

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

06/2017 – Present **Associate Professor of Political Science**
The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus

EDUCATION

08/1999 – 08/2007 **Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C.
Doctorate of Philosophy in Government, August 2007
Master of Arts in Political Science, September 2001
Dissertation: “Justice in Transition: Societal Actors and the Judicialization of Politics in Guatemala and Nicaragua, 1979-2004.”

08/1998 – 05/2002 **Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, D.C.
Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, May 2002
Joint J.D./ Ph.D. program in Comparative Government and Law

08/1994 – 05/1998 **Simon’s Rock College of Bard [Bard College at Simon’s Rock]**, Great Barrington, MA
Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, May 1998
Study Abroad: in Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Weight of the Continuous Past: Transitional (In)Justice and Impunity States in Central America”
Latin American Politics and Society, 61:1, pp. 126-147, February 2019.

The Achilles Heel of Democracy: Judicial Autonomy and the Rule of Law in Central America
(Cambridge University Press, 2017)

“Judicial Autonomy in Central America: A Typological Argument” *Political Research Quarterly* 66:4, pp. 830 - 841, December 2013

Fighting Femicide, Engendering Citizenship: Anti-Violence Activism in Central America
Book Manuscript in Progress

“Gendered Populism: The Rightward Shift of the FSLN” *Article Manuscript in Progress*

“Gendering the Crime Debate in Central America: Situating Women’s Agency as Anti-Violence Advocates” *Article Manuscript in Progress*

“Weaponizing Law: Judicial Legitimation of Authoritarian Tendencies” *Article Manuscript in Progress*

“International Imposition and Transmission of Democracy and Rule of Law: Lessons from Central America” in *Globalizing Justice: Critical Perspectives on Transnational Norms and the Cross-Border Migration of Legal Norms*, ed. by Michael Tolley, Donald Jackson, and Mary Volcansek, (Albany, NY: SUNY University Press, 2010).

“Book Review: *Judges Beyond Politics in Democracy and Dictatorship: Lessons from Chile* by Lisa Hilbink” *Journal of Politics* 21(3): 1200-1201 July 2009.

“Book Review: Democracy and the Public Space by Leonardo Avritzer” *Democracy and Society*, March 2004.

“Indian Rights” *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*, edited by David Shultz (Facts on File, 2004)

Major Contributor. *Affirmative Action, An Encyclopedia*, edited by James Beckman (The Oryx Press/Greenwood Publishing Co., 2003). Eight entries on Federal Indian Law and two covering international conventions governing civil and human rights.

“Annual Review: Marriage, Same-Sex Unions, and Domestic Partnerships” (co-author), *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*, v. 1, pg. 337-361 (Spring 2000).

RESEARCH FUNDING

01/2019 – 12/2020	The Effects of Legal and Social Supports for Women Victims of Crime in Central America (€68,785) <i>Gerda Henkel Foundation (Germany)</i> To support research in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Panama.
01/2016	Mansfield Campus Research Assistance Grant (\$1,000) <i>OSU-Mansfield Professional Development Committee</i> To support research assistance on violence against women in Central America.
05/2014 – 06/2016	Faculty Grant (\$11,000) <i>Mershon Center for International Security Studies</i> To support research on Gender Based Violence in Central America.
04/2014 – 06/2016	Seed Grant (\$7,940.71) <i>OSU-Mansfield Professional Development Committee</i> To support research on Gender Based Violence in Central America.
12/2013 – 06/2014	Mansfield Campus Research Assistance Grant (\$1,000) <i>OSU-Mansfield Professional Development Committee</i> To support research assistance on violence against women in Central America.
09/2010 – 05/2011	Faculty Grant (\$9,053) <i>Mershon Center for International Security Studies</i> To support research assistance for survey of Central American judges.

- 07/2009 – 06/2011 **Seed Grant (\$14,976)**
OSU-Mansfield Professional Development Committee
 To support field research in Guatemala and Costa Rica.
- 08/2005 – 05/2006 **Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)**
Georgetown University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
 Competitive university-wide award to support completion of the dissertation.
- 01/2004 – 08/2004 **Beinecke Scholarship (\$2,500)**
Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Foundation.
 To support international research.
- 05/2003 – 08/2003 **Field Research Grant (\$1,000)**
Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Interview, January 31, 2019. “Guatemala in Crisis,” The Brian Lehrer Show on WNYC [radio].
<https://www.wnyc.org/story/guatemala-and-border-crisis>.

Guatemala in crisis after president bans corruption investigation into his government
<https://theconversation.com/guatemala-in-crisis-after-president-bans-corruption-investigation-into-his-government-109864> (January 15, 2019).

“Costa Rica looks a little less exceptional after its heated election” <http://theconversation.com/costa-rica-looks-a-little-less-exceptional-after-its-heated-election-94246> (April 2, 2018). Republished on multiple platforms, including *Newsweek*. <http://www.newsweek.com/carlos-alvarado-quesada-alvarado-quesada-costa-rica-election-opinion-872468> Translated and published on *Huffington Post Mexico*.
https://www.huffingtonpost.com.mx/the-conversation/despues-de-una-acalorada-eleccion-costa-rica-ya-no-parece-tan-excepcional_a_23409624/

Lecture, March 22, 2018. “Autonomy,” The STEAM Factory, Columbus, Ohio.

Panel and Teach-In. January 26, 2018. Panel discussion on the post-electoral democratic crisis in Honduras with Dr. Katherine Borland and Dr. Kendra McSweeney addressing the causes and possible consequences of the disputed November 26, 2017, presidential election in Honduras. Hosted by the Center for Latin American Studies at The Ohio State University and open to the public.

“Would impeaching Trump restore the rule of law? Lessons from Latin America,”
<https://theconversation.com/would-impeaching-trump-restore-the-rule-of-law-lessons-from-latin-america-80127> (July 11, 2017). Received over 100,000 views on multiple platforms and republished by *The Washington Post* as “Impeaching Trump wouldn’t help restore the rule of law” on July 19, 2017,
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/posteverything/wp/2017/07/19/impeaching-trump-wouldnt-help-restore-the-rule-of-law/?utm_term=.9fe5549db431.

Moderator, “A Call to Action: Voting Rights Still Matter!” Mansfield, Ohio, 2016.
 Devised questions, met with panelists, and moderated public town hall meeting on contemporary voting rights issues as a part of Black History Month programming.

Moderator, 2015. "Mansfield [Ohio] Mayoral Debate" (Television Broadcast, WMFD)

Expert witness, 2014-15. Justice for Children, Moritz College of Law, Columbus, Ohio. Provided expert witness testimony regarding social and criminal violence in support of a child migrant from Honduras.

Information Literacy Test Advisory Board Member, 2014-17.

Country Expert, Costa Rica, 2014-16. Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg. Coded qualities of democracy for Costa Rica, 1900-2015.

Co-organizer, 2012-13. Mansfield campus diversity conference for P-16 educators.

The goal of this conference was to engage diverse perspectives in the classroom and provide continuing education credits to local educators. Responsibilities included attending approximately 10 organizing meetings per year, reviewing presentation proposals, organizing panels, and logistical management for the day of the conference. In addition, I moderated a well-attended discussion section in 2012 and provided a talk on bullying and LGBT students in 2013.

Textbook Reviewer, 2011. Wadsworth/ Cengage Learning.

Guest Commentator, 2011. "Interview following the shooting of Representative Giffords" (Radio Broadcast, WMAN)

Lecture, 2010. Political, natural or mundane: Everyday public history in Central America

Lecture, 2009. "Reflections on the 2008 Elections", OSU-M Taste of College (Community outreach event)

Moderator, 2009. Challenges for the New President, Mansfield, Ohio.

Guest Expert, 2008. "Interview on the Electoral College" (Radio Broadcast, WMAN)

Constitution Day Lecture, 2008. Mansfield, Ohio.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

05/2019	International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Boston, MA Paper: "Judicial Legitimation of Authoritarian Tendencies: Courts in Contemporary Nicaragua and Honduras"
11/2018	Symposium on "Invasion or Asylum? Desperation and Violence in the Northern Triangle of Central America," Matthew B. Ridgway Center for Security Studies, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. Invited talk: "Interrupting Impunity in Central America's Northern Triangle: The CICIG and Its Progeny"
01/2018	Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA

	Paper: "Women's Political Activism and Strategies to Combat Gendered Violence in Central America"
10/2017	Ohio Latin Americanist Conference, Columbus, OH Paper: "Women's Political Activism and Gendered Violence in Central America"
05/2016	International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY. Paper: "Gendered Violence, Policing, and Political Activism: Women's Participation in Public Policy-Making in Central America"
01/2016	Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico Paper: "The Precarious Participation of Nicaraguan Women's Organizations: Revolutionary Legacies and Personalist Politics"
05/2014	International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL. Paper: "Gendering the Crime Debate in Central America: Situating Women's Agency as Victims and Advocates"
03/2014	Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA. Paper: "Gendering the Crime Debate in Central America"
04/2013	Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA. Paper: "Explaining Human Rights Outcomes in Latin America: What Judicial Independence Leaves Out"
01/2013	Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL. Paper: "Explaining Human Rights Outcomes in Latin America: What Judicial Independence Leaves Out"
10/2010	XXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada. Paper: "Criminal Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Judicial Independence in Central America"
09/2010	Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. Paper: "Social Vulnerability of Guatemalan Courts: An Expanded Conceptualization of Judicial Independence"
06/2009	XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Paper: "Gendered Provision of Citizen Security in Latin America"
04/2009	Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

- Poster: "Women's Justice? Gendered Crimes in Policing and Prosecution in Latin America"
- 04/2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
Paper: "The Social Prerequisites of Judicial Activism: Activism and Empowerment in Guatemala, 1979-2007"
- 09/2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
Paper: "International Imposition and Transmission of Democracy and the Rule of Law: Lessons From Central America"
- 05/2006 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Baltimore, MD.
Paper: "International Imposition and Transmission of Democracy and the Rule of Law: Lessons From Central America"
- 06/2005 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Las Vegas, NV.
Paper: "The Social Prerequisites of Judicial Activism: Guatemala and Nicaragua in an Age of Reform"
- 09/2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
Paper: "Rights-Claiming and Judicial Politicization in Weak Democracies: Guatemala and Nicaragua, 1984-2004"
- 08/2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.
Paper: "The Shape of the Law: Judicial Institutions in Latin America, 1980-2000"
Paper: "The Missing Lessons: Civics Education and Political Attitudes Among Palestinian High School Students, 1997"
- 08/2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
Paper: "Bargaining With Sovereignty: an Economic Analysis of Federal Indian Law,"

WORK EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 06/2017 – Present **Associate Professor of Political Science**
08/2008 – 06/2017 **Assistant Professor of Political Science**
The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus
Teaching: Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Global Politics, Gender and Politics, Civil Liberties in the Courts, Torture and Human Rights, The New Religious Politics, Contemporary Issues in American Politics
- 09/2007 – 06/2008 **Visiting Assistant Professor**
Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

Teaching: Democracy in Comparative Perspective, Torture and Human Rights, Latin American Politics, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, and Women and Politics

08/1999 – 08/2005

Graduate Instructor and Teaching Assistant

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Teaching: Comparative Political Systems (GI, TA); Punishment, Torture, and Human Rights (GI); and Introduction to International Relations (TA)

01/2005 – 05/2005

Visiting Lecturer

Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Teaching: Introduction to Comparative Politics

08/2003 – 12/2003

Visiting Assistant Professor

State University of New York - Brockport

Teaching: Washington Semester Seminar

08/2001 – 12/2001

Visiting Lecturer

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Teaching: Law and Justice Around the World

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

05/2000 – 05/2003

Research Assistant

Georgetown University Washington, D.C.

Research assistance on Professor Douglas Reed's work on the Fugitive Slave Act and the No Child Left Behind Act.

Research assistance on Professor Stephen King's research on political economy in Egypt.

Research assistance for Professor Edith Brown Weiss in the areas of public and private international law, human rights, and economic development.

05/2001 – 08/2001

Law Clerk

California Indian Legal Services, Oakland, CA

Prepared legal memos and court documents involving the Indian Child Welfare Act and power utility development on tribal lands in California.

04/1999 – 08/1999

Legal Intern

World Organization Against Torture USA, Washington, DC

Wrote briefs, affidavits, and legal correspondence for several cases of individual claimants under the Convention Against Torture. Provided information to lawyers and Immigration detainees about CAT procedure. Funded by Georgetown's Equal Justice Fellowship.

05/1997 – 08/1997

Land Law Examiner (Intern)

Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, AK

Wrote and reviewed land grant decisions pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971; drafted correspondence between BLM and claimants.

10/1994 – 05/1995	Intern <i>Institute for First Amendment Studies, Great Barrington, MA</i> Led a campaign to identify the activities of extremists in Berkshire County. Monitored nationwide threats to free speech in schools and freedom of religion.
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HONORS

05/2018	Award for Excellence in Scholarship <i>The Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus</i>
08/2004 – 05/2005 08/1999 – 05/2003	Department of Government Fellow <i>Georgetown University Department of Government</i>
08/2003 – 05/2004	Jill Hopper Fellow <i>Georgetown University Department of Government</i>
05/1997 – 08/1997	Junior Fellowship <i>Simon's Rock College</i>
05/1996	Division of Social Sciences Prize <i>Simon's Rock College</i>
08/1994 – 05/1998	Elizabeth Blodgett Hall Scholar <i>Simon's Rock College</i>

OTHER TRAINING

08/2017 – 12/2018	President and Provost's Leadership Institute <i>The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio</i> 18-month training program for university leadership. By nomination.
02/2012 – 10/2012	Pride Leadership Cycle 5 <i>United Way of Central Ohio, Columbus, Ohio</i> Selective 8-month training program for LGBT community leaders.
05/2002	Graduate Student Workshop <i>Law and Society Association, Vancouver, B.C., Canada</i> Interdisciplinary workshop for graduate students on many facets of conducting research on law and society themes. Participation in this workshop is limited and by application only.

LANGUAGES

English	Native speaker
Spanish	Business fluent