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EDUCATION

- **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS.
 - **Doctor of Philosophy** – Political Science, August 2005
Fields: Comparative Politics (Latin America), American Politics, American Studies
Dissertation: A Comparative State Analysis of Professional Boxing Regulations
 - **Master of Arts** - Political Science, May 1996
 - **Study Abroad Program in Japan** – Kanagawa University, Summer, 1995
- **University of California, Irvine**, CA.
 - **Bachelor of Arts** - Political Science, June 1994

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- **Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMUC)**
 - **Associate Professor** – Political Science, September 2016-present. Tenured position including teaching, research and service.
 - **Coordinator** – Latin American & U.S. Latino Studies Minor, August 2017-present. Advising, recruitment, retention, event planning, chairing advisory board, graduation.
 - **Assistant Professor** – Political Science, August 2010-August 2016. Tenure-track position including teaching, research and service.
- **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS. (KU)
 - **Lecturer** – Latin American Studies, January 2004-May 2010
 - **Graduate Teaching Assistant** – Political Science, August 1994-May 1996, August 2003-December 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Recipient, TAMUC Latino Staff and Faculty Association **Certificate of Leadership**
- 2020 Recipient, TAMUC Latino Staff and Faculty Association **Certificate of Service**
- 2019 Recipient, TAMUC **Signature Course** (based on the instructor's ability to engage students)
- 2018 Nominee, Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education **Distinguished University Faculty Award**
- 2016 Recipient, Texas A&M University System Board of Regents **Tenure and Promotion**
- 2016 Recipient, The Hispanic Educational Consortium **Education Award**
- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **Global Fellow Award**
- 2014 Recipient, TAMUC Faculty Senate **Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Award**
- 2014 Nominee, TAMUC Faculty Senate **Teaching-Classroom Award**
- 2013 Nominee, Minnie Stevens Piper **Professor Award**
- 2012 Recipient, All-Texas A&M System **Student Recognition Award for Teaching Excellence**
- 2012 Nominee, Paul W. Barrus **Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching**
- 2012 Nominee, Neill Humfeld **Distinguished Faculty Award for Service**
- 2011 Recipient, All-Texas A&M System **Student Recognition Award for Teaching Excellence**
- 2011 Recipient, TAMUC Employee Recognition Program **Globalization Award**
- 2011 Recipient, **Faculty of the Year Award** TAMUC Office of Hispanic Outreach & Student Programs
- 2011 Recipient, Permanent **Graduate Faculty Status**
- 2010 Recipient, November TAMUC Faculty **Latino Lion of the Month Award**
- 2010 Recipient, TAMUC Hispanic Outreach & Student Programs Office **Service Recognition Award**
- 2010 Recipient, University of Kansas School of Education **Service Award**
- 2009 Recipient, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity **Service Recognition**
- 1996 Recipient, Pi Sigma Alpha (National **Political Science Honor Society**)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2017 Recipient, TAMUC ***Distinguished* Global Fellow Award**
- 2017 Recipient, TAMUC **Global Programs Travel Grant-to present research in ARGENTINA**
- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **Global Fellow Research Award-to present research in ARGENTINA**

- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **Sophomore Year Experience Grant** to take students to **POLAND** in 2016
- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **International Faculty Development Grant**-to present research in **ARGENTINA**
- 2014 Recipient, TAMUC **International Faculty Development Grant**-to present research in **JAPAN**
- 2012 Recipient, *Eduespaña Fellowship*-to participate in workshop in **SPAIN**
- 2012 Recipient, TAMUC **Faculty Development Grant**
- 2011 Recipient, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education **Faculty Fellowship**
- 2003-2009 Recipient, University of Kansas Language Across the Curriculum (KULAC) **Teaching Grant**
- 2003, 2004 Recipient, University of Kansas Graduate School Paper Presenter **Travel Grant**
- 2003 Recipient, University of Kansas Political Science Department Conference **Travel Grant**
- 1994-1996 Recipient, University of Kansas **Minority Graduate Teaching Assistantship**

COURSES TAUGHT

Texas A&M University-Commerce (Commerce, TX), Fall 2010-Present

Department of Political Science

Undergraduate Courses (Face-To-Face)

- PSCI 2301 Principles of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 2301 Principles of U.S. and Texas Government (Low-Cost Textbook Initiative)
- PSCI 2302 Institutions and Policies of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 2302 Institutions and Policies of U.S. and Texas Government (Low-Cost Textbook Initiative)
- PSCI 2306 Texas Government
- PSCI 331 European Political Systems
- PSCI 332 Democracy and Democratization
- PSCI 333 Latin American Politics
- PSCI 346 U.S. Latino Politics
- PSCI 415 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PSCI 497 Argentine Politics and Society
- PSCI 497 Central European Politics and Society
- PSCI 497 Comparative Politics of Global Films
- PSCI 497 Politics and Sports
- PSCI 497 Politics of Muhammad Ali
- PSCI 497 Ukrainian Politics and Society
- PSCI 497 U.S.-Ukraine Relations

- LALS 101 Introduction to Latin American and US Latino Studies
- UNCO 1301 Sports and Politics

Undergraduate Courses (ONLINE)

- PSCI 2302 Institutions and Policies of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 2306 Texas Government
- PSCI 331 European Political Systems
- PSCI 342 Public Policy in Developing Countries
- PSCI 415 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PSCI 430 Latin American Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements
- LALS 101 Introduction to Latin American and US Latino Studies
- UNCO 1301 Sports and Politics

Graduate Courses

- PSCI 503 Pro-seminar in Comparative Politics
- PSCI 504 U.S.-Latin America Relations
- PSCI 504 Politics of the Former USSR
- PSCI 505 Democracy and Democratization
- PSCI 505 Leftist Politics in Latin America
- PSCI 505 Central and Eastern European Politics
- PSCI 515 Nazis in South America
- PSCI 589 Argentine Politics and Society
- PSCI 589 Polish Politics and Society
- PSCI 589 Politics and Sports
- HIST 597 Leftist Politics in Latin America
- PSCI 597 Argentine Politics and Society
- PSCI 597 U.S. Latino Politics
- PSCI 597 Comparative Politics of Global Films
- PSCI 597 Central European Politics and Society
- PSCI 597 Ukrainian Politics and Society

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS), Fall 1994-Spring 2010
 Department of Political Science & Center for Latin American Studies

Undergraduate Courses

- Introduction to U.S. Politics
- U.S.-Latin America Relations
- Latin American Politics and Society
- Argentine Politics and Society
- Leftist Politics in Latin America
- Sports & Politics in Latin America
- Interest Group Politics

Graduate Courses

- U.S.-Latin America Relations
- Latin American Politics and Society
- Political Dynamics of Latin America
- Leftist Politics in Latin America
- Sports & Politics in Latin America

RESEARCH

Academic Publications

Books

Published

- The Regulation of Boxing: A History and Comparative Analysis of Policies Among American States (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) 2009

Under Contract

- Diversity of Latin Americans and Latinos in the United States (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) Under Contract, Manuscript Due June 1, 2021
- Latino Boxing History (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) Manuscript Due May 2023

Articles/Book Chapters/Encyclopedia Entries/Book Reviews/Conference Proceedings

- "From Gold to Glory: An Analysis of U.S. Olympic Boxers in the Professional Ranks" (co-authors Mark Joslyn and Emily Gruver), The Sport Journal Vol. 20, March 2019
- "A brief historical, political and social analysis of Argentine tennis" Chapter 14 in Robert Lake, ed. The Routledge Handbook of Tennis: History, Culture and Politics (London: Routledge) 2019
- "A Stage-by-stage approach to utilizing news media in foreign language classes at higher educational institutions" (co-authors Nataliia Saienko, Olga A. Kalugina, Tatiana A. Baklashova) in XLinguae European Scientific Language Journal Vol. 12, January 2019
- "The Ovaherero>Nama Genocide: A Case for an Apology and Reparations" (co-authors: Nick Sprenger and Ngondi A. Kamatuka) in European Scientific Journal, June 2017 Special Edition
- "US-Ukraine Relations in the Post-Soviet Era" (co-authors: Sarah Hays, Tyler Henderson, Ricardo Garcia, Ashley Cotton) in European Scientific Journal, May 2016 Special Edition
- "Hispanics in Higher Education: An Assessment of the State 'Closing the Gaps' Initiative" (co-author Grady Price Blount) in European Scientific Journal, May 2015 Special Edition, Vol. 1.
- "Re-Assessing the Rise of the Latin American Left" in Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 15, Number 1, 2014.

- “Effective Syllabus Design” (co-author John Ishiyama) in John Ishiyama, Will Miller and Eszter Simon eds. Handbook of Teaching and Learning in Political Science and International Relations (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar) 2015
- “Book Review: Soccer Culture in America” in American Studies, Volume 53, Number 4, 2014
- “Voter Turnout” (co-author Mark Joslyn) in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) 2015
- “Latinos in U.S. Politics” in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) 2015
- “Ted Cruz” in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) 2015
- “Book Review: Zambia Sporting Score” in The Interdisciplinary Electronic Journal of African Sports (Ohio University) 2013
- “An Economic and Political Assessment of Nestor Kirchner’s Presidency” in Memorias En Extenso de la Seccion de Estudios Latinoamericanos (Guadalajara, México: Centro Universitario de la Ciénaga) 2012
- “Sports Metaphors in Political Cartoons” (co-author Allyson Flaster) in L’Art et le Sport (Biarritz, France: atlantica) 2009
- “Generals and Goals: Nationalism and Sports in Argentina” in Sport and The Construction of Identities (Vienna, Austria: Verlag Turia & Kant) 2007
- “The Chicano Movement Literature: A Book Review Essay” in MKN Journal: Promoting Educational Opportunities (Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska) Volume 2, Issue 1, 2004
- “Nationalism and Sport: The Case of the 1978 World Cup” in VII International Scientific Congress: Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All Conference Proceedings (Moscow, Russia) Volume 1, 2003
- “Newspaper Media Representations of the Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney Heavyweight Championship Boxing Match” in VII International Scientific Congress: Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All Conference Proceedings (Moscow, Russia) Volume 1, 2003
- “Reading Muhammad Ali: Sports, Athletes and Personality in the Transitional Epoch” Slobozhansky Science and Sport Journal (Kharkiv, Ukraine) Volume 2, 1999

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “*Breve análisis sobre los efectos del coronavirus en la economía estadounidense*”
2020 Federación Argentina de Consejos Profesionales de Ciencias Económicas
(Buenos Aires, Argentina – Online Presentation)

- “The Political Implications of National Origin, Generational Status, and Language Dominance for U.S. Latinos”
2020 Western Political Science Association
(Los Angeles, California – conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “Distance Learning (Online Courses) at American Universities: An Overview”
2018 Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine: Modeling and Information Technologies in Science, Engineering and Education Conference
(Kharkiv, Ukraine – Online Presentation)
- “Roundtable: *Latin American & US Latino Studies Programs- Creating New Programs & Best Practices*” Moderator and Discussant
2018 Western Social Science Association 60th Annual Conference
(San Antonio, Texas)
- “From Gold to Glory: An Analysis of U.S. Olympic Boxers in the Professional Ranks”
2018 1st Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research (CSSOR) Annual Conference
(Fullerton, CA)
- “The Ovaherero>Nama Genocide: A Case for an Apology and Reparations”
2017 3rd Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference
(Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- “Ukraine Between East and West: A Case Study of Realism”
2016 Annual Kharkiv National Highway and Automobile University Conference
(Kharkiv, Ukraine)
- “U.S.-Ukraine Relations in the Post-Soviet Era”
2016 2nd Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference
(Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- “Hispanics in Higher Education: An Assessment of the State ‘Closing the Gaps’ Initiative”
2015 1st Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference
(Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- “The Political Psychology of Fiscal Federalism: The Case of Mexico Under the PAN Regime”
2014 4th Asian Conference on Psychology and the Behavioral Sciences
(Osaka, Japan)
- “The United States, Texas and Latin America”
2012 2nd Annual Globalization and the Humanities: Texas and the World Conference
(Commerce, TX)
- “Fighting the Malvinas War on the Athletic Field”
2012 2nd Annual Sport and the Global South Conference
(Fairfax, VA)
- “An Economic and Political Assessment of Nestor Kirchner’s Presidency”
2012 54th Annual Western Social Science Association Conference
(Houston, TX)

- "Implementing Globalization at Rural, Public Universities in the United States: Challenges and Effective Practices"
2011 4th International Global Studies Conference
(Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- "Re-Assessing the Rise of the Latin American Left"
2011 68th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference
(Chicago, IL)
- "The Regulation of Boxing"
2009 American Association of Professional Ringside Physicians Annual Medical Seminar
(Uncasville, CT)
- "Sports Metaphors in Political Cartoons"
2007 XIIth International Congress of European Sport History
(Lorient, France)
- "Generals and Goals: Nationalism and Sport in Argentina"
2006 XIth International Congress of European Sport History
(Vienna, Austria)
- "Dale Campeón! Sports in Argentina"
2005 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
(Lawrence, Kansas)
- "Nationalism and Sport in Post-Soviet Ukraine"
2004 University of Helsinki Aleksanteri Conference "Democracy in Russia and the CIS
Concepts, Challenges and Visions"
(Helsinki, Finland)
- "Nationalism and Sport: The Case of the 1978 World Cup"
2003 Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport and Tourism VII International
Scientific Congress "Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All"
(Moscow, Russia)
- 2003 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
(Lawrence, Kansas)
- "Shaking Up the World: Muhammad Ali in the 1960s"
2000 University of Kansas Second Annual American Studies Graduate Student Conference
(Lawrence, Kansas)
- "Western European Immigration to Argentina"
1994 University of California, Irvine Pre-graduate Mentorship Symposium
(Irvine, California)
- "U.S.-South American Relations"
1994 United States Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference
(Annapolis, Maryland)

- “Hispanics in Congress”
1993 University of California, Irvine Summer Academic Enrichment Program
(Irvine, California)

Popular Media Publications

- *The Ring Magazine*
 - “Fighting For Ukraine”, February 2014
 - “Boxing Fans in the White House”, February 2014
 - “Dempsey vs. Firpo 90 Years Later: A Revealing Look Back At One Of The Sport’s Classic –And Controversial- Brawls”, November 2013
 - “New Faces: Shane Mosley”, March 1994
 - “Genaro Hernandez Tech. Draw 1 Raul Perez”, September 1993
- *The Ring Magazine Online*
 - “Bombs Away at the Dallas Bomb Factory” November 2015
<http://ringtv.craveonline.com/news/405291-bombs-away-at-the-dallas-bomb-factory>
- *Boxing Digest*
 - “The Regulation of Boxing”, September 2009
 - 4 articles, 2009-2010
- *Lawrence Journal-World* (Newspaper)
 - FIFA World Cup Column, June-July 2006
- *Kansas City Sports Page* (Magazine)
 - 3 columns, 2003-2005
- *Kansas City Sports Calendar* (Magazine)
 - 14 columns, 2000-2003
- *Soccer Times ESPN Associate* (Online)
 - 5 articles, 2000
- *USA Boxing News* (Magazine)
 - 17 articles, 1993-1997
- *World Boxing* (Magazine)
 - “No Longer the Top Banana: Has Chiquita Gonzalez Turned Yellow”, February 1994
- *Union Hispana* (Spanish-language Newspaper)
 - 171 articles, 1991-1994
- *Miniondas* (Spanish-language Newspaper)
 - 44 articles, 1992-1993

SERVICE

University Committees and Organizations

- ***Texas A&M University-Commerce***

2020-Pres **President, Latino Staff & Faculty Association**

2020-Pres **Member, Latinx Student Initiatives Committee**

2019-Pres **Senator, Faculty Senate**

2017-Pres Member, Political Science Tenure and Promotion and Post Tenure Review Committees

2016-Pres Member, CHSSA **Tenure and Promotion** Committee

2014-Pres **Faculty Representative**, Global Quality Enhancement Plan

2020 Member, Committee to Establish Latino Staff & Faculty Association

2020 Member, Director of Office of International Programs **Search Committee**

2019-2020 Member, **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**

2019 **Co-Chair, University Strategic Plan** Committee

2018-2019 **Chair**, CHSSA **Tenure and Promotion** Committee

2018 Member, CHSSA Dean **Search Committee**

2018 Member, CHSSA Office Manager **Search Committee**

2012-2019 Member, Political Science **Scholarship Awards Committee**

2010-2019 Member, **International Students Committee**

2017 Member, William L. Mayo **Speaker Series Committee**

2017 Member, **Academic Appeals Committee**

2017 Member, Political Science Faculty Search **Committee**

2015 Member, **Campus Carry Committee**

2014-2015 Member, **Strategic Planning Committee**

2015 **Chair**, Political Science Faculty Search **Committee**

2014-2015 **Chair**, Political Science Faculty Search **Committee**

2014-2015 Member, Executive Director of Global Programs **Search Committee**

2014 Member, Director of Enrollment Management **Search Committee**

2012 Member, Political Science Faculty **Search Committee**

2012 Member, Faculty Senate Workload Procedure **Committee**

2010, 2011 Nominated students for TAMUC Latino Lion of the Month Award

2010, 2011 Collaborated with TAMUC Council for the Study of Global Learning

- **University of Kansas**

- 2006-2008 Member of the KU Committee to Establish the Latino Studies Minor
- 1998, 1999 **Mentor** in the KU Bridge (TRIO) Program
- 1998 **Mentor** in the KU Office of **Multicultural Affairs Project Outreach Program**
- 1998 Member of the planning committee for the inaugural KU ***Symposium on the Recruitment and Retention of Students of Color***

Special Events

- 2020 **Co-Host, Virtual Town Hall Meeting** TAMUC Latinx Student Initiatives Committee
- 2020 **Interviewed** (in Spanish) on **Univision television station** (Dallas Channel 23) about racism and discrimination (broadcast 7/19/20)
- 2020 Organized Student Event featuring former world champion boxer Paul Banke
- 2019 **Interviewed** (in Spanish) on **Telemundo television station** (Dallas Channel 39) about TAMUC Latino American Male Mentorship Program (broadcast 3/22/2019)
- 2019 Organized TAMUC **Latin American Politics Symposium**
- 2019 Presented as a panelist on **“Race and Sport”** in HHPS 350 Social Issues in Global Sport Course
- 2018 Presented as a panelist at the TAMUC **International Education Week: Study Abroad Faculty Forum**
- 2018 Presented as a panelist on **“Race and Sport”** in HHPS 350 Social Issues in Global Sport Course
- 2017 Presented as a panelist on **“Race and Sport”** in HHPS 350 Social Issues in Global Sport Course
- 2017 **Keynote Speaker**, TAMUC ***La Raza Graduation Ceremony***
- 2017 Organized TAMUC **African American History Month** event featuring ESPN 30 for 30 film director and producer
- 2017, 2019 Judge, TAMUC Annual Global **Multicultural Festival** Competition
- 2017 Presented a lecture on the **2016 Presidential Election** to the Latino American Male Mentorship Program
- 2017 Presented the film “Entre Nos” for the TAMUC **Spanish Film Festival**
- 2016 Presented a lecture on the **2016 Presidential Election** to the **African American Male Mentorship Program**

- 2016 Presented a lecture on the **2016 Presidential Election** to the **Delta Sigma Theta Historically African American Sorority** entitled, “Are You Ready to Vote?”
- 2015 Organized Hispanic Heritage Month event featuring former world champion boxer Paulie Ayala
- 2014 Organized event commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall
- 2014 Organized TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event featuring former world boxing champion John Ruiz
- 2014 Organized TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2014 Organized major campus event featuring world champion boxers Curtis Cokes, Victor Ortiz, Troy Dorsey, and Errol Spence, Jr.
- 2012 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Chapter of the **NAACP**
- 2011 **Produced** TAMUC Promotional Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-M43umK2B0>
- 2011 Organized TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event featuring former world boxing champion John Ruiz
- 2011 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2010 Organized TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2010 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2010 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- 1994 **Secretary General**, University of California-Irvine Model U.N. Conference

Study Abroad Programs

- 2012-Pres **Organized & Led TAMUC Study Abroad Programs:**
 - Argentina/Uruguay Winter Mini 2020
 - South America (Brazil, Argentina & Uruguay—program postponed)
 - Ukraine Summer I 2018
 - Ukraine May Mini 2017
 - Poland May Mini 2016
 - Poland Sophomore Year Experience Program 2016
 - Central Europe (Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia) 2014
 - Argentina/Uruguay Winter Mini 2012

Special Programs

- 2017-Pres Serve as **Advisory Board Member** for the TAMUC Latino American Male Mentorship Program
- 2019 **Organized & Led TAMUC Mock Organization of American States team** at the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Conference in San Antonio, TX
- 2018 **Organized & Led first TAMUC Mock Organization of American States team** at the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Conference in San Marcos, TX
- 2017 Led an A&M-Commerce graduate student to **present research in Argentina**
- 2016-2017 Developed a NEW **International Memorandum of Understanding** between Texas A&M University-Commerce and the Kharkiv National Automobile and Highway University
- 2016 Led a team of A&M-Commerce graduate students to present research in **Argentina**
- 2016 Led a team of A&M-Commerce graduate students to present research in **Ukraine**
- 2016 **Created TWO NEW Low-Cost Textbook Initiative Courses**
- 2013-2017 Created, Proposed, and Began Implementation of US Latino & Latin American Studies Minor/Major (service prior to being named coordinator)**
- 2010-2015 **Founding Advisor, Phi Iota Alpha (Historically Latino) Fraternity (TAMUC Chapter)**
- 1998-2003 **Founding Advisor, Sigma Lambda Beta (Historically Latino) Fraternity (KU Chapter)**

Graduate Student and Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees

- 2020-pres **Chair of Texas A&M University-Commerce Master's Thesis Committee:**
- Song Wang, Political Science
- 2012-2013 **Member of Texas A&M University-Commerce Master's Thesis committee:**
- Michael Patterson, Political Science
 - Andrea Potter, History
- 2013-2019 **Chair of Texas A&M University-Commerce Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee:**
- Christian Aleman, Political Science
 - Angelo Schildhauer, Political Science
 - Lina Munevar, Political Science
- 2020 **Member of Texas A&M University-Commerce Undergraduate Honors Thesis:**
- Emily Gruver, Political Science

- 2012-pres **Chair** of Texas A&M University-Commerce Graduate (PSCI 595)
Non-thesis committee:
- Dovlet Hudayberdiyev, Political Science
 - Jeffrey Leachman, Political Science
 - Tyler Henderson, Political Science
 - Egzon Krasniqi, Political Science
 - Kristen Lewis, Political Science
 - James Owsley, Political Science
 - Ashley Cotton, Political Science
 - Timothy Houston, Political Science
- 2012-2018 **Member** of Texas A&M University-Commerce Graduate (PSCI 595)
 Non-thesis committee:
- Rebecca Lynch, Political Science
 - Matthew Markovitch, Political Science
 - David Gosbee, Political Science
- 2009-2010 Member of University of Kansas Doctoral Dissertation committees:
- Jeonguk Kim, American Studies
 - Simao Henriques, Education
- 2007-2009 Member of University of Kansas Master's Thesis committees:
- Aaron Moulton, Latin American Studies
 - Grant Blanchon, Latin American Studies
 - Katherine J. Acosta, International Studies
 - Nguvitjita Kahiha, International Studies
 - Vincent L. Edwards, Journalism & Mass Communications
 - Carlos R. Centeno-Lairet, International Studies

Publication Reviewer/Editor

- 2014-2019 **Reviewer** for *Lone Star Politics* textbook
 2017 **Reviewer** for *European Scientific Journal*
 2013 **Reviewer** for the *American Political Science Review*
 2003-2004 **Editor**, *MKN Journal: Promoting Educational Opportunities*

Community Service

- 2011-2016 Participant, Rockwall ISD Watch D.O.G.S. Program
 2014-2016 Member, Rockwall ISD Diversity Advisory Committee
 2014 Volunteer, Rockwall Library ESL and Citizenship Programs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)

- McNair Scholars Program
(A federally funded program that prepares low-income, first-generation and underrepresented minority college students for graduate school.)
7/2005-8/2010 Associate Director
7/2001-6/2005 Project Coordinator
8/1998-7/2001 Academic Services Coordinator
- Office of Admissions and Scholarships
8/1997-7/1998 Assistant Director

Grants Funded

- *A Proposal for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program*
(U.S. Department of Education)
 - Submitted 1/26/07. Five Year Award: \$271,392/yr. Co-investigator
 - Submitted 10/30/02. Five Year Award: \$258,469/yr. Co-investigator
 - Submitted 10/02/98. Four Year Award: \$224,130/yr. Co-investigator
- *Kansas Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)*
(National Science Foundation)
 - Submitted 3/18/09. One Year Award: \$20,000
 - Submitted 5/05/08. One Year Award: \$20,000

Professional Presentations

- “Latino Diversity in the United States”
2019 Tarrant County College Southeast Campus Hispanic Heritage Month (Arlington, TX)
- “ESPN 30 for 30 Trojan War: Featuring Director Aaron Thomas and Producer Malik Aziz”
2017 Texas A&M University-Commerce African American History Month
- “Latino Boxing History: Featuring Former World Bantamweight Champion Paulie Ayala”
2015 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Latino Diversity in the United States”
2014 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Boxing with the Stars: Featuring Former World Champions Victor Ortiz, Curtis Cokes, Troy Dorsey; Olympian Errol Spence, Jr.; and Referee Laurence Cole”
2014 Texas A&M University-Commerce Special Event Coordinator/Moderator
- “Hispanic Diversity in the United States”
2012 University of Dallas Hispanic Heritage Month

- “Latino Boxing History: Featuring Former World Heavyweight Champion John Ruiz”
 - 2014 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2013 Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Nebraska) Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2011 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2009 University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS) Hispanic Heritage Month
- “A Heavyweight for the Ages: Featuring George Foreman”
 - 2010 University of Kansas Heavyweight Boxing Symposium (Lawrence, KS)
- “A Historical Overview of US-Latin America Relations”
 - 2009 Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Nebraska) 4th Annual Diversity Matters Film and Lecture Series
- “Keys to Earning a Graduate Degree While Working for TRiO/GEAR-UP”
 - 2007 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
- “Pelé or Maradona: Who Was the Greatest Soccer Player in History”
 - 2005 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Latino Diversity in the 21st Century”
 - 2009 Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Nebraska) Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2005 University of Kansas Latino Greek Leadership Conference
 - 2004 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Soccer and Society”
 - 2004 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies *The Other End of the Americas: Argentina, A Teacher’s Workshop*
- “Publishing Your Thoughts”
 - 2005 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (Kansas City, Missouri)
- “Understanding Latino Diversity”
 - 2004 South Junior High School (Lawrence, Kansas) Diversity Workshop Presentation
 - 2002 South Junior High School (Lawrence, Kansas) Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2002 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference (Kansas City, Missouri)
 - 2001 Johnson County Community College Department of Spanish Brown Bag Series
 - 2001 University of Kansas Libraries Professional Development Lecture
- “Latino USA: An Analysis of Hispanics in Census 2000”
 - 2002 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2001 Kansas City Kansas Community College Hispanic Heritage Month

- “Diversity of Latinos”
 - 2000 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
 - 2000 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2000 Kansas City Kansas Community College Hispanic Heritage Month
 - 2000 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
 - 1999 America Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel Programs Conference
 - 1998 Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference
- “Sports Writing 101”
 - 2000 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day
 - 1999 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day

Professional Memberships

- 2019-present Western Political Science Association
- 2018-present Western Social Science Association
- 2017-present Latin American Studies Association
- 2017-present North American Society for Sport History

Language Skills

- English (native)
- Spanish (native)
- Russian (intermediate)

Travel Abroad

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| Argentina | Estonia | Netherlands | Slovenia |
| Australia | Finland | New Zealand | South Africa |
| Austria | France | Paraguay | South Korea |
| Belgium | Germany | Peru | Spain |
| Brazil | Hungary | Poland | Sweden |
| Canada | Italy | Portugal | Ukraine |
| Chile | Japan | Puerto Rico (US | United Kingdom |
| Costa Rica | Mexico | Territory) | Uruguay |
| Croatia | Monaco | Russia | Virgin Islands (US |
| Czech Republic | Namibia | Slovakia | Territory) |