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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Western Michigan University, 2007
Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Theory
Dissertation: "Democracy on Stilts: Bolivia's Democracy from Stability to Crisis"
Committee: Emily Hauptmann, Gunther Hege, Sybil Rhodes, Mark P. Jones
- M.A. Political Science, Western Michigan University, 1999
Concentration: Political Theory
- B.S. Central Michigan University, 1997
Majors in Political Science and History, Minor in Latin American Studies
Honors Thesis in History

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Croft Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Mississippi, 2009-present
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Mount Saint Mary's University, 2008-2009
Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American Politics, Dickinson College, 2006-2008

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

- Centellas, Miguel. "Savina Cuéllar and Bolivia's New Regionalism." *Latin American Perspectives* (forthcoming).
- Centellas, Miguel. "Pop Culture in the Classroom: *American Idol*, Karl Marx, and Alexis de Tocqueville." *PS: Political Science and Politics* (forthcoming).
- Centellas, Miguel. 2009. "Electoral Reform, Regional Cleavages, and Party System Stability in Bolivia." *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 1 (2): 115-131.
- Centellas, Miguel. 2008 "From 'Parliamentarized' to 'Pure' Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003." *The Latin Americanist* 52 (3): 5-30.

Book Reviews

- Centellas, Miguel. 2009. Review of Pablo Stefanoni, Franklin Ramirez, and Maristella Svampa, *Las Vías de emancipación en Bolivia: Conversaciones con Álvaro García Linera*, in *Americas Quarterly* 3 (4): 134-135.

Encyclopedic Entries

- Centellas, Miguel. "United States and Andean Trade Preferences Act," in *Encyclopedia of United*

States–Latin American Relations. Washington: CQ Press (forthcoming).
Centellas, Miguel. “Bolivia US Military Anti-Drug Program, 1986,” in *Encyclopedia of United States–Latin American Relations*. Washington: CQ Press (forthcoming).
Centellas, Miguel. 2008. “Taborga, Miguel de los Santos,” in *Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture*, 2nd ed. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons.

Short Essays & Invited Commentary

“The Second-Term Challenges For Bolivia’s Evo Morales.” *Americas Quarterly* Web Exclusive, December 15, 2009.
“Is Bolivian President Evo Morales a Shoo-In for Re-Election?” *Latin American Advisor* (Inter-American Dialogue weekly newsletter), September 10, 2009.
“Estado plurinacional y elecciones multipartidarias.” *Tiempo Político, La Razón*, July 17, 2009.
“Bolivia’s New International Stage.” *e-International Relations* (online journal), July 3, 2008.
“Reelección indefinida y ‘democradura’: ¿un modelo chavista para Bolivia?” *Tiempo Político, La Razón*, August 24, 2007.
“Ingeniería electoral: el sistema de voto alternativo.” *Tiempo Político, La Razón*, May 25, 2007.
“¿Y qué de las prefecturas? Proteger al ciudadano.” *Tiempo Político, La Razón*, September 1, 2005.
“El Estado de derecho cómo necesidad: Las condiciones mínimas para la democracia.” *Tiempo Político, La Razón*, June 24, 2004.
“¿Democracia de referéndum?” *Tiempo Político, La Razón*, March 11, 2004.

Other

Miguel Centellas, Jonathan C. Eastvold, Renee Bukovchik Van Vechten, and Tyson D. King-Meadows. 2009. “Core Curriculum and General Education,” 2009 APSA Teaching & Learning Conference Track Summaries. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 42 (3): 577-579.

CURRENT RESEARCH & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Research project, “Electoral Systems and Party Personnel: The Consequences of Reform and Non-Reform” (directed by Matthew Shugart, Ellis Kraus, and Robert Pekkanen), data collection and organization for ongoing NSF-funded research project (2008-2011), includes funding for research assistant and research trips to Bolivia in 2009 and 2010
Book manuscript, *Politics in Bolivia: Stability, Crisis, and Renewal*, writing/editing in progress (expected completion by February 2010)
Article manuscript, “Bolivia’s New Regionalism: A Look at Electoral Patterns in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and Chuquisaca” (with Miguel A. Buitrago; under revision)
Article manuscript, “Using Pop Culture in the Classroom: Teaching 21st Century Students” (with Caroline Eick; under development)

RESEARCH GRANTS & COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

National Science Foundation (SES-0751662), Bolivia Co-Investigator: “Electoral Systems and Party Personnel: The Consequences of Reform and Non-Reform” (directed by Matthew S. Shugart, Ellis Kraus, and Robert Pekkanen), 2008-2011
Dickinson College, Dana Research Grant, 2007-2008
American Academy of Political and Social Science, Graduate Fellow, 2006

The Graduate College, Western Michigan University, Dissertation Fellowship, 2005-2006
Institute for International Education, Fulbright Dissertation Fellowship for Bolivia, 2003-2004

AWARDS & HONORS

Departmental & University Graduate Awards

The Graduate College, Western Michigan University, Graduate Research Award, 2006
Western Michigan University, George W. Klein Memorial Award, 2000 & 2005
Western Michigan University, All-University Award for Graduate Teaching Effectiveness, 2001
Western Michigan University, Doctoral Associate, 1998-2004
Alpha Kappa Mu Honors Society, 1997
Western Michigan University, Graduate College Fellowship, 1997-1998

Undergraduate Awards

Central Michigan University, John B. Warriner Scholarship, 1995-1997
Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, 1996
Central Michigan University, Thelma Key Memorial Scholarship, 1995-1996
Golden Key National Honors Society, 1995
United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, Juan Andrade Scholarship, 1994-1995
Central Michigan University, Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, 1993-1997
League of United Latin American Citizens National Scholarship, 1993-1995

PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Papers Presented (or in progress)

“Changes and Continuities in Bolivia’s Legislature, 2002-2009,” LASA, Toronto, October 2010
(with Erika Salinas; pending acceptance)
“*Autonomía Ya!* Non-Indigenous Ethnic Popular Mobilization in Santa Cruz, Bolivia,” APSA,
September 2010 (invited to join multicultural politics panel; pending acceptance)
“Bolivia’s 2009 Election: Regional Trends and Micro-Level Dynamics,” MPSA, Chicago, April 2010
“Bridging the Gap: Research Methods Courses and Senior Theses,” APSA Teaching & Learning
Conference, Philadelphia, February 2010
“Bolivia’s New Regionalism: A Look at Electoral Patterns in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and Chuquisaca,”
MPSA, Chicago, April 2009 (with Miguel A. Buitrago)
“Pop Culture in the Classroom: *American Idol*, Karl Marx, and Alexis de Tocqueville,” APSA
Teaching & Learning Conference, Baltimore, February 2009
“Bolivia’s Party System after October 2003: Where Did All the Politicians Go?” APSA, Boston,
August 2008
“Democratization, Social Crisis, and National Reinvention: Evidence from the Bolivian Case,”
LASA, Montreal, September 2007
“From ‘Parliamentarized’ to ‘Pure’ Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003,” MPSA, Chicago,
April 2007
“Forging a New Social Contract? Bolivia’s 2006 Constituent Assembly Election,” MPSA, Chicago,
April 2007
“Imagining Bolivia: The Struggle for Democracy in the Midst of Competing Visions of the Nation,”
MPSA, Chicago, April 2006

- “Mixed-Member Proportional Electoral Systems in New Democracies: The Bolivian Experience,” MPSA, Chicago, April 2005
- “Parliamentarized Presidentialism: A New Model of Executive-Legislative Relations,” LASA, Washington, DC, September 2002
- “Electoral Systems and the Formation of Democratic Party Systems: Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru,” MPSA, Chicago, April 2002
- “Parliamentarized Presidentialism: New Democracies, Constitutional Engineering, and the Bolivian Model,” MPSA, Chicago, April 2001
- “Polyarchy in Five South American States: Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela,” MPSA, Chicago, April 2000
- “Decentralization and Democratization in Bolivia,” LASA, Miami, March 2000
- “The Consolidation of Democracy in Bolivia, 1985-1997,” MPSA, Chicago, April 1999

Panels Organized

- “Bolivia During *Tiempos de Cambio*,” LASA, Toronto, October 2010
- “New Party Dynamics and Elections in Latin America,” Political Institutions Section panel, LASA, Rio de Janeiro, June 2009

Panel Chair and/or Discussant

- Chair/Discussant, Panel: “Institutions, Ideology, and Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean,” MPSA, Chicago, April 2010
- Chair, Panel: “Party Systems in Latin America,” MPSA, Chicago, April 2007

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter/Moderator, “Entre Chávez y Uribe: ¿Dos Caras de la Misma Moneda?” Foro Latino, University of Mississippi, November 2009
- Lecture, “Lula’s Political *Bossa Nova*: South America at the Dawn of its Third Century,” Pan American Day Symposium, Villanova University, April 2009
- Panelist, “Political Polarization in the Andes,” Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, December 2008
- Presenter/Moderator, “Latin America: The Next US President’s Agenda,” Great Decisions Forum, Mount St. Mary’s University, November 2008
- Panelist, “Does the Democratic form of Government Need to be Anchored in Religious Values? A Skeptic’s Perspective,” Philosophical Society Forum, Mount St. Mary’s University, November 2008
- Panelist, “A Living Wage for Dickinson College,” Common Hour Discussion Forum, Dickinson College, October 2007
- Lecture, “Buscando la Bolivia Imaginada: Entre ‘Guerra del Gas’ y Asamblea Constituyente,” Spanish Club Guest Speaker Series, Dickinson College, February 2007

PARTICIPATION AT SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- Chair/Discussant, Comparative Perspectives panel, “Reconciling Customary Law Norms, Identity-Related Conflicts, and State Political Institutions: Mexico’s Multicultural Experiment in Comparative Perspective” (international conference and forthcoming edited volume),

American University, Washington, DC, February 2009
Participant, "Politics and Society in Contemporary Latin America," Kellogg Institute for International Studies Regional Workshop on Latin America, University of Notre Dame, May 2006
Participant, "Descentralización: Consideraciones para un debate constitucional" [Decentralization: Considerations for a constitutional debate], FES-ILDIS, La Paz, Bolivia, April 2004
Participant, "Constitutional Design 2000," Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, December 1999

TEACHING INNOVATIONS & COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Classroom Innovations (a selected list)

Developed online portfolio for student writing in first-year seminar course at the University of Mississippi
Developed course blogs to foster student discussion and participation outside of classroom setting; used in various courses at Western Michigan University
Developed three-hour RISK role-playing simulation on the effects of regime type and role of non-state actors in international politics; used at Western Michigan University
Developed other shorter in-class role-playing simulations for use in comparative politics and democratization courses; used in various courses at Dickinson College and Mount St. Mary's University

New Courses Developed

"Travel as a Method of Inquiry," writing-intensive first-year seminar designed to encourage students to integrate travel (especially study abroad) into their own education, at the University of Mississippi
"Politics and Culture of the Andes," for inclusion in the Non-Western Studies curriculum, at Mount Saint Mary's University (approved, but not taught)
"Democracy and Democratization," survey of new democracies and related issues, at Dickinson College (where it had not been taught for many years) and Mount Saint Mary's University (where it was introduced as a new course)
"Democracy and Its Discontents," multidisciplinary exploration of the relationship between liberalism, socialism, and fascism to democratic ideals, at Dickinson College
"Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America," multidisciplinary study of populism and its relation to democratic theory with a focus on selected Latin American populist leaders, at Dickinson College and the University of Mississippi

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative politics: institutions, democratization, nationalism, modern political ideologies
Latin American politics: political parties, elections and electoral systems, populism, modern Andean political history (with specialization in Bolivia)
Methodology: qualitative methods, comparative method, research design

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Comparative Politics (Dickinson College, Mount St. Mary's University)

International Relations (Western Michigan University)
Introduction to Latin American Studies (Dickinson College)
Latin American Politics (Western Michigan University, Dickinson College, Mount St. Mary's University, University of Mississippi)
Third World Politics (Mount St. Mary's University)
American Foreign Policy (Mount St. Mary's University)
Democracy and Democratization (Dickinson College, Mount St. Mary's University)
Contemporary Political Theory (Western Michigan University)
Research Methods (Dickinson College, Mount St. Mary's University)

First-Year Seminars or Equivalent

Critical Thinking About Politics (Western Michigan University)
Travel as a Method of Inquiry (University of Mississippi)

Senior Seminars

Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America (Dickinson College, University of Mississippi)
Democracy and Its Discontents (Dickinson College)

STUDENT ADVISING

Research Assistants

Erika Salinas (FES-ILDIS, Bolivia), NSF-funded research assistant (assisting with data collection and organization for NSF SES-0751662), 2009
Juliana Horwath (Dickinson College), Dana Research Assistant (assisted with preliminary data collection in anticipation of NSF grant), 2007-2008

University of Mississippi, Croft Institute

Joseph Bateman, "Conflict in the Peruvian Amazon: A Study of Political Instability Bagua Region," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2009-2010
R. J. Malefant, "The Role of Soccer in Class Construction in Uruguay," Croft Institute for International Studies, 2009-2010
Michael Moore, "Capitalization and the Failure of Neoliberalism in Bolivia," Croft Institute for International Studies, 2009-2010

Dickinson College

Maciej Turek, Graduate Fellow and Guest Scholar, Jagiellonian University (Kraków, Poland) and the Copernicus Society of America, pre-doctoral research on the American vice presidency (assisted with methodology and research design), 2008
Brian Booher, "Countering a Global Trend: Popular Resistance to Neoliberalism in Chile, France, and Australia," Political Science Honors Thesis, Spring 2008
Lindsay Robinson, "Decentralization in Sub-Saharan Africa: Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia in Comparative Perspective" Political Science Honors Thesis, Spring 2008
Alice Drozdiak, "María, Why Don't You Write? The Role of Sexual Language in Life Narratives of Colonial Mexican Mystics," Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008
Shana Ellsbury, "Authoritarianism at the State Level: Oaxaca and Its Implications for Mexico's Democratization," Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008

Melissa Nolan, "La polémica de la memoria y el futuro de la democracia en Chile," Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008

SERVICE & OTHER CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

University of Mississippi

Croft Institute of International Studies, Latin American concentration faculty, 2009-present
First-Year Seminar Committee, Center for Writing and Rhetoric, 2009-present
Culture Research Group, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2009-present
Methods Reading Group, Department of Political Science, 2009-present
Co-founder and member, faculty soccer team, 2009-present

Mount St. Mary's University

Pre-Law Faculty Search Committee, 2009
Honors Committee, 2009
Intercultural Development Advisory Committee, 2008-2009
Non-Western Studies core faculty, 2008-2009
Faculty Writing Group, 2008-2009

Dickinson College

Interim Director, Latin American Studies Certificate Program, 2007-2008
Latin American Studies core faculty, 2006-2008
Faculty adviser, Sigma Lambda Beta (historically Latino multicultural social fraternity), 2007-2008
Supervisor, Dana Research Assistant, 2007-2008
Supervisor, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, 2007
Oral examiner, International Studies Program, 2007
Junior Faculty Works in Progress Seminar, 2007
Co-founder and member, faculty soccer team, 2006-2008

Western Michigan University

Political Science Graduate Student Association (various executive positions), 1998-2003
Co-founder and member, The Democracy Group (graduate student working group on democratic theory and democratization issues), 1998-2003
Graduate adviser, Sigma Lambda Beta (historically Latino multicultural social fraternity), 1999-2002
Research assistant for Emily Hauptmann with APSA-sponsored research on history of postwar political theory; also helped develop new PhD and MA reading lists, 2001
Research assistant for Ashlyn Kuersten with NSF (SES-9911284) Court of Appeals Database project (data organization and online database construction), 2000
Research assistant for Emily Hauptmann with APSA-sponsored research on history of postwar political theory, 1999

RESEARCH & OTHER RELEVANT TRAVEL

Research trip to Bolivia, funded by National Science Foundation (SES-0751662), May-June 2010
Research trip to Bolivia, funded by National Science Foundation (SES-0751662), June-July 2009
Dissertation field research to Bolivia, funded through IIE Fulbright, September 2003-July 2004

Service trip to El Salvador, team leader and translator for Kalamazoo sister parish delegation, July 2002

Pre-dissertation field research trip to Bolivia, June-July 2001

Service trip to El Salvador, translator for Kalamazoo sister parish delegation, November 2000

Pre-dissertation field research trip to Bolivia, May-July 1998

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Executive Council, Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association (2007-present)

Editorial consultant: Soomo Publishing (revising “Comparing Governments” online materials)

Manuscript reviewer: *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Latin American Politics & Society*, *The Latin Americanist*, Wiley-Blackwell, Routledge

Media interviews: *The Atlantic*, *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Wall Street Journal*, McClatchy News Service, Bloomberg News Service, Voice of America, Public Radio International, Inter-American Dialogue, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, *Politiken* (Denmark), *Le Jeudi* (Luxembourg)

Featured guest, “Latin America’s New Socialism,” *Open Source*, Public Radio International, January 3, 2006 (podcast: <http://www.radioopensource.org/latin-americas-new-socialism>)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (Sections: Comparative Politics; Comparative Democratization; Political Organizations & Parties; International History & Politics)

Midwest Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association (Sections: Political Institutions; Bolivian Studies)

Midwest Association of Latin American Studies

Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

Bolivian Studies Association

LANGUAGES & OTHER SKILLS

Native fluency (written and conversational) in Spanish and English; comprehension abilities in Italian, Portuguese, and Catalan

Proficient in various software packages, including: Microsoft Office applications (Windows & Mac), STATA, SPSS, Minitab, Blackboard, Movable Type, HTML & CSS, and general web design and collaborative software packages

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