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**EDUCATION**

**University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**

Ph.D. in Political Science (expected Spring, 2006)

Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations.

Dissertation Title: "The Pervasiveness of Partisanship in Latin America."

*Abstract:* The purpose of this research is two-fold. First, to advance the theory of partisanship by attempting to uncover the determinants of "affective" and "rational" forms of partisanship, which coexist within the electorate, and the possible implications of their relative prevalence for the effectiveness and accountability of governments. Second, to assess the applicability of theories of partisanship, developed mostly in the U. S., to the Latin American region, particularly Honduras. Therefore, this research may also provide important insights into the political views and behavior of the Latino population in the United States.

Complex survey data and electoral data are analyzed with multivariate statistical techniques.

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Mitchell Seligson (co-Chair), Dr. Barry Ames, Dr. Aníbal Pérez-Linan (co-Chair), Dr. Salvatore Babones.

Certificates:

Latin American Studies; University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Sampling Program for Survey Statisticians; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

**Yale University, New Haven, CT**

Master of Environmental Studies (May, 1997)

Advanced Study Area: Environmental Policy & Management

**Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR**

Bachelor of Science in Forestry (June, 1995)

Major: Forest Management (*Magna cum laude*)

**Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Forestales, Honduras.**

Forest Manager (Dec., 1985)

Concentration: Forest Management (*Summa cum laude*).

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

[Latino] Political Behavior	Political Parties
[Latin American] Political Culture	Research Methods
Comparative Political Institutions	Environmental Politics
International Political Economy	Political Economy of Development

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Part-Time Instructor.**

University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA Spring, 2006  
Will teach "Introduction to Comparative Politics," at the undergraduate level. My teaching philosophy for the class is to help students understand the need and importance of the comparative method when studying political phenomena and institutions. Also, to help students develop an inquisitive attitude toward the political world by encouraging the discussion of theories vis-à-vis contemporary issues around the world.

### **Teaching Assistant**

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA Spring, 2000  
Assisted recitation sections of the course "Introduction to Comparative Politics", taught by Prof. Wenfang Tang (see reference). Developed, administrated, and graded exams, and kept grade records for a class of 28 undergraduate students.

### **Full-time Instructor**

ESNACIFOR School of Forestry, Honduras 1986 – 1987  
Taught two undergraduate courses on Topography and Aerial Photo-interpretation to classes of about 25 students. Fifty percent of the time involved in-classroom theoretical instruction and the remaining 50% involved field training.

## RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Research Assistant** (2000 – 2004)

University of Pittsburgh; Center for Social and Urban Research, Pittsburgh, PA

- Conducted quantitative research using census and survey data on social and environmental issues in southwestern Pennsylvania.
- Published and gave speeches about the results.

### **Research/Teaching Assistant** (1997 – 1999)

University of Pittsburgh Dept. of Political Sciences, Pittsburgh, PA

- Assisted quantitative research on the political culture of several Latin American countries using public opinion survey data.

### **Research Coordinator** (summer, 1997)

Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT

- Designed methodology and tools to evaluate the social and bio-physical effects of urban environmental projects.
- Conducted surveys, statistical analysis, and reported results

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst** (summer, 1995)

Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

- Assisted elaboration of OSU Research Forests' maps using GIS software.

### **Founding President** (1992-1993)

Assoc. for Ecological Restoration and Development, Honduras

- Organized and led community meetings for the creation of an environmental NGO.
- Headed the organization and activities.

### **Research/Teaching Assistant** (1986-1992)

ESNACIFOR School of Forestry, Honduras

- Conducted statistical analysis using experiments' data on Central America's endangered forest species.
- Designed computerized maps of the experimental tree plantations.

## PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

Argueta, José R. Can CAFTA Help Protect the Environment in Central America?  
Paper in progress

Argueta, José R. Civil Society Participation and Political Context in Latin America  
Paper in progress.

Argueta, José R. "Disabilities in Southwestern Pennsylvania". Pittsburgh  
Economic Quarterly. No. 13. Dec., 2004. University Center for Social and  
Urban Research.

Argueta, José R. and Ralph Bangs. 2004. "Disabilities in Southwestern  
Pennsylvania." University Center for Social and Urban Research. Pp.132

Farber, Steven and Jose R. Argueta. 2003. "2002 User Survey for the  
Pennsylvania Allegheny Trail Alliance. University Center for Social and  
Urban Research.

Argueta, Jose R. La Cultura Política de los Hondureños, 1997-2003.  
PROCESOS. San Jose, Costa Rica. 2003. 67p. (unpublished)

Argueta José R. and Steven Farber. 2001. "The State of the Environment in  
Allegheny County: Land, Water, and Air". University Center for Social and  
Urban Research.

Argueta, José R. 1999. "Sources of Funding for Environmental Projects in Latin  
America". Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS); University of  
Pittsburgh. 68p.

Proyecto CONSEFORH, Descripción de Especies Forestales en Peligro de  
Extinción en Centro América, Siguatepeque, Honduras, 1992, 137p.

## PRESENTATIONS

"The Pervasiveness of Partisanship in Latin America" (paper)

- Conference on Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, PA (Feb., 2005)

"Disabilities in Southwestern Pennsylvania" (report)

- FISA Foundation (2004)
- Allegheny County Disability Council (2004)
- U. of Pittsburgh School of Rehabilitation and Health Science (2004)

“Social Capital and Democratization in Latin America” (paper)

- Conference on Latin American Studies, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. (October, 2002)

“Revolutionary Peasants: Lessons from El Salvador” (paper)

- Conference on Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (Feb., 1999)

### **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Kish Fellowship (University of Michigan Center for Social Research) (2005)

Graduate Student Researcher (University of Pittsburgh) (2000-2004)

Teaching Fellowship (University of Pittsburgh) (1997-1999)

Yale University/Underhill Foundation Scholarship (1995-1997)

Inter-American Foundation Scholarship (1995-1997)

Meritorious Award as founding President of *Eco-Redes* by the City Hall (1995)

*Xi-Sigma-Pi* Forestry Honor Society Member (1994-1995)

Gordon & Priscilla Duncan Scholarship / academic excellence (1994-1995)

Central American Peace Scholarship (USAID) (1992-1993)

Forester of the Year; 1992, by the Society of Honduran Foresters (1993)

Golden Medal / academic excellence (Honduras School of Forestry) (1985)

Scholarship / academic performance (UNAH University, Honduras) (1982)

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (native)

English

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