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EDUCATION

PhD **University of Florida**

Political Science (expected: 2015)

First field: International Relations

Second field: Comparative Politics (high pass)

Third field: Political Theory

Graduate Certificate: Latin American Studies

Dissertation

A New World Economic Geography: "Turcos," Export Agencies, and the Rise of Arab-South American Relations

Committee: Ido Oren (chair); Aida Hozic; Leann Brown; Philip Williams; Matthew Jacobs

MA **University of Florida**

Political Science (2012)

GPA: 3.98

BA **University of Pittsburgh**

Political Science, English Writing (with honors), Latin American Studies (2005)

GPA: 3.94 (summa cum laude)

Semesters abroad: Universidad de la Habana, Cuba (2003); Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile (2005)

AWARDS/HONORS

Edward H. Moseley Award, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) 2012

Best graduate student paper; presented at the 59th Annual SECOLAS Meeting, Gainesville, FL (March 29-31); paper title: "The Political Economy of South America's Global South Relations: States, Transnational Capital, and Social Movements"

ForeWord Magazine, Book of the Year finalist (Political Science category) 2008

2008. *The Scramble for Africa: Darfur – Intervention and the USA*. Montreal: Black Rose Books (with Steven Fake).

Bracken Award, University of Pittsburgh
Top junior in the Political Science Department

2004

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

Graduate School Fellow, University of Florida
Highest PhD fellowship award

2010-2014

Research Grants

University of Florida Graduate School

2013: Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award (\$5000)

University of Florida Political Science Department

2013: Summer Research Award (\$750)

Travel Grants

University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies

2013: for paper presentation at the Latin American Studies Association (\$400)

2013: for paper presentation at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (\$300)

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2013: for paper presentation at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (\$300)

University of Florida Graduate Student Council

2013: for paper presentation at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (\$250)

2012: for paper presentation at the International Studies Association (\$250)

University of Florida Political Science Department

2013: for paper presentation at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (\$250)

2012: for paper presentation at the International Studies Association (\$250)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles
(peer-reviewed)

2013. "The Political Economy of South America's Global South Relations: States, Transnational Capital, and Social Movements." *The Latin Americanist* 57(1): 3-20.

2012. "'Today There Are No Indigenous People' in Chile? Connecting the Mapuche Struggle to Anti-Neoliberal Mobilizations in South America." *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 4(2): 125-140.

Book Chapters
(peer-reviewed)

2014. "U.S.-Latin American Relations after September 11, 2001: Between Change and Continuity" In: Bâ, Saër Maty and Immanuel Ness, eds. *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

2014. "Darfur and the West: The Political Economy of 'the World's Worst Humanitarian Crisis'" (with Steven Fake). In: Bâ, Saër Maty and Immanuel Ness, eds. *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Review 2012. Review of: Loveman, Brian. 2010. *No Higher Law: American Foreign Policy and the Western Hemisphere since 1776*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press. In: *Latin American Politics and Society* 54(4): 196-199.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book 2008. *The Scramble for Africa: Darfur – Intervention and the USA*. Montreal: Black Rose Books (with Steven Fake).

Book Chapter 2010. "Chiloé." In: *Viva Travel Guide: Chile*. Viva Publishing.

Selected Articles 2010. "Darfur: The World's Most Famous Humanitarian Disaster." *New Politics* 49: 39-44. Summer (with Steven Fake).
 2010. "Chile Turns Right?" *Foreign Policy in Focus*. January 15.
 2010. "How Much Does Washington Care about African Democracy?" *Los Angeles Times* (online). May 6 (with Steven Fake).
 2009. "Responsibility to Protect?" *Independent Magazine*. May 15 (with Steven Fake).
 2009. "Uncertainty in Sudan." *In These Times*. April (with Steven Fake).
 2009. "What Does Darfur Have To Do with the 'War on Terror'? A Review of Mahmood Mamdani's *Saviors and Survivors*." *Making Sense of Darfur*. April 19.
 2009. "Sudan: Justice or a Poisoned Chalice?" *Green Left Weekly*. March 21 (with Steven Fake).
 2008. "Olympic-Size Hypocrisy on Darfur." *Sudan Tribune*. August 23 (with Steven Fake).
 2007. "Saving Darfur or Salvation Delusion?" *Foreign Policy in Focus*. June 20. (with Steven Fake).
 2004. "The Cuba Conundrum: Plumbing the Depths of America's Long-Running Psychodrama." *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. October 9.

INVITED PAPER PRESENTATION

“Global Governance in the Global South? The Extra-Regional Agenda of the Union of South American Nations.” Workshop: *Regional Organisations as Global Players. Active = Influential?*
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (October 28-29, 2011)

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“The ‘Natural Bridge’: Ethnic Business Networks, Global Capitalism, and the Making of Arab-South American Relations.” XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association.
Washington, DC (May 30, 2013)

“A New World Economic Geography: ‘Turcos,’ Export Agencies, and the Rise of Arab-South American Relations.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies.
Panama City, Panama (March 7, 2013)

“‘The Arab Street Is on Fire’: Protest Movements and Pan-Arab Identity in Today’s Middle East” (with Jonathon Whooley). Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association.
San Diego, CA (April 4, 2012)

“The Political Economy of South America’s Global South Relations: States, Transnational Capital, and Social Movements.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies and the Annual Conference of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida.
Gainesville, FL (March 31, 2012)

“‘The Arab Street Is on Fire’: Protest Movements and Pan-Arab Identity in Today’s Middle East” (with Jonathon Whooley). Annual Conference of the Marxist Reading Group.
Gainesville, FL (March 15, 2012)

“Regional Integration in South America: Theoretical Exploration, South-South Solidarity, and the Challenge to U.S. Hegemony.” Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Symposium, Department of History, University of Florida.
Gainesville, FL (April 9, 2011)

“‘The Arab Street Is on Fire’: Protest Movements and Pan-Arab Identity in Today’s Middle East” (with Jonathon Whooley). Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Symposium, Department of History, University of Florida.
Gainesville, FL (April 9, 2011)

OTHER PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Panel Chair, "Post-Colonial Challenges." Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Symposium, Department of History, University of Florida.
Gainesville, FL (April 9, 2011)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- South American, Latin American, and global political economy
- Globalization and transnationalism
- Arab-South American and African-South American relations
- South-South relations
- International Relations of the Global South
- Postcolonialism and International Relations theory
- Chilean politics
- Qualitative and interpretive methodologies

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Summer 2013: Chile, Argentina, Brazil, United Arab Emirates

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, International Politics of Latin America (INR 4244)
Fall 2013

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations (INR 2001)
Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations (INR 2001)
Discussion leader and grader for two sections of thirty students
Fall 2012

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations (INR 2001)
Grader; delivered lectures on the Global South and economic development; assisted in preparing exams
Spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations (INR 2001)
Discussion leader and grader for two sections of thirty students
Fall 2011

TEACHING INTERESTS

- International relations of Latin America
- U.S.-Latin American relations
- International Relations theory
- Global political economy
- Latin American politics
- Human rights and transitional justice
- Qualitative methods

LECTURES

“‘Saving’ Darfur: Humanitarian Intervention, U.S.-Sudanese Relations, and the New ‘Scramble for Africa.’”

- Amherst College, Amherst, MA (sponsored by the Save Darfur Coalition)
October 30, 2008
- York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA (Amnesty International)
November 3, 2008
- Millersville University, Millersville, PA (Students for a Democratic Society)
November 3, 2008
- American University, Washington, DC (Amnesty International)
November 5, 2008
- Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA (Amnesty International)
November 6, 2008

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Member: Caucus for a New Political Science

International Studies Association

Member: Global South Caucus

Latin American Studies Association

Red de Investigación Interdisciplinaria sobre el Mundo Árabe y América Latina (Interdisciplinary
Research Network on the Arab World and Latin America)

Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2012-present	Grievance Chair, Graduate Assistants United
2012-present	Delegate, Florida Education Association
2011-2013	Departmental Representative for Graduate Assistants United, Political Science Graduate Students Council
2011-2012	Treasurer, Graduate Assistants United
2011-present	State Senator, United Faculty of Florida
2010-present	Department of Political Science Steward, Graduate Assistants United

“Grievances 101.” Panel co-chair. Annual Spring Conference of the Alliance of Graduate Employee Locals (AGEL).
Gainesville, FL (April 6, 2013)

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Spanish (near-native: spoken, written, reading)
Portuguese (intermediate)

OTHER TRAINING

In-classroom use of ResponseWare (clicker) technology

References available upon request