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## Education

- University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
  - **Doctor of Philosophy** – Political Science, August 2005  
Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics-Latin America, 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 and Honors

- Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMUC)
  - **Assistant Professor** – Political Science, August 2010-present. Tenure-track position including teaching, research and service.
    - 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**
    - 2012 Recipient, *Eduespaña* Workshop in **Spain Fellowship**
    - 2011 Recipient, All-Texas A&M System **Student Recognition Award for Teaching Excellence**
    - 2011 Recipient, TAMUC Employee Recognition Program **Globalization Award**
    - 2011 Recipient, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education **Faculty Fellowship**
    - 2011 Recipient, **Faculty of the Year** Award by 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 Office of Hispanic Outreach & Student Programs **Service Recognition** Award
- 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
    - 2010 Recipient, University of Kansas School of Education **Service Award**
    - 2009 Recipient, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity **Service Recognition**
    - 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 Thompson Conference **Travel Grant**
    - 1996 Recipient, Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science **Honor Society**)
    - 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

- PSCI 2301 Principles of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 2302 Institutions and Policies of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 346 U.S. Latino Politics
- PSCI 333 Latin American Politics
- PSCI 332 Democracy and Democratization
- PSCI 415 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PSCI 497 Comparative Politics of Global Films
- PSCI 497 Politics and Sports

### Graduate

- PSCI 503 Pro-seminar in Comparative Politics
- PSCI 504 U.S.-Latin America Relations
- PSCI 505 Leftist Politics in Latin America
- HIST 597 Leftist Politics in Latin America
- PSCI 587 Comparative Politics of Global Films

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

### Undergraduate

- 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

- 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

## **Scholarly Publications**

### *Books*

- The Regulation of Boxing: A History and Comparative Analysis of Policies Among American States (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) 2009
- Politics & Sports in Latin America and the U.S. Latino Community (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) Under contract, Forthcoming 2014

### *Articles/Book Chapters/Conference Proceedings*

- “Re-Assessing the Rise of the Latin American Left” in MidSouth Political Science Review (University of Central Arkansas, peer-reviewed journal) Accepted for publication, Forthcoming 2014
- “Latinos in U.S. Politics” in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) Accepted for publication, Forthcoming 2014
- “Ted Cruz” in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) Accepted for publication, Forthcoming 2014
- “Book Review: Zambia Sporting Score” in The Interdisciplinary Electronic Journal of African Sports (Ohio University, peer-reviewed journal) 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” 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**

- “The United States, Texas and Latin America”  
2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Globalization and the Humanities: Texas and the World Conference  
(Commerce, TX)
- “Fighting the Malvinas War on the Athletic Field”  
2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sport and the Global South Conference (Fairfax, VA)
- “An Economic and Political Assessment of Nestor Kirchner’s Presidency”  
2012 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Social Science Association Conference (Houston, TX)
- “Implementing Globalization at Rural, Public Universities in the United States: Challenges and Effective Practices”  
2011 4<sup>th</sup> International Global Studies Conference (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- “Re-Assessing the Rise of the Latin American Left”  
2011 68<sup>th</sup> 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 XII<sup>th</sup> International Congress of European Sport History (Lorient, France)
- “Generals and Goals: Nationalism and Sport in Argentina”  
2006 XI<sup>th</sup> International Congress of European Sport History (Vienna, Austria)
- “Dale Campeón! Sports in Argentina”  
2005 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
- “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 (Moscow,  
Russia) VII International Scientific Congress “Modern Olympic Sport and Sport  
for All”  
2003 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
- “Shaking Up the World: Muhammad Ali in the 1960s”  
2000 University of Kansas Second Annual American Studies Graduate Student  
Conference

- “Western European Immigration to Argentina”  
1994 University of California, Irvine Pre-graduate Mentorship Symposium
- “U.S.-South American Relations”  
1994 United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, Maryland) Foreign Affairs Conference
- “Hispanics in Congress”  
1993 University of California, Irvine Summer Academic Enrichment Program

### Service

#### Texas A&M University-Commerce

- 2013 Served as a reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*
- 2012 Organized and Led TAMUC Graduate Study Abroad Program in Argentina
- 2013-present Chair of Texas A&M University-Commerce Undergraduate Honors Thesis:
  - Angelo Schildhauer, Political Science
  - Lina Munevar, Political Science
- 2012-present Chair of Texas A&M University-Commerce Master’s Thesis committee:
  - Timothy Houston, Political Science
- 2012-2013 Member of Texas A&M University-Commerce Master’s Thesis committee:
  - Andrea Potter, History
- 2012,2013 Served on Political Science Scholarship Awards Committee
- 2012 Member of Texas A&M University-Commerce Master’s Thesis committee:
  - Michael Patterson, Political Science
- 2012 Served on TAMUC Political Science Faculty Search Committee
- 2012 Served on TAMUC Faculty Senate Workload Procedure Committee
- 2010-present Serve as advisor to Phi Iota Alpha (Historically Latino) Fraternity
- 2010-present Serve on International Students Committee
- 2011 Produced TAMUC Promotional Video
- 2011/2010 Organized TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2011/2010 Nominated students for TAMUC Latino Lion of the Month Award
- 2011/2010 Collaborated with TAMUC Council for the Study of Global Learning
- 2011/2010 Gave Presentation for TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2010 Supervised Graduate Assistant

#### University of Kansas

- 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

- 2006-2008 Member of the KU Latino Studies Minor Committee
- 2003-2004 Editor, *MKN Journal: Promoting Educational Opportunities*
- 1998-2003 Advisor to Sigma Lambda Beta (Latino) Fraternity (KU Chapter)
- 1998, 1999 Mentor in the KU Bridge (TRIO) Program
- 1998 Member of the planning committee for the inaugural KU *Symposium on the Recruitment and Retention of Students of Color*
- 1998 Mentor in the KU Office of Multicultural Affairs Project Outreach Program
- 1994 Served as Secretary General of the UC Irvine Model U.N. Conference

## **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

## **Popular Media Publications**

- *The Ring Magazine*
  - "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
- *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* (Website)
  - 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

### **Professional Presentations**

- “Latino Boxing History”
  - 2012 Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Nebraska) Hispanic Heritage Month
  - 2010 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
  - 2009 University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS) Hispanic Heritage Month
- “A Heavyweight for the Ages: 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) 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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  
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
  - 1998 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day

## **Language Skills**

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

## **Travel Abroad**

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|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| • Argentina  | • Finland | • New Zealand         | • South Korea            |
| • Australia  | • France  | • Paraguay            | • Spain                  |
| • Austria    | • Germany | • Peru                | • Sweden                 |
| • Brazil     | • Holland | • Poland              | • Ukraine                |
| • Canada     | • Hungary | • Portugal            | • Uruguay                |
| • Chile      | • Italy   | • Puerto Rico<br>(US) | • Virgin Islands<br>(US) |
| • Costa Rica | • Japan   | • Russia              |                          |
| • England    | • Mexico  | • Slovakia            |                          |
| • Estonia    | • Monaco  |                       |                          |

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