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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2012 **Brown University**, Providence, Rhode Island

M.A. 2007 **Brown University**, Providence, Rhode Island

B.A. 2004 **Providence College**, Providence, Rhode Island
Summa cum laude; Valedictorian with 4.0 GPA

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) Faculty Collaboration Seed Grant 2013, with Fundación Namaste Guatemala (\$3,000); matched by private NGO donor
- Research Interest Group Development Grant 2013 (\$3,500)
- Brown Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2010-2011
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship 2009-2010
- Brown Language Study Fellowship 2009 to study Maya-K'iche'
- P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching 2008
- Brown Graduate Program in Development Summer Travel Fellowship 2007 and 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (September 2012-present)

University of Oregon, Department of Political Science

- PS 330: Introduction to Latin American Governments and Politics (Fall 2012, Winter 2013; Winter, Spring, and Fall 2014, Winter 2015, Fall 2015)
- PS 380: Women in Developing Countries (Winter 2012, Winter 2014, Fall 2014, Winter 2016)
- PS 607: Social Movements (Spring 2014, Winter 2015, Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistant (September 2005-May 2009)

Brown University, Department of Political Science

- Taught sections, graded exams/papers, held office hours, and occasionally guest lectured for following courses:
 - POLS0400: Introduction to International Relations (head TA)
 - POLS1480: Theory of International Relations
 - POLS0200: Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - POLS1100: Congress and Public Policy

Teaching Interests

- Latin American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- Social Movements in Comparative Perspective
- International Development
- Gender and Development

- Gender Politics in the Developing World
- Non-governmental Organizations in the Developing World

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Organizer of the *Globalization, Gender and Development Conference* (October 2014)

University of Oregon

- Organize and raise funds for an interdisciplinary conference on globalization, gender and development that brought together scholars at the University of Oregon and external scholars to present and comment on papers across four themes including: globalization, economic opportunities and new takes on the global assembly line; gender and environmental justice and sustainability; new technologies and new forms of feminist collective action, gender, migration, and care work

Coordinator of the *Américas Research Interest Group* (September 2013-present)

University of Oregon, Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS)

Participating Faculty and Board Member (September 2012-present)

University of Oregon, Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies (CLLAS)

Participating Faculty (October 2012-present)

University of Oregon, Department of International Studies

Co-Managing Editor (August 2010-May 2012); Assistant Editor (May 2008-July 2009)

Studies in Comparative International Development (SCID)

- Assess and review articles for publication in a leading development journal
- Strategize future direction for the journal with the editorial collective
- Manage author-publisher relations and communication with editorial collective

Coordinator for Graduate Student Workshop (September 2011-May 2012)

Brown University, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

- Plan and coordinate workshops in which advanced graduate students studying Latin America and the Caribbean from across the social sciences present and discuss their work in front of interdisciplinary audiences

Graduate Student Fellow (June 2011-present)

Brown University, Center for Careers and Life After Brown (CareerLAB)

- Create new means of communication with graduate students using social marketing channels; research, edit, and write for the CareerLAB website
- Evaluate, plan, and implement career-related services and programs for graduate students

Research Assistant (September 2006-January 2007)

Brown University, Professor Pauline Jones Luong

- Data compilation and statistical analysis

Research Assistant (May 2003-September 2003)

Providence College, Professor Doug Blum

- Data collection, literature review, and minor editing

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

- “Repopulating Development: Agency and Diversity in Development Interventions”
Sociology of Development Conference
Providence, RI, March, 2015
- Neoliberalism’s Uneven Reach: Agency and Diversity among Guatemalan NGOs
Latin American Studies Association Conference
Part of “Neoliberalism and its Aftermaths,” a panel co-organized with Nicholas Copeland
San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015
- “Studying Development from the Bottom-up: The Value of Ethnography of NGOs”
American Sociological Association’s Sociology of Development Conference
Salt Lake City, UT October 24, 2013
- “Empowered or Oppressed: Indigenous Women’s Participation in Evangelical organizations in Guatemala”
International Studies Association
San Francisco, CA, April 6, 2013
- “Recapturing Complexity: The Evolving and Varied Roles of Guatemalan NGOs”
New York State Political Science Association
Niagara University, New York, April 7, 2011
- “Unpacking and Contextualizing Participation”
Invited Talk in Political Economy of Development and Underdevelopment
Wesleyan University, Connecticut, April 6, 2011
- “Ethical Research Practices”
Invited Talk in Radical Politics of Child Birth
University of California Santa Cruz, California, May 28, 2010
- “NGOs and Women/Las ONG y las Mujeres”
Beyond Development: Building Collective Future in Guatemala
Santiago Sacatepéquez, Guatemala, October 25, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

2014. “Countering Convergence: Agency and Diversity Among Guatemalan NGOs.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 56 (2): 141-162.
- “Las ONG y las Mujeres: Los pros y las contras de las ONG en Guatemala” in Rohloff, Peter, Anne Kramer Díaz, and Juan Ajsivinac Sian, eds. 2011. *Más que Desarrollo: Memorias de la Primera Conferencia Bienal sobre Desarrollo y Acción Comunitaria*. Guatemala: Editorial Wuqu’ Kawoq.

UNDER REVIEW AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Through Women’s Eyes: The Everyday Practice and Experience of Development*
Book manuscript in contract with Duke University Press
- “Repopulating Development: An Agent-based Approach to Studying Development Intervention”
Under review after a revise and resubmit
- Globalization, Gender and Development
Special Issue Editor (in process)
- “The Strengths and Limits of ‘Empowerment’ in Evaluating Microfinance”
Working Paper
- “Agency and Syncretic Identities in Indigenous Women’s Collective Action”

Working Paper

“Getting the Most Bang for your Buck: The Long-term Effects of a Microcredit ‘Plus’ Approach”
Working Paper with Michael Aguilera

“Theorizing Microfinance: Beyond Debt and Development”
Working Paper with Smitha Radhakrishnan

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (June 2009)
- Consortium of Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse, NY
- Workshop for the Qualitative Data Repository (March 27-29, 2009)
 - One of two Brown graduate students selected to participate in a workshop to discuss the methodological, technical and ethical issues arising from the establishment of a qualitative data repository with CQMR at the Maxwell School, Syracuse, NY

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA), Women and Politics Research Section
- American Sociological Associations (ASA), Sociology of Development Section
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Guatemalan Solidarity Network (GSN)