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Education:

- **Ph.D. Department of Political Science (May 2009). University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.**
 - Dissertation Title: “The Participatory Effectiveness of Land-Related Social Movements in Ecuador, Chile, and Brazil, 1990-2004.”
 - Areas of Study: Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, and International Relations.
- **M.A. in Latin American Studies (May 2000). San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.**
 - »M.A. Thesis Title: “Forging an Ethnic Identity: Mixtec Political Activism in the Northern Mexican Border.”
- **B.A. in Political Science and International Studies (May 1990). University of Richmond, Richmond, VA.**

Publications:

- “The Economics and Politics of Depropriation in the Other Colombia.” *Dollars and Sense* November/December 2010, 18-22.
- “Transnational Activism at a Crossroads: Pushing the Envelope from Below, from Within, and from Abroad.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 52(3), 151-160 (2010).
- “Mapuche Protest, Environmental Conflict, and Social Movement Linkage in Chile.” With David Carruthers. *Third World Quarterly* 30: 4, 743-760 (2009).
- “Testing Democracy’s Promise: Indigenous Mobilization and the Chilean State.” with David Carruthers. *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 85, 3-21 (October 2008).
- “With or Without the People: The Catholic Church and Land-Related Conflicts in Brazil and Chile.” In Frances Hagopian, ed., *Religious Pluralism, Democracy, and the Catholic Church in Latin America: Social Change, Religion, and Politics in the Twenty-first Century*. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2009.

Articles under review:

- “Mapuche Protest and Environmental Citizenship in Post-Authoritarian Chile.” with David Carruthers. *Latin American Politics and Society*. Submitted September 2010.

Review Articles/other:

- “A Review of Kaufman and Segura-Ubierno’s Dataset on Globalization, Domestic Politics and Social Spending in Latin America.” *APSA-CP Newsletter*. Winter 2004, vol. 15.
- “Chile’s Divided Election: Forward or Backward with Change?” *CUSLAR Newsletter*, Spring 2010.

Teaching Experience:

- Assistant Professor, Ithaca College, Ithaca NY. Fall 2007-present
Courses taught: Politics and Society, Latin American Politics, Social Mobilization in Latin America, Political Violence and Human Rights in Latin America, Politics of Development.
- (IC)2 interdisciplinary course: Development, Poverty, and Growth in Latin America: Corn, Industry, and Migration in Mexico. Block II course, Fall 2010. Ithaca College. with Jonathan Ablard (History).
- Visiting Instructor. Washington Semester IC. Spring 2009. Short Course to be taught: Course Title: U.S. policy toward Latin America: Past, Present, and Future. April 9-11, 2009. Washington DC.
- Visiting Professor, University of California Santa Barbara. Spring 2007.
Courses taught: Social Mobilization in Latin America
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Prof. Michael Coppedge), Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN. Spring 2004.
- Teaching Assistant, Building the European Union (Prof. Anthony Messina), Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN. Fall 2003.
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Prof. Anthony Messina), Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN. Spring 2003.
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations, (Prof. Barbara Connolly), Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN. Fall 2002.

Awards/Fellowships:

- »Center for Faculty Research and Development funding, Office of the Provost, Ithaca College, NY. 2010-2011.

»Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame/University of California, Santa Barbara. Dept. of Political Science. 2006-2007.

»Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame. March 2005.

»Phillip Moore Dissertation Year Fellowship. Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame. August 2004-December 2005.

»National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant. Sociology Program. July 2004-July 2005. Fieldwork in Brazil (Brasília, Paraná, Pernambuco), Chile (Santiago, Valparaiso, Temuco), and Ecuador (Quito, Riobamba).

»Kellogg Institute for International Studies Seed Money Grant. Summer 2003. University of Notre Dame, IN.

»Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. San Diego State University. 1998-1999. Mixtec Language Project. Location: Tijuana, Mexico.

Conference Presentations:

- “National and Transnational Struggles for Human Rights in Colombia: Is Policy Change Possible?” (with Janice Gallagher) Latin American Studies Program Seminar, Cornell University. May 3, 2010.
- “Protest and Politics in Land Redistribution Efforts in Brazil, Ecuador, and Chile: What Works Best and When?” Middle Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies Annual Conference: Continuing Struggles for Independence and Justice. The Johns Hopkins University, March 26-27, 2010.
- ‘Activism “Under Fire”: Colombian Human Rights in an Era of Alliances.’ (with Chris Wilson). Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, June 11-14, 2009.
- “Social Movement Tactics and Policy Outcomes: The Case of the Brazilian Landless Movement (MST). Association of Third World Studies Conference, Millersville, PA. Oct 26-28, 2008.
- “When to Disrupt and When to Negotiate? -- Indigenous Politics in Chile.” First Conference on Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean – UC San Diego. May 22-24, 2008.
- “Mapuche Protest, Environmental Conflict, and Social Movement Linkage in Chile.” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, September 5-8, 2007.
- “Alliances and Oppositions in Land Redistribution Policy: Addressing Outcomes of Social Movement-Political Elite Interactions in Chile and Ecuador.” Paper presented at the 13th Meeting of the Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (LiCEP). Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 12-14, 2006.

- “Social Movement-Political Elite Interaction in the Making of Agrarian Policy in Paraná, 1991-2004.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Juan, PR, March 15-18, 2006.
- “With or Without the People: The Catholic Church and Land-Related Conflicts in Brazil and Chile.” Paper presented at the Conference “Contemporary Challenges to Catholicism.” Kellogg Institute of International Studies, University of Notre Dame, IN. March 20-22, 2005.
- “The Participatory Effectiveness of the Brazilian Landless Movement (MST).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago. September 2004.
- “Political Activism and Institutional Trust in Latin America: Citizens in Defense of Democracy?” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago. April 15-18, 2004.
- “The Role of Religion in the Civic Engagement of Latinos: A Comparison to Non-Latinos.” with Edwin I. Hernandez, Milagros Peña, Caroline Turner, Cynthia Woolever, Sung Chun and Georgian Schiopu. Paper presented at the Color Lines Conference: Segregation and Integration in America’s Present and Future. Harvard University, September 2003; also presented at American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2003.
- “Brazilian Labor Unions at a Crossroads: *Flexibilization* and CUT Internal Relations.” Paper presented at Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, April 2003.

Other Collaborations/Panel Chairs:

»Survey design -- *Chicago Latino Congregations Study*, with Prof. Edwin I. Hernandez. Institute for Latino Studies/Center for the Study of Latino Religion-University of Notre Dame. 2002-2003.

»Panel Chair, Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean-- ERIP Conference. Panel 51: Conflict and Repression in Chile, Argentina, and Guatemala. May 24, 2008. Univ. of California, San Diego, CA.

»Panel Chair, Agrarian Mobilization. Middle Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies Annual Conference: Continuing Struggles for Independence and Justice. The Johns Hopkins University, March 26-27, 2010.

Service:

- Diversity Awareness Committee. Spring 2009- Spring 2011. Funding Subcommittee member.
- Sub-Committee of H&S Faculty Senate on Standardization of Student Statements (Fall 2010).
- Ithaca Today. Politics Dept. Ithaca College. Spring 2010.
- NCUR (National Conference on Undergraduate Research) abstract reviews, November 2011.

- IC Environmental Seminar presentation: 'Mapuche Protest and Environmental Citizenship in Post-Authoritarian Chile.' Oct 4, 2010.
- Participation in the faculty group developing Masters Program in Sustainable International Development. Fall 2010.

Research Assistant Experience:

- Research Assistant. Prof. Frances Hagopian. Kellogg Institute. University of Notre Dame. January-May 2004. Project: Contemporary Challenges to Catholicism in Latin America.
- Research Assistant. Center for the Study of Latino Religion- Institute for Latino Studies. University of Notre Dame. August 2002-December 2003. Prof. Edwin Hernandez. Project: Chicago Latino Congregation Study.
- Research Assistant. Prof. Gretchen Helmke. Dept. of Government. University of Notre Dame. 2001-2002. Project: Judicial Decisions and Democracy in Argentina.
- Research Assistant/Translator. Profs. Rita Segato and Jorge Carvalho, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Brasilia, Brazil. 1990-1993. Project: Afro-Brazilian Religions.

Grant/Survey Training:

- Summer Institute for Survey Research (2002). University of Michigan. Questionnaire Design and Data Analysis II.
- Experience with grant proposal writing at the Center for the Study of Latino Religion and at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Community/Volunteer Activities:

- Chair of Advisory Board, Committee for U.S.- Latin American Relations—CUSLAR. Ithaca, NY. 2007- 2010.
- Member of Latino Civic Association. 2010.
- Member of Colombia Support Network – Central New York, Cajibío sister community. Chapter. 2007-20010.
- Volunteer Work. Camera work and host. Ithaca DSA Presents. Pegasys TV/ channel 13. Ithaca, NY. Current political events panels. 2008-2009.
- Volunteer Work, Disaster Relief, Direct Relief International. Santa Barbara, CA. 2006.
- Host/Creator of Community Television Program, Students' Corner. Public Television COM-17, Santa Barbara. Weekly interviews/current political events panels. 2000-2001.
- Volunteer Community/Health Service Project. Amigos de las Americas. Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. Summer 1989.

Languages: English, Portuguese and Spanish (fluent).

Citizenship: U.S. and Chilean citizen.