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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Jackson State University, 2013–present
Croft Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, The University of Mississippi, 2009-2013
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Mount St. Mary's University, 2008-2009
Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American Politics, Dickinson College, 2006-2008

EDUCATION

PhD Political Science, Western Michigan University, 2007
Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Theory
Dissertation: "Democracy on Stilts: Bolivia's Democracy from Stability to Crisis"
MA Political Science, Western Michigan University, 1999
BS Political Science, History, and Latin American Studies (minor), Central Michigan University, 1997

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2015 Centellas, Miguel. "Mixed-Member Election Reform and Candidate Selection in Bolivia's 1993 and 1997 Legislative Elections." *The Latin Americanist* (forthcoming)
- 2013 Gugiu, Mihaiela R. and Miguel Centellas. "The Democracy Cluster Classification Index." *Political Analysis* 21 (3): 334-349.
- 2012 Centellas, Miguel and Gregory J. Love. "We're Off to Replace the Wizard: Lessons from a Collaborative Group Project Assessment." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54 (3): 506-512.
- 2011 Centellas, Miguel. "Preaching What We Practice: Bringing Scope and Methods 'Back In'." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44 (4): 817-822.
- 2010 Centellas, Miguel. "Savina Cuéllar and Bolivia's New Regionalism." *Latin American Perspectives* 37 (4): 161-176. doi: 10.1177/0094582X10372510
- Centellas, Miguel. "Pop Culture in the Classroom: *American Idol*, Karl Marx, and Alexis de Tocqueville." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 43 (3): 561-565.
- 2009 Centellas, Miguel. "Electoral Reform, Regional Cleavages, and Party System Stability in Bolivia." *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 1 (2): 115-131.
- 2008 Centellas, Miguel. "From 'Parliamentarized' to 'Pure' Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003." *The Latin Americanist* 52 (3): 5-30. [reprinted in "Democracy in Latin America" special 2009 online issue]

Book Chapters

- 2013 Centellas, Miguel. "Bolivia's New Multicultural Constitution: The 2009 Constitution in Historical and Comparative Perspective." In Michael S. Danielson and Todd Eisenstadt (eds.), *Understanding Latin America's Multiculturalism and Autonomy Movements*, 88-110. New York: Oxford University Press.

- 2012 Centellas, Miguel. "Bolivia." In Freedom House, *Countries at the Crossroads 2011: A Summary of Democratic Governance*, 89-110. New York: Rowan & Littlefield.

Invited Scholarly Articles

- 2015 Centellas, Miguel. "The 2014 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Bolivia." *Electoral Studies* (forthcoming)
- Centellas, Miguel. "Cycles of Reform: Placing Evo Morales's Bolivia in Context." *Latin American Research Review* 50 (1): 229-241.
- 2011 Centellas, Miguel. "Beyond Caudillos: The Need to Create a Strong Multiparty System." *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* 11 (1): 81-82.
- 2010 Centellas, Miguel. "Bolivia's Radical Decentralization." *Americas Quarterly* 4 (3): 34-38.
- Alpert, Alexandra, Miguel Centellas, and Matthew S. Singer. "The 2009 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Bolivia." *Electoral Studies* 29 (4): 757-761.
- 2009 Centellas, Miguel, Jonathan C. Eastvold, Renee Bukovchik Van Vechten, and Tyson D. King-Meadows. "2009 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summaries: Core Curriculum and General Education." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 42 (3): 577-579.

Publications in Reference Works

- 2014 "Government & Politics: Bolivia." *Handbook of Latin American Studies* 69 (Austin: University of Texas Press): 100-112.
- 2012 "Bolivia US Military Anti-Drug Program, 1986." *Encyclopedia of US-Latin American Relations*. (Thousand Oaks, CA: CQ Press): 87-88.
- "National Revolutionary Movement (MNR-Bolivia)." *Encyclopedia of US-Latin American Relations* (Thousand Oaks, CA: CQ Press): 643-644.
- "Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)." *Encyclopedia of US-Latin American Relations* (Thousand Oaks, CA: CQ Press): 833-835.
- "United States and Andean Trade Preferences Act, 1991." *Encyclopedia of US-Latin American Relations* (Thousand Oaks, CA: CQ Press): 909-911.
- 2008 "Tabora Pizarro, Miguel de los Santos (1833-1906)." *Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture*, 2nd ed. (Detroit: Charles Scribner's Sons): Volume 6 (T-Z): 3.

Book Reviews

- 2014 *The Rise of Ethnic Politics in Latin America*, by Raúl Madrid. *Journal of Politics* 76 (3): e14.
- 2009 *Las Vías de emancipación en Bolivia: Conversaciones con Álvaro García Linera*, by Pablo Stefanoni, Franklin Ramirez, and Maristella Svampa. *Americas Quarterly* 3 (4): 134-135.

Brief Commentary & Scholarly Engagement

- 2010 "Bolivia's Regional Elections: A Setback for Evo Morales." *AQ Online*, April 8
<http://www.americasquarterly.org/bolivia-regional-elections-april2010>
- 2009 "The Second-Term Challenge for Bolivia's Evo Morales." *AQ Online*, December 15
<http://www.americasquarterly.org/evo-morales-second-term>
- "Estado plurinacional y elecciones multipartidarias." *Tiempo Político* (Bolivia), July 17
- 2008 "Bolivia's New International Stage." *e-International Relations*, July
<http://www.e-ir.info/2008/07/03/bolivia's-new-international-stage/>
- 2007 "Reelección indefinida y 'democradura': ¿un modelo chavista para Bolivia?" *Tiempo Político* (Bolivia), August 24
- "Ingeniería electoral: el sistema de voto alternativo." *Tiempo Político* (Bolivia), May 25

- 2005 “¿Y qué de las prefecturas? Proteger al ciudadano.” *Tiempo Político* (Bolivia), September 1
- 2004 “Estado de derecho cómo necesidad: Las condiciones mínimas para la democracia.” *Tiempo Político* (Bolivia), June 24
- “¿Democracia de referéndum?” *Tiempo Político* (Bolivia), March 11

Works in Progress

- Centellas, Miguel and Cy Rosenblatt. “Do Introductory Political Science Courses Raise Political Efficacy? Findings from a Survey of a Large Public University” (under review, *PS: Political Science & Politics*)
- Hamilton, Robert F. and Miguel Centellas. “Chile’s ‘Exceptionalism’ Reconsidered: A Comparative Analysis of Twentieth-Century Democracy in Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina” (preparing to submit)
- Centellas, Miguel. “Democracy in the Americas in the 20th Century: An Empirical Approach to Measurement” (to be completed by February 2015)

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2008 National Science Foundation Grant Co-Investigator (SES-0751662; PIs: Matthew Shugart, Ellis Kraus, and Robert Pekkanen), 2008-2012
- 2006 American Academy of Political and Social Science, Graduate Fellow
- 2003 Fulbright Fellowship, 2003-2004

Institutional Awards

- 2014 Academy for Research & Scholarly Engagement, Center for University Scholars, Jackson State University (2014-2015)
- Undergraduate Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts
- 2011 Open Education Resources Curriculum Development Grant (with Jacob Kathman), Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, University of Mississippi
- Teaching Development Grant, Center for Writing & Rhetoric, University of Mississippi
- 2010 Summer Development Grant, Division of Outreach, University of Mississippi
- Teaching Development Grant, Center for Writing & Rhetoric, University of Mississippi
- 2009 Provost’s Teaching Development Grant, Mount St. Mary’s University
- 2007 Dana Research Grant, Dickinson College (2007-2008)

Graduate Awards

- 2006 Research Award, The Graduate College, Western Michigan University
- 2005 Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate College, Western Michigan University (2005-2006)
- George W. Kline Memorial Award, Western Michigan University
- 2001 All-University Graduate Teaching Award
- 2000 George W. Kline Memorial Award, Western Michigan University
- 1998 Doctoral Associate, The Graduate College, Western Michigan University (1998-2004)
- 1997 The Graduate College Fellowship, Western Michigan University (1997-1998)
- Alpha Kappa Mu Honors Society

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 “The Politics of Identity: Regionalism in Bolivia under Evo Morales,” The Walker Institute for Latin American Studies, University of South Carolina, February 12

- 2012 “Integrando metodología y materia en ciencias sociales: Una perspectiva pedagógica,” Universidad Católica de Bolivia (La Paz, Bolivia), June 6
- 2011 “¿El Movimiento Autonomico en Santa Cruz Como Movimiento Étnico? Consideraciones Preliminares,” Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (La Paz, Bolivia), June 16
- 2009 “Lula’s Political *Bossa Nova*: South America at the Dawn of its Third Century,” Pan American Day Symposium, Villanova University, April 15
- 2008 Panel: “Political Polarization in the Andes,” Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, December 9

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invitational Conferences

- 2014 Panelist: “Pedagogy and the Power of Place,” Symbols of Exclusion: The Semiotics of Race in Public Spaces Symposium, University of Mississippi, October 24
- 2009 Discussant: Comparative Perspectives Panel. Conference: “Reconciling Liberal Pluralism and Group Rights: Oaxaca, Mexico’s Multiculturalism Experiment in Comparative Perspective.” American University, Washington, DC, February 19-20

Panels Organized

- 2014 “Elections, Subnational Politics, and Representation.” LASA, Chicago, May 21-24
- 2013 “Institutionalization of Judge Selection and Professionalization and Impact on Judicial Decision-Making.” LASA, Washington, DC, May 29-June 1
- 2012 “Subnational Actors and Governance Institutions.” LASA, San Francisco, May 23-26
- 2010 “Bolivia During *Tiempos de Cambio*.” LASA, Toronto, October 6-9
- 2009 “New Party Dynamics and Elections in Latin America,” LASA, Rio de Janeiro, June 11-14

Papers Presented

- 2015 “Democracy in the Americas in the 20th Century: An Empirical Approach to Measurement.” SECOLAS, Charleston, SC, March 12-14
- 2014 “Candidate Selection in Bolivia’s Mixed-Member System: Determinants of Candidate Selection in Bolivia’s 1993 and 1997 Legislative Elections.” LASA, Chicago, May 21-24; and SECOLAS, New Orleans, March 27-29
- 2013 “Legislative Turnover and Institutional Reforms: Evidence from the Bolivian Case.” APSA, Chicago, August 29-September 1; and LASA, Washington, DC, May 29-June 1
- “Reforming the Judiciary by Election: Assessing the Role of Candidate Demographics in Bolivia’s 2011 Judicial Elections” (with Laura Suaznabar). APSA, Chicago, August 29-September 1; and LASA, Washington, DC, May 29-June 1
- “Somos Autonomistas de Siempre?: Public University Politics and Negotiations of Autonomy in Bolivia” (with Katherine M. Centellas). SPSA, Orlando, January 3-5
- 2012 “Regional Party Dynamics in Bolivia: Regionalized Party Politics in a Decentralizing State,” LASA, San Francisco, May 23-26
- “Political Efficacy and Introductory Political Science Courses: Findings from a Survey of a Large Public University,” APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Washington, DC, February 17-19
- 2011 “Measuring Competitiveness of Party Systems and Electoral Regimes in Latin America, 1985-2010.” MPSA, Chicago, March 31-April 3
- “‘We’re Off to Replace the Wizard’: Lessons from a Collaborative Group Project Assignment” (with Gregory J. Love). APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Albuquerque, February 11-13

- 2010 “The Santa Cruz *Autonomía* Movement: Preliminary Considerations of a Case of Non-Indigenous Ethnic Popular Mobilization.” LASA, Toronto, October 6-9; and APSA, Washington, DC, September 2-5
 “Bridging the Gap: Between Research Methods Courses and Senior Theses.” APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Philadelphia, February 5-7
- 2009 “The Political Economy of Bolivia’s New Regionalism: A Look at Electoral Patterns in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and Chuquisaca” (with Miguel A. Buitrago). MPSA, Chicago, April 2-5
 “Pop Culture in the Classroom: *American Idol*, Karl Marx, and Alexis de Tocqueville.” APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Baltimore, February 6-8
- 2008 “Bolivia’s Party System after October 2003: Where Did All the Politicians Go?” APSA, Boston, August 28-31
- 2007 “Democratization, Social Crisis, and National Reinvention: Evidence from the Bolivian Case.” LASA, Montreal, September 5-8
 “From ‘Parliamentarized’ to ‘Pure’ Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003.” MPSA, Chicago, April 12-15
 “Forging a New Social Contract? Bolivia’s 2006 Constituent Assembly Election.” MPSA, Chicago, April 12-15
- 2006 “Imagining Bolivia: The Struggle for Democracy in the Midst of Competing Visions of the Nation.” MPSA, Chicago, April 20-23
- 2005 “Mixed-Member Proportional Electoral Systems in New Democracies: The Bolivian Experience.” MPSA, Chicago, April 7-10
- 2002 “Electoral Systems and the Formation of Democratic Party Systems: Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru.” MPSA, Chicago, April 25-28
- 2001 “Parliamentarized Presidentialism: A New Model of Executive-Legislative Relations.” LASA, Washington, DC, September 6-8
 “Parliamentarized Presidentialism: New Democracies, Constitutional Engineering, and the Bolivian Model.” MPSA, April 19-22
- 2000 “Polyarchy in Five South American States: Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Democracy, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela.” MPSA, Chicago April 27-30
 “Decentralization and Democratization in Bolivia.” LASA, Miami, March 16-18
- 1999 “The Consolidation of Polyarchy in Bolivia, 1985-1997.” MPSA, Chicago, April 15-17

Round Tables & Workshops

- 2012 Panelist: “Pressing Issues, Innovative Approaches,” Lunch Plenary Panel, APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Washington, DC, February 17-19
- 2011 Workshop: “Preaching What We Practice: Bringing Methods ‘Back In’ Across the Political Science Curriculum.” APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Albuquerque, February 11-13

Discussant

- 2014 “Foreign States and Democratization.” Mississippi Political Science Association, Oxford, Mississippi, February 7-8
- 2012 “Recent Political Change in Latin America and its Impact on Democracy.” LASA, San Francisco, May 23-26
- 2011 “Military Regimes and Transition to Democracy.” MPSA, Chicago, March 31-April 3
- 2009 “Subnational Perspectives on Democracy and Party Competition in Latin America.” MPSA, Chicago, April 2-5

2007 “Party Systems in Latin America.” MPSA, Chicago, April 12-15

CAMPUS TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 “‘Doing’ Research: An Applications Toolkit,” Graduate Pro Seminar, Jackson State University, November 17
- 2012 “50 Shades of Brown: Being Hispanic/Latino in Academia,” Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Lecture, University of Mississippi, October 9
- 2011 “Preaching What We Practice: Bringing Scope and Methods ‘Back In’ to Research Writing,” Center for Writing and Rhetoric, University of Mississippi, April 11
- 2010 “The Federalism That Dares Not Speak Its Name: Bolivia after the April 4 Regional and Local Elections,” Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi, April 21
- 2008 “Latin America: The Next US President’s Agenda,” Great Decisions Forum, Mount St. Mary’s University, November 17
- Panelist, “Does the Democratic Form of Government Need to be Anchored in Religious Values?” Philosophical Society Forum, Mount St. Mary’s University, November 3
- 2007 Panelist, “A Living Wage for Dickinson College,” Common Hour Forum, Dickinson College, October 18

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Contributing Editor, *Handbook of Latin American Studies* (Library of Congress), 2013-present

Bolivia country-expert coder/reviewer for:

- Electoral Integrity Project, directed by Pippa Norris (Harvard), 2014
- Money, Politics & Transparency, Global Integrity, 2014
- Varieties of Democracy Project (V-DEM), directed by Michael Coppedge (Notre Dame), John Gerring (Boston University), Staffan Lindberg (University of Gothenburg, Sweden), 2012
- Freedom House, 2011
- Parties & Presidents in Latin America: Data from Expert Surveys in 18 Latin American Countries, directed by Nina Weischoefer (University of Konstanz, Germany) and Kenneth Benoit (LSE), 2007

Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association

Chair: 2010-2012

Executive Council: 2008-2013

Travel Scholarship Award Committee: 2010, 2011, 2014

Donna Lee Van Cott Memorial Book Award Selection Committee: 2012

Bolivian Studies Section, Latin American Studies Association

Executive Council: 2009-2012

Cooperation with State Department (through Mississippi-Bolivia State Partner Program)

- Indigenous/federal law educational exchange, January 2012
- Indigenous leader diplomatic exchange (Bolivia-Choctaw), November 2010
- Briefing to Foreign Service Officers, Jackson, Mississippi, April 2010

Journal manuscript reviewer: *American Political Science Review* • *American Journal of Political Science* • *PS: Political Science & Politics* • *Comparative Political Studies* • *Latin American Research Review* • *Latin American Politics & Society* • *Electoral Studies* • *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* • *Journal of Politics in Latin America* • *The Latin Americanist* • *Latin American & Caribbean Ethnic Studies* • *Law & Social Inquiry* • *Colombia Internacional* • *Journal of Political Science Education*

Book manuscript reviewer: Oxford University Press • Cambridge University Press • Wiley-Blackwell • Pearson Longman • Polity Press • Routledge

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Jackson State University

University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2014-present
Department of Political Science Curriculum Committee, 2014-2015
American Government Faculty Search Committee, 2014
Writing in the Disciplines Course Development, 2014

The University of Mississippi

Director of Bolivia Field School, 2011-2013
Advisor, Model United Nations, 2011-2013
Advisor, Foro Latino, 2009-2011
First-Year Seminar Committee, Center for Writing and Rhetoric, 2009-2010

Mount St. Mary's University

Pre-Law Advisor Faculty Search Committee, 2009
Honors Committee, 2009
Intercultural Development Advisory Committee, 2008-2009

Dickinson College

Interim Director of Latin American Studies, 2007-2008
Advisor, Sigma Lambda Beta, 2007-2008

MEDIA COMMENTARY & INTERVIEWS

Commentary in *Latin American Advisor* (Inter-American Dialogue newsletter)

- “What Should Bolivians Expect of a Third Morales Term?” October 14, 2014
- “Is Bolivia’s Evo Morales a Shoo-In for a Third Term?” September 2, 2014
- “Does Bolivia’s Morales Face Any Serious Electoral Opposition?” May 28, 2014
- “How Solid is Morales’ Support as He Looks to a Third Term?” May 13, 2013
- “Will a New Law in Bolivia Silence Free Expression?” October 29, 2010
- “Is Morales Dealing Effectively With Protests in Bolivia?” August 24, 2010
- “Were the Elections a Win for Morales, A Victory of the Opposition, Or a Draw?” April 8, 2010
- “Is Bolivia’s Evo Morales a Shoo-In for Re-Election?” *Latin American Advisor*, September 10, 2009

Guest on *Worldview* with Jerome McDonnell (WBEZ-NPR)

- “Attacks on Gaza, Bolivian child labor laws, and French hospitality,” July 14, 2014
<https://soundcloud.com/wbez-worldview/attacks-on-gaza-bolivian-child-labor-laws-and-french-hospitality>
- “Evo Morales kicks USAID out of Bolivia,” May 2, 2013 <https://soundcloud.com/wbez-worldview/evo-morales-kicks-usaid-out-of>
- “Underneath the sweater: Bolivia’s Evo Morales faces mounting opposition,” November 2, 2011
<http://www.wbez.org/episode-segments/2011-11-02/underneath-sweater-bolivia-s-evo-morales-faces-mounting-opposition-93691>

Guest on *Open Source* with Christopher Lydon (PRI)

- “Latin America’s New Socialism” (with Jeffrey Sachs and Jim Schultz), January 3, 2006
<http://radioopensource.org/latin-americas-new-socialism/>

Media interviews: *The Atlantic*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, *Le Jeudi* (Luxembourg), *Politiken* (Denmark), Anadolu Media (Turkey), Gulan

Media (Kurdistan, Iraq), Associated Press, Bloomberg News Service, McClatchy News Service, Reuters, Voice of America, Al-Jazeera English

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jackson State University—Graduate Courses

Politics of the Developing States (PS 542)
Special Topics: Latin American Politics (PS 583)
Applied Research Seminar: Modern Democracies (PS 584)

Jackson State University—Undergraduate Courses

Modernization & Political Change (PS 352)
Government & Politics in Latin America (PS 353)
Scope & Methods (PS 446)
Senior Research Seminar (PS 447)

The University of Mississippi Bolivia Field School (at Universidad Católica de Bolivia)

Politics & Culture of the Andes (INST 413)
Multidisciplinary Social Science Research Methods (INST 381)

The University of Mississippi

First-Year Seminar: Travel as a Method of Inquiry (LIBA 102)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (POL 102)
Introduction to International Relations (POL 103)
Politics of Latin America (POL 321)
Politics of Russia & Eastern Europe (POL 326)
Transitions to Democracy (POL 329)
Comparative Democratic Institutions (POL 343)
Seminar: Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America (INST 314)
Seminar: Electoral Systems & Party Systems (INST 316)
Seminar: Political Parties in New Democracies (INST 318)
Research Methods for International Studies (INST 381)

Mount St. Mary's University

Comparative Politics (PS 200)
Democracy & Democratization (PS 250)
Comparative Political Systems: Latin America (PS 314)
Third World Political Development (PS 325)
American Foreign Policy (PS 338)
Political Research Methods I (PS 350)

Dickinson College

Introduction to Latin American Studies (LAST 201)
Comparative Politics (POSC 150)
Research Methods (POSC 239)
Latin American Government & Politics (POSC 251)
Democracy & Democratization (POSC 257)
Seminar: Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America (POSC 290)
Seminar: Democracy and Its Discontents (POSC 390)

Western Michigan University (as Instructor)

Critical Thinking About Politics (PSCI 105)
Introduction to Political Science (PSCI 100)
International Relations (PSCI 250)
Latin American Politics (PSCI 345)
Contemporary Political Theory (PSCI 362)

STUDENT ADVISING

Research Assistants

- Milos Davidovic, Global UGRAD research assistant (assisted with data collection on postcommunist party systems), 2013
- Juan Carlos Reyes (Bolivia), funded by NSF SES-0751662 (final data collection), 2011
- Viviana Zamora (Bolivia), funded by NSF SES-0751662 (data collection and organization), 2010
- Erika Salinas (Bolivia), funded by NSF SES-0751662 (data collection and organization), 2009
- Juliana Horwath (Dickinson College), Dana Research Assistant (assisted with preliminary data collection in anticipation of NSF grant), 2007-2008

University of Mississippi

- Courtney Taylor, "Festivals and Revelry: A Study of Identity in the Cantons of Modern Switzerland," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2013-2014
- Samira Abumaneh, "The Success of an Ethnic Political Party: A Case Study of Arab Political Parties in Israel," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2013-2014
- Emily Wrigley, "Indigenous Justice: Bolivian Community Justice and its Role in the State," Croft International Studies Thesis, 2012-2013 [winner of Croft Latin American Thesis Prize]
- Leighton Wright, "The Politics of History: A Study of Social Science Textbooks and Regime Change in Uruguay," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2012-2013
- Emily Ambos, "Divergent Immigration Patterns in Ecuador, Argentina, and Mexico," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- Shantala Weiss, "Income Inequality and Total Tax Wedge: A Comparative Study of Denmark, Uruguay, and Mississippi," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- William Magee, "Student Protest and International Youth Culture: The 1968 protests in Mexico, Argentina, and France," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- Rob Hamilton, "Explaining Differences in Quality of Democracy in Chile and Uruguay," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- Leigh Cummins, "From Riches to Rags: An Analysis of Argentina's Uneven Development from 1880 through 2010," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2010-2011
- William Grossenbacher, III: "A Look at Evo Morales and Sustainable Development in Bolivia," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2010-2011
- Joseph Bateman, "Conflict in the Peruvian Amazon: A Study of Political Instability Bagua Region," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2009-2010 [winner of Taylor Medal and Croft Latin American Thesis Prize]
- Michael Moore, "Capitalization and the Failure of Neoliberalism in Bolivia," Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2009-2010

Dickinson College

- Brian Booher, "Countering a Global Trend: Popular Resistance to Neoliberalism in Chile, France, and Australia," Political Science Honors Thesis, 2007-2008
- Lindsay Robinson, "Decentralization in Sub-Saharan Africa: Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia in Comparative Perspective" Political Science Honors Thesis, 2007-2008 [winner of Bruce Andrews Prize]
- 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

FIELD RESEARCH

Bolivia: May-August 1998, June-July 2001, September 2003–July 2004, June 2007, June-July 2009, May-June 2010, May-July 2011, May-July 2012

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
Spanish (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Latin American Studies Association
Southeastern Conference of Latin American Studies

REFERENCES

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