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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Associate Professor of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, from 2010

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2004-2010

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, 2004-2005

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2004, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science
Dissertation: "Electoral Competition and Democracy in Mexico"
Committee: Susan Stokes (Chair), Carles Boix, Delia Boylan, John Brehm

M.A. 1998, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

B.A. 1991, University of Notre Dame, Government and Japanese

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Sources of Democratic Responsiveness in Mexico. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2010.

Democracy and the Culture of Skepticism: Political Trust in Argentina and Mexico, New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006 (with Susan C. Stokes).

Articles:

"Electoral Competition, Participation, and Government Responsiveness in Mexico," *American Journal of Political Science* 51:2 (April 2007), pp.283-299.

“A ‘Left Turn’ in Latin America? Explaining the Left’s Resurgence.” *Journal of Democracy* 17:4 (October 2006), pp.35-49.

Reprinted as “Explaining the Left’s Resurgence,” in *Latin America’s Struggle for Democracy*, Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Diego Abente Brun, eds. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008, pp.62-76.

“Competencia electoral, influencia ciudadana y desempeño del gobierno en los municipios mexicanos.” *Política y Gobierno* 10:1 (January 2003), pp.183-217.

“Democracy and Indigenous Rebellion in Latin America,” *Comparative Political Studies* 33:9 (November 2000), pp.1123-1153.

Book Chapter:

“Trust and Democracy in Comparative Perspective,” in *Who Can We Trust? How Groups, Networks, and Institutions Make Trust Possible*, Karen Cook, Russell Hardin, and Margaret Levi, eds. Russell Sage Foundation, 2009 (with Susan C. Stokes), pp.308-338.

Book Reviews:

Decentralization, Democratization, and Informal Power in Mexico, by Andrew Selee. Forthcoming in *Política y Gobierno*.

Judicial Power and Strategic Communication in Mexico, by Jeffrey K. Staton. *Comparative Political Studies* 44:10 (October 2011), pp.1439-1442.

Religious Pluralism, Democracy, and the Catholic Church in Latin America, by Frances Hagopian, ed. *Perspectives on Politics* 9:1 (March 2011), pp.203-4.

Leftovers: Tales of the Latin American Left, by Jorge G. Castañeda and Marco A. Morales, eds. *Latin American Politics and Society* 51:3 (Fall 2009), pp.161-164.

Democracy, by Charles Tilly. *Political Psychology* 29:2 (April 2008), pp.303-307.

Transición a la Democracia en México: Competencia partidista y reformas electorales 1977-2003, by Irma Méndez de Hoyos. *Política y Gobierno* 14:2 (Fall 2007), pp.577-579.

Elections as Instruments of Democracy, by G. Bingham Powell, Jr., *Política y Gobierno* 9:1 (March 2002), pp.252-257.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“A Two-Step Explanation of the Latin American Left: the Distinct Determinants of Electoral Success and Radicalism,” article manuscript under review.

“Confronting Coup Risk in the Latin American Left,” article manuscript under review (with Eric Rittinger).

“The Institutional Origins of Gender Quotas in Europe and Latin America,” article manuscript in preparation.

“Indigenous Autonomy in Southern Mexico,” Book project.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Surprising Durability of New Left Governments,” Paper presented to the XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Ontario, 2010.

“Gender Quotas in Europe and Latin America,” paper presented to the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 4, 2010.

“A Two-Stage Explanation of the New Latin American Left,” paper presented to the XXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2009.

“Indigenous Autonomy and Insulation from Electoral Competition in Oaxaca, Mexico,” paper presented to the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28, 2008, and at the conference on “Native Peoples in Mexico and the U.S.: Approaches to Exclusion,” Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UC-San Diego, June 5, 2009.

“Indigenous Rights and Democracy in Southern Mexico: Liberalism Laughs Last?,” paper presented to the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2007.

“Indigenous Autonomy in Southern Mexico,” paper presented to the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7, 2005, and the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2006.

“Electoral Competition, Participation, and the Quality of Government in Mexico,” paper presented to the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004, and to the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2004.

“Trust and the Consolidation of Democracy,” paper presented to the Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, April 23, 2004, and to the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 8, 2004 (with Susan Stokes).

“Do Parties Enforce Electoral Accountability in Mexico?,” paper presented to the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 25-28, 2002, and to the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 29 – September 1, 2002.

“Electoral Competition and Government Performance in Mexico”, paper presented to the American Political Science Association, September 1, 2001, and to the Latin American Studies Association, September 7, 2001.

“Testing Endogenous and Exogenous Modernization Theory”, paper presented to the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1999, and to the American Political Science Association, September 1999.

INVITED TALKS

2011 “Gender Quotas in Europe and Latin America,” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University, April 21.

“Explaining Democratization,” and “Latin America and the Study of Democratization,” Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, April 5 and 6.

2010 “The Mexican Revolution at 100,” Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, November 15.

“Gender Quotas in Europe and Latin America,” Department of Government, Cornell University, October 29.

“The Consequences of Indigenous Autonomy in Oaxaca, Mexico,” Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, October 4.

“How Mexico’s Political Institutions Limit the Quality of its Government,” School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, October 4.

“Explaining Democratization,” and “Latin America, the New Left, and the Study of Democratization,” Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, March 29 and March 31.

2009 “Latin America, the New Left, and the Study of Democratization,” Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, April 1.

2008 “Latin America’s Democratization in Comparative Perspective,” Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, March 31.

“The New Left and the State of Democracy in Latin America,” SUNY-Geneseo, Feb.27.

2007 “Indigenous Rights and Democracy in Southern Mexico: Liberalism Laughs Last?” Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media, Syracuse University, November 15.

- “Latin America and the Study of Democratization,” Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, February 8.
- 2006 “Indigenous Autonomy in Southern Mexico,” Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, October 31.
- “Indigenous Autonomy in Southern Mexico,” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), June 20.
- “Elections in Latin America,” Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, March 22.
- 2005 “Indigenous Autonomy and Liberal Democracy in Southern Mexico,” Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, April 28.
- 2004 “Mechanisms of Voter Control in Mexican Elections,” Comparative Politics Faculty Workshop, Princeton University, November 10.
- “Electoral Competition, Participation, and Democratic Responsiveness in Mexico,” Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, October 14.
- “Electoral Competition, Participation, and the Quality of Government in Mexico,” Political Science Regional Workshop, University of Notre Dame, May 12.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee (past 4 years)

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Party Politics, Política y Gobierno, Politics & Gender, Publius, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Development, World Politics

Reviewer (past 4 years)

Congressional Quarterly Press, Oxford University Press, Pearson Longman, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Conferences

- 2010 Discussant, “Indigenous Political Participation in Latin America: Consequences for Democratic Governance, Institutions, and Representation,” APSA.

Discussant, "Theorizing Transnationalism," PLACA/PLAS conference on "Re-Imagining the Americas," Syracuse, NY, April 10.

2009 Chair/Discussant, "Local Politics in New Democracies: Patterns of Democratization in the Mexican States," APSA.

2005 Chair/Discussant, "Impact of Colonialism: Comparative Perspectives," MWPSA.

2004 Chair/Discussant, "Elections in Hybrid Regimes," MWPSA.

Discussant, "Electoral Authoritarianism in Mexico and Taiwan," MWPSA.

2003 Chair/Discussant, "The Quality of Democracy in Latin America," MWPSA.

2002 Chair/Discussant, "Democratization and Democracy in Mexico," MWPSA.

Participant/Discussant, "Local Democracy: Poverty, Social Capital, and Clientelism in Argentina," faculty conference at the University of Chicago, March 8-9.

Committees

External

Executive Committee, Latin American Political Institutions Section, LASA, 2010-present

Editorial Board, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 2011-14

Internal

Interim Director, Program on Latin American and the Caribbean, Moynihan Institute, 2011-2012

Director, Political Science Research Workshop, Political Science Department, 2008-2011

Executive Committee, Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, 2009-present

Faculty Search Committee, Dept. of Languages Literatures and Linguistics, 2010-11

Graduate Studies Committee, Political Science Department, 2009-11

Omnibus Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2010-11

Coordinator, PLACA Seminar Series, Moynihan Institute, Spring 2007

Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, 2006

Koff Award Committee, Political Science Department, 2006

Committee on Instruction, Political Science Department, 2006

American Politics Faculty Search Committee, Political Science Department, 2005

Faculty Associate, Sawyer Law and Politics Program, 2005-2008

Faculty Steering Committee, Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, 2005-present

COURSES TAUGHT

Department of Political Science, Syracuse University

Undergraduate:

- Politics of Latin America (PSC 333/LAS 333)
- Ethnicity and Politics (PSC 300.M500)

- Mexico and the United States (PSC 300.M208)

Graduate:

- Latin American Politics (PSC 780)
- Comparative Political Analysis (PSC 671)
- Logic of Political Inquiry (PSC 691)
- Democracy and Democratization (PSC 787)

Department of International Studies, University of Chicago

- Comparative Democratization (Winter 2004)

Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

- Latin American Politics (Fall 2003)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND GRANTS

Competitive External Grants

2000- 2002 Russell Sage Foundation Grant for an original research project, “Trust and the Consolidation of Democracy in Latin America,” 2000-2002 (with Susan Stokes; \$121,000).

Syracuse University Internal Awards

2011 Appleby-Mosher Travel Grant, Maxwell School (\$1,200).

2010 Appleby-Mosher Travel Grant, Maxwell School (\$1,200).

2008 Faculty Research Grant, Program on Latin America and The Caribbean (PLACA), Moynihan Institute (\$1,000).

2007 Dean’s Discretionary Faculty Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (\$3,000).

Research Fellowship, Institute for the Study of Judiciary, Politics, and the Media, Syracuse University (\$1,250).

Appleby-Mosher Travel Grant, Maxwell School (\$1,200).

2006 Appleby-Mosher Travel Grant, Maxwell School (\$1,200).

University of Chicago Internal Awards

2000 Travel Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, Summer.

1997- Junior Fellow, John M. Olin Center for Inquiry into the Theory and Practice of
2001 Democracy.

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