A Visão da Cidadania*. São Paulo: Editora Intermeios. (with Lucio Rennó, Matthew L. Layton, & Frederico Batista Pereira; in Portuguese)

GRANTS AND HONORS

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009-2010

Umberger Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2009-2010

Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-2009

Field Research Grant from the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2007

Summer Research Grant from the Political Science Department, University of Pittsburgh, 2007
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, University of Pittsburgh, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 academic years, for Portuguese study
Nationality Rooms Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2006
Peter Andrews Prize for Best Thesis, Cornell University, 2002
Merit-Based Fellowship for Full Tuition and Stipend, Cornell University, 2000-2002
Model Thesis Award from Plan II Honors Program, University of Texas at Austin, 1999
Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 1999, for research in Chile
Phi Beta Kappa (elected), University of Texas at Austin, 1999
Robert C. Byrd and Dedman Merit Scholarships, University of Texas at Austin, 1994-1998
College Scholar Awards and Dean's Honor Lists in Liberal Arts, Univ. of Texas at Austin, 1995-1999
National Merit Scholar, 1994

TEACHING

Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2010; Fall and Summer 2009
Lecturer, Brazil Today short course, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2009
Spanish Teacher, Perry High School, Pittsburgh Public Schools, PA, 2004-2005

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2011. Nota de pesquisa: O eleitor juizforano e o contexto social. *Revista teoria e cultura* 4 (1).
Volume edited by my former research assistant in Brazil; article describes data she and I collected.
2011. Democracy in Hard Times: Belize. *AmericasBarometer Insights Series* No. 56. (with Diana Orcés and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)
2010. *Political Culture of Democracy, 2010: Democratic Consolidation in the Americas During Hard Times: Report on the Americas*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University. (Editor, with Mitchell A. Seligson; Author of Chapter 2, with Diana Orcés and Mitchell A. Seligson; Author of Chapter 3, with Abby Córdova, Diana Orcés, Mitchell A. Seligson, and Dominique Zéphyr; Author of Chapter 6, with Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga; Author of Chapter 7, with Mitchell A. Seligson and Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga)
2010. Affirmative Action in Brazil. *Americas Quarterly*. (Web Exclusive, October 25).
2010. Who's Covered? Health Care in the Americas. *Americas Quarterly* 4(3). (with Diana Orcés)
2003. Addressing the Affordability Gap: Framing Child Care as Economic Development. *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*. 12(3): 294-313. (with Mildred Warner and Rosaria Ribeiro)

WORKING PAPERS

- Clerical Work: Religious Intermediaries and Mobilization in Brazil's Presidential Election of 2010.
- The Bully Pulpit: Church Influence on Political Socialization in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil.
- Networks and Knowledge: The Simultaneous Impact of Political Discussion and Political Knowledge during Two Presidential Election Campaigns in Brazil.
- Local Connections: Electoral Institutions, Social Networks, and Neighborhood Leaders in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil.
- Who Supports Affirmative Action in Brazil? (Preliminary research presented in *AmericasBarometer Insights Series* No. 49.)

Social Assistance, Economic Crisis, and Presidential Voting in Latin America. (with Matthew L. Layton)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2011. Social Assistance and Presidential Voting in Latin America. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA

2011. Clerical Work: Religious Intermediaries and Mobilization in Brazil's Presidential Election of 2010. Presented at:

Brazilian Electoral Panel Study Workshop, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC;
The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

2011. Local Connections: Electoral Institutions, Social Networks, and Neighborhood Leaders in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil. Presented at:

The Political Networks Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor;
The 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.

2010. The Bully Pulpit: Church Influence on Political Socialization in a Municipal Election Campaign in Brazil. Presented at:

The XXIX Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada;
The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. *Nominated for the Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics.*

2010. Networks and Knowledge: The Simultaneous Impact of Political Discussion and Political Knowledge during Two Presidential Election Campaigns in Brazil. Presented at the Political Networks Conference, Duke University.

2009. Ideological Thinking in the 2002 and 2006 Brazilian Presidential Elections. Presented at:

The XXVIII Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro;
The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

2009. A Transition Model of the Change in Support for Lula in Brazil, 2002 to 2006. (with Miguel García). Presented at:

The XXVIII Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro;
The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Associations, New Orleans;
The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Associations, Chicago

2008. Political Discussion and the Social Transmission of Democratic Knowledge and Values in a New Democracy: The 2002 Kenya National Civic Education Program. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston. (with Steven Finkel)

2008. Diversity, Social Networks, and Participation in Brazil. Presented at the Networks in Political Science Conference, Harvard University, Boston.

2008. Assessing the Impact of Neoliberalism in Latin America: A Response to Huber and Solt and Walton. Presented at the Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference, Pittsburgh.

2007. Is It Legit? Democratic Legitimacy and Protest in Bolivia. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans.

2006. Democratic Legitimacy and Regime Stability: What is the Connection? Presented at the Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference, Pittsburgh.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

April 2010. Brazil Festival, University of Pittsburgh

May 2009. Instituto Montserrat, Caxias do Sul, Brazil

September 2008. Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

October 2011. Convener/Academic Director. Marginalization in the Americas: A View from the AmericasBarometer Conference. To be held at the University of Miami, Miami, FL.

2008. Discussant, Panel on Elections and Political Parties in Latin America, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editor, AmericasBarometer Insights Series (working paper series), Vanderbilt University, September 2010-present (with Liz Zechmeister & Mitchell A. Seligson).

Director, AmericasBarometer 2010-2011 Small Grants and Best Paper Competition, Vanderbilt University

Cohort Representative & Assistant Programming Chair, University of Pittsburgh Political Science Department, 2005-2007.

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Political Behavior*, *Latin American Research Review*

POLICY-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND CONSULTING

Consultant, Ford Institute for Human Security, University of Pittsburgh. Performed statistical analysis on determinants of attacks on African refugee camps, Spring 2008.

Planner, Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, Pittsburgh, PA. Planned workforce development programming for Allegheny County. 2002-2004.

Consultant, Public/Private Ventures. Authored reports on the labor market for Fathers at Work demonstration project and other workforce development grants, 2001-2002.

Economic Development VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America), Laredo, TX, 1999-2000.

FIELD RESEARCH

Brazil: June-August 2007, March 2008, September 2008-June 2009

Bolivia: May-June 2006

Chile: December 1998-January 1999 (also study abroad July 1997-January 1998)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish and Portuguese (fluent), Romanian (intermediate), German (basic)

REFERENCES

Barry Ames (co-chair)
Mellon Professor of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh

Steven E. Finkel (co-chair)
Daniel Wallace Professor of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh

Scott Morgenstern
Associate Professor of Political Science
University of Pittsburgh

Jon Hurwitz
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