CURRICULUM VITAE

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I. Education

Ph.D., 1992, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, Political Science.
Dissertation: "In Search of a New Identity: Dictatorship, Democracy, and the Evolution of the Left in Chile and Peru." Directed by Richard Fagen, Terry Lynn Karl, and Philippe C. Schmitter

Thesis: "Coalition Dynamics in Sociopolitical Revolutions." Directed by Manus Midlarsky


II. Employment History and Academic Affiliations

Robert S. Harrison Director, 1/09-, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University
Professor, 7/05-, Department of Government, Cornell University
Chair, 8/01-3/05 Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
Associate Professor, 8/98-7/05, Dept. of Political Science, University of New Mexico
Assistant Professor, 8/92-7/98, Dept. of Political Science, University of New Mexico
Doctoral Fellow, 9/90-6/92, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University
Residential Fellow, 8/91-12/91, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame,
Visiting Research Associate, 9/89-8/90, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Santiago, Chile
Graduate Fellow, 1/89-12/89, Stanford Center for Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University.
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, 9/86-6/92, Dept. of Political Science, Stanford University
Visiting Instructor of Political Science, 9/85-8/86, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL

III. Publications

A. Book manuscripts:

The Resurgence of the Left in Latin America, co-edited with Steven Levitsky, forthcoming from Johns Hopkins University Press in 2011.

The Diffusion of Social Movements, co-edited with Rebecca Given and Sarah Soule (Cambridge University Press, 2010).


Deepening Democracy? The Modern Left and Social Movements in Chile and Peru (Stanford, Cal.: Stanford University Press, 1998).

B. Articles and Book Chapters


“Party Systems and Electoral Volatility in Latin America: A Test of Economic, Institutional, and Structural Explanations,” American Political Science Review 93, 3 (September 1999): 575-590 (co-authored with Erik Wibbels). A translated version of this article was published in POSTData No. 8, August 2001 (Argentina).


“Sources of Instability in Nuclear Deterrence,” Peace and Change Journal 10 (Spring 1984): 63-76.

C. Book Reviews, Research Reports, and Other Writings:

Review of James Mahoney, The Legacies of Liberalism: Path Dependence and Political Regimes in Central America, in Perspectives on Politics 1, 3 (September 2003).


Review of Lynne Phillips, ed., The Third Wave of Modernization in Latin America: Cultural Perspectives on Neoliberalism, in New Mexico Historical Review (July 1999).

“Argentina and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime in Latin America,” Regional Profile Report for the Sandia National Laboratories, October 1997.

**D. Works in Progress**

“Populism and Party Systems in Latin America,” paper for Wilson Center volume on *Populism in Latin America*.

“Populism and Democracy in Chavez’s Venezuela,” paper for project on *Populism in Europe and the Americas: Threat or Corrective to Democracy*?


“Market Reform and Party System Realignment in Latin America,” paper for a Princeton University project on *Political Parties in the Developing World*.

“The Politics of Inequality in Latin America,” paper for UN-WIDER project on *The New Policy Model, Inequality, and Poverty in Latin America*.

**IV. Fellowships and Research Grants**

Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, Theme Project on “Contentious Knowledge: Science, Social Science, and Social Protest,” 2006-09 ($350,000) (co-PI)

Mellon-Sawyer Seminar Series on “Social Movements and Regime Change in Latin America and Postcommunist Eurasia,” Cornell University, 2006-08 ($120,000) (co-PI)

Walter Lafeber Fellowship, Department of Government, Cornell University, 2006- ($3650) (collaboration with Don Leonard and Melissa Mistretta)

Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, “Assessing Latin America’s Left Turn,” 2006 seed grant ($13,000)

Faculty Fellows-in-Service Fellowship, Cornell University Public Service Center, 2006 ($2000 for service learning project in Nicaragua)


NAFTA/MERCOSUR Field Research Grant, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico, *AEconomic Reform and Party System Transformation in Chile and Argentina,” 1999* ($3500).
Research Grant, Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico, 1998, AStructural Adjustment and Party System Change in Venezuela” ($2928).

Field Research Grant, Latin American Institute, University of New Mexico, 1998, AStructural Adjustment and Party System Change in Venezuela” ($900).

Research Grant for the study of Argentina and the nuclear non-proliferation regime in Latin America, Sandia National Laboratories, 1997 ($10,000).

Eugene Gallegos Lectureship, University of New Mexico, 92-93, 95-96, 98-99, 02-03.

Research Grant, Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico, 1994, ADemocracy And the Evolution of the Left in Chile and Peru A ($2700).


Residential Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 8/91-12/91

Mellon ANew Directions” Fellowship, Stanford University, 1989-1991

Fulbright Fellow, U.S.-Chile Fulbright Foundation, 9/89-8/90

MacArthur Foundation/Stanford Center for International Security and Arms Control Doctoral Fellowship, 1989-90


Graduate Fellow, Stanford Center for Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University, 1/89-12/89

Doctoral Fellowship, Stanford University, 9/86-6/89

V. Awards

Gunter Starkey Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of New Mexico, 1999-2000

Regent=s Lectureship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of New Mexico, 1998-2001

Richard Goldsmith Prize for best paper on dispute resolution, Stanford Center for Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University, 1989

VI. Invited Presentations to Professional Meetings, Seminars, and Off-Campus Forums

“Populism and Democracy in Chavez’s Venezuela,” paper presented at the workshop on Populism in Europe and the Americas: Threat or Corrective to Democracy?, Social Science Research Center WZB, Berlin, Aug. 5-6, 2010.


“Party System Realignment following Market Liberalization in Latin America,” University of North Carolina-Duke University Latin American Consortium, Chapel Hill, NC, November 19, 2009


“The New Left in Latin America,” Latin American Studies Seminar Series, University of New Mexico, Feb. 24, 2009


“Explaining Variation in Latin America’s Left Turn,” David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Nov. 18, 2008


“Is the Use of Torture Ever Justified to Protect American Civil Liberties?”, annual lecture of the Berger International Legal Studies Program and the Briggs Society for International Law, Cornell University Law School, April 15, 2008.

“Parties, Movements, and Populism in the Latin American Left,” workshop on “Latin America’s Left Turn,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, April 4-5, 2008


“Neoliberalism and Social Protest in Latin America,” Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, Sept. 4, 2007

“Repensando la Representación Política,” Workshop on “Las Nuevas Formas de Representación Política,” Universidad Católica, Lima, Peru, August 16, 2007


"Sistemas de Partidos y la Crisis en la Representacion Politica en America Latina" 3-day workshop, Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay, Aug. 1-3, 2006.


“Party Systems and Political Change in Latin America,” Maxwell School of International Affairs, Syracuse University on March 22, 2006.

“Nicaragua: Revolution and Post-Revolution,” Bridges to Community Student Service Project, Cornell University, Feb. 14, 2006


“Latin America’s Neoliberal Critical Juncture,” Comparative Politics colloquium series, Department of Political Science, Yale University, Oct. 4, 2005.


“Party System Transformation in Latin America’s Neoliberal Era,” presentation for the University of New Mexico/New Mexico State University Latin American Consortium, Albuquerque, March 5, 2004.


“Social Inequalities without Class Cleavages in Latin America=s Neoliberal Era,” University of Miami, April 12, 2002.


“Party System Volatility and Adaptation in Latin America=s Neoliberal Era,” Harvard University, Center for Latin American Studies, March 5, 2002.

“Globalization and Its Discontents,” College of Santa Fe, Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 18, 2001.

“Social Inequalities without Class Cleavages in Latin America=s Neoliberal Era,” Vanderbilt University, April 13, 2001

“Labor Movements and Political Parties in Latin America=s Neoliberal Era,” University of Arizona conference on Labor in Latin America, March 24, 2001


“In Search of a New Identity: Dictatorship, Democracy, and Political Change in the Chilean Left,” presented before the Student Organization for Latin American Studies, University of New Mexico, September 11, 1992.

VII. Oral Presentations of Papers at Professional Meetings and Conferences

“Social Protest in Latin America’s Neoliberal Era: An Exploration of Economic and Political Determinants” (with Moises Arce and Roberta Rice), International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Sept. 6-8, 2007


VIII. Courses Taught:

Graduate Seminars:

Political Economy of Development
Parties and Political Representation
The Comparative Method in International and Comparative Politics
Proseminar in Comparative Politics

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Proseminar in Latin America Politics
Social Movements in Latin America
Neoliberalism and Political Representation in Latin America
The Modern Left in Europe and Latin America
Democracy and Market Reform in Latin America
Political Representation in Latin America

Undergraduate Courses:

Comparative Politics of Latin America
Political Economy of Latin America
Democracy in Latin America
Political Development in Latin America
Comparative Politics
Mexican Politics
Social Movements in Latin America

IX. Student Advisement and Mentoring

1. Ph.D. Dissertation Advisement

Simon Tu, Cornell
Janice Gallagher, Cornell
Don Leonard, Cornell
Berk Esen, Cornell
Karrie Koesel (Cornell)
“Religion and the State in Russia and China”
Danielle Resnick (Cornell)
Ameya Balsekar (Cornell)
Tariq Thachil (Cornell)
Jaimie Bleck (Cornell)
Noelle Brigden (Cornell)
Yuriko Takahashi (Cornell), Committee Chair
“The Politics of Poverty Relief Programs in Mexico”
Kim Nolan (University of New Mexico)
“Trade Accords and Labor Rights Protection”
Matt Ingram (National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, and Fulbright dissertation fellowships)  
“Political Institutions and Judicial Performance in Mexico and Brazil”

Douglas Hecock, Political Science, Committee Chair, 2006 (National Science Foundation and Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellow)  
“The Subnational Politics of Education Reform in Mexico”

Roberta Rice, Political Science, 2006, Committee Chair  
“Indigenous Movements and Party Systems in Latin America”

Eric Jepsen, Political Science, 2005 (NSF, SSRC, and Fulbright Dissertation Fellow)  
Political Science  
“Industrial Policies and Subnational Politics in Mexico and India”

Christina Schatzman, Political Science, 2005 (NSF Dissertation Fellow)  
“The Politics of Privatization in Developing Countries”

Jeffrey Drope, Political Science, 2004 (NSF Dissertation Fellow)  
“The Politics of Non-Tariff Trade Protectionism”

Mary Bellman, Political Science, 2003, Committee Chair  
“Organizing in the Maquilas: Women and Labor Unions in Central American Export Processing Zones”

Francois Gelineau, Political Science, 2002 (NSF Dissertation Fellow)  
“Economic Voting in Latin American Democracies”

Randy Parish, Political Science, 2002  
“Domestic Political Institutions and International Conflict in Latin America”

Judy Palier, Political Science, 2001  
“The Politics of Gender and Community Organization in Mexico”

Erik Wibbels, Political Science, 2000 (NSF Dissertation Fellow)  
“Federalism and Market Reform in Developing Countries”

Caroline Beer, Political Science, 2000 (NSF, SSRC, and Inter-American Foundation Dissertation Fellow)  
“Democratization and Subnational Institutional Development in Mexico”

Moises Arce, Political Science, 2000 (NSF and SSRC Dissertation Fellow)  
“State-Society Relations and Market Reform in Peru”

Darryl Dieter, Political Science, 1999, Committee Chair  
“Corporatism, Market Reform, and Party System Change in Mexico and Venezuela”

David Broudy, Sociology, 1997  
“Social Change and the Organization of a Guatemalan Refugee Community in Mexico”
Andrés Valdez, Latin American Studies, 1997
El Partido Acción Nacional y la Transición Política en Mexico

Ximena Sosa-Buchholz, History, 1996
“Velasquismo: The Most Significant Movement in Modern Ecuadorean History, 1932-1972”

Sung-Kwon Cho, Political Science, 1995
“Narco-Terrorism and the State in Colombia”

M.A. Thesis Advisement

Susanna Schaller, Latin American Studies/Community and Regional Planning, 1998
Rodolfo Monge-Oviedo, Latin American Studies/Community and Regional Planning, 1997
Elizabeth Isaacs, Latin American Studies/Community and Regional Planning, 1997
Colin Forsyth, Latin American Studies, 1997
Michael Oswald, Latin American Studies, 1995
Steven Kent Smith, Latin American Studies, 1995 (Committee Chair)
David Parnell Hinkley, Latin American Studies, 1995
Paul Oeland, Latin American Studies, 1995 (Committee Chair)
Glenn Pearce-Oroz, Latin American Studies/Community and Regional Planning, 1994
Mindy Young, Latin American Studies, 1994 (Committee Chair)
Gil Friedman, Political Science, 1993

B.A. Honors Advisement

Katie Meyers, Government, 2009-10 (Committee Chair)
Kim Brody, Government, 2009-10 (Committee Chair)
Emma Banks, College Scholar, 2008-10 (Committee Chair)
Roxie Larain, Government, 2008-09 (Committee Chair)
Tim Krueger, Government, 2007-08 (Committee Chair)
Andrea Nil, Government 2005-06 (Committee Chair)
Elizabeth Paci, Government 2005-06 (Committee Chair)
Angela Alberti, Political Science, 1997
Heidi Pircher, Political Science, 1997 (Committee Chair)
Ernestina Cruz, Political Science, 1996
Harold Henthorn, Political Science, 1994 (Committee Chair)

B.A. Mellon Fellows Advisement

Alexander Lopez, Government 2006-08
Donald Deere, Government 2005-07

X. University and Professional Service

Editorial Boards:

Latin American Research Review, 2004-09
Latin American Politics and Society, 2001-present
Professional Associations:

Best Paper Award Committee, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2008

Juan Linz Dissertation Award Committee, Comparative Democratization section, American Political Science Association, 2007.

Section Track Chair, Democracy section, Latin American Studies Association, 2006-07.


Burdette Award Selection Committee for best article in Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2001-2002

Bryce Wood Book Award Committee, Latin American Studies Association, 2000-2001

Articles Reviewed for Journals:

Policy Studies Journal, 1997
International Studies Quarterly, 1999

Manuscripts Reviewed for Book Publishers:

University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004
University of Miami North-South Center Press, 1996, 2000
Pittsburgh University Press, 1997, 2004
Pennsylvania State University Press, 1999
Duke University Press, 2000

Grant Proposals Reviewed for National Funding Organizations:

2. Canadian Social Science Research Council, 1997, 1999

Administrative Work in Department, College, and University Committees:

Robert S. Harrison Direct, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, 2009-
Interim Co-Director, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, 2009-
Steering Committee, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell, 2005-
Social Sciences Task Force (established by Deputy Provost David Harris as part of the strategic planning associated with Reimagining Cornell), 2009
Sub-Committee on Social Science Research Units, Social Sciences Task Force, 2009
Chair, Comparative Politics Hiring Committee, Department of Government (2009/10)
Faculty Advisory Committee, Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future, 2009-
Advisory Board, Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center, 2009-
Ad hoc tenure review committee, Law School, Cornell, 2008
Ad hoc tenure review committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell, 2007
Mid-Probationary Review Committee, Department of Government, Cornell, 2006
Admissions Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell, 2006-07
Graduate Committee, Government Department, Cornell, 2005-06
Chair, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico, Aug. 2001-March 2005
Ethics and Advisory Committee, University of New Mexico Faculty Senate, 2003-04
Interdisciplinary Committee for Latin American Studies, Latin American Institute, UNM, 1995-2005
Policy Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, 2002-03
Program Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM, 1992-2002
Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Political Science, UNM, 1993-94 and 2000-01
Executive Committee, Dept. of Political Science, UNM, 1994-95
Grants and Awards Committee, Latin American Institute, UNM, 1994-1996 and 2000-01
Chair, Latin American Search Committee, Department of Political Science, UNM, 2000-01

Community Service

1. Board of Directors, Re-Visioning New Mexico, 2000-2002; President, 2002-03
3. Human Rights Training, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles and San Francisco
   Asylum Offices, January and May, 1996
4. Member of the Carter Center=s Election Observation Delegation to Caracas and Maracaibo,