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## **EDUCATION**

*Ph.D.*: Rice University, Houston, TX. Department of Political Science. May 1989.  
*M.A.*: Rice University, Houston, TX. Department of Political Science. May 1987.  
*B.A.*: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Department of Journalism. August 1983.

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR: University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. 1996-  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. 1990-1996  
LECTURER: Rice University. 1989-1990  
TEACHING FELLOW: Rice University. 1985-1989  
INSTRUCTOR: Houston Community College. 1985

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- Seniors of Significance Mentor Award (Hilary Zelditz), 2016. (University-wide)
- Dr. John and Mrs. Lois Imhoff Award for Outstanding Teaching and Student Mentorship, 2011. (University-wide)
- Honors College Outstanding Mentor Award, 2011. (University-wide)
- Office of Nationally Competitive Awards Faculty Gold Medal, 2011. (University-wide)
- SILO/SURF Undergraduate Research Grant Award-Mentor, 1996, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011 (2), 2013 (2) & 2018 (2). (State-wide)
- University Undergraduate Research Excellence Award—Mentor, 1998, 2005 & 2011. (University-wide)
- Fulbright College Harold Hantz Departmental Honors Scholar Award—Outstanding Mentor, 2004. (College-wide)
- Fulbright College Master Teacher Award, 1996. (College-wide)

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Violence  
Latin American Guerrilla Movements  
Terrorism and Human Rights Protections

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### ***Undergraduate***

American National Government  
Introduction to Political Science  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Political Development  
Inter-American Politics  
Government and Politics of Latin America  
Conditions of Democracy  
Political Violence & Revolution  
Democracy and Culture in Central America

Latin American Studies Colloquium  
Honors Colloquium on Political Violence  
Honors Colloquium on Authoritarianism

### ***Graduate***

Comparative Political Analysis  
Problems of Political Development  
Political Change in Latin America

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- "POLVIO: 25 Years of Talking About Political Violence." Book Manuscript in Progress.
- "Anti-Immigrant Voting in the Global South: A Curvilinear Approach in Costa Rica." *The Midsouth Political Science Review*. 17: 27-52. (2017).
- "Decentralization in Costa Rica: The Impact of Reform on Participation and Accountability." *Latin American Policy* 3 (2) : 174-194. (December 2012).
- "Ethics Reform in State Government: The Cases of Jalisco and Arkansas.", with Jorge Alatorre & William Schreckhise. *Public Integrity* 8 (4): 349-66. (Fall 2006).
- "Turning on Their Masters: State Terrorism & Unlearning Democracy in Uruguay.", in Cecilia Menjívar & Néstor P. Rodríguez, eds., When States Kill: Contemporary State Terror in Latin America. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2005.
- "Decentralization & Democratic Instability: The Case of Costa Rica.", *Public Administration Review* 64: 81-91. (January/February 2004).
- "Descentralización, Responsabilidad y Participación: Consecuencias Políticas de la Reforma Municipal en Costa Rica.", with Justo Aguilar Fong. In, Sonia Ospina and Michael Penfold, eds., Gerenciando las Relaciones Intergubernamentales: Experiencias en América Latina. Caracas, Venezuela: Nueva Sociedad, 2002.
- "Abstencionismo Electoral y Reforma Neoliberal en Latinoamérica: Una Muerte Dolorosa." *Derecho y Cultura* 6. Mexico City. (Summer 2002).

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- "Violence and Political Participation in Mexico." Latin American Studies Association, Boston MA, May 2019.
- "Análisis de gobernanza municipal y participación ciudadana en el contexto del Nuevo Servicio Público: El caso de México." With Alexander Villarraga. IX Conferencia Anual de INPAE, Santiago, Chile. May 2013.
- "Una (pre)investigación empírica de la relación entre gobernanza municipal y participación ciudadana." VIII Conferencia Anual de la Red INPAE, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2012.
- "Higher Education Policy in Colombia: Comparative Financing Strategies & Potential Adaptability of Imported Models." With Alexander Villarraga. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2012.
- "Gobernanza Democrática y Administración Pública" (Democratic Governance and Public Administration). VI Conferencia Anual de INPAE, San Jose, Costa Rica, May 2010.
- "A Cross-National Analysis of the Impact of Terrorist Attacks on Human Rights and Civil Liberties." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2009.
- "Decentralization in Costa Rica: The Impact of Reform on Voter Participation." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.
- "*Mas Alla de Basta Ya*: Explaining the Timing and Scope of Anticorruption Reform in the Americas." X Centro Latinoamericano de Administración para el Desarrollo (CLAD), Santiago, Chile, October 2005.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- "Simulación como una herramienta para el aprendizaje activo: Notas de una prueba." Invited speaker, VII Conferencia Anual de INPAE, México City, México. June 2011.
- "Oferta de Capacitación en GPRD para los Gobiernos Subnacionales por parte de las Universidades." Invited speaker, IADB/World Bank Conference. III Seminario Regional de GPRD en Gobiernos Subnacionales. Quito, Ecuador. September 2010.
- "Compromisos Pendientes: Un Corridito de Guatemala 2008." Invited speaker. Conferencia: La Colaboración entre Académicos y Gestores Públicos. Bogotá, Colombia. May 2009.

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Red Inter-Americana de Escuelas para la Educación en Administración Pública (INPAE)*
- Elected Member, Consejo Directivo (2006-2009, 2010-2013).
  - Committee Member, Comité de Membresía (2006-2009).