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Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

2015 (November) Visiting scholar, Federal University of Minas Gerais (Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil)

2015 (May) Visiting scholar, Federal University of Pernambuco (Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil)

2001-2011 Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

1996-present Andrew Mellon Professor of Comparative Politics, University of Pittsburgh

1996 Professor, “Quantitative Analysis on Latin America,” ICPSR summer methodology program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.


1990-1995 Research in Brazil on electoral system and legislative behavior. Projects supported by National Science Foundation, North-South Center, IRIS Foundation.

1993-1995 Chair, Committee on International Studies, Washington University.
1995-1996  Associate Chair, Department of Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis

1991-1994  Director of Graduate Program, Department of Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis.

1988-1996  Professor of Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis.

1977-1988  Associate Professor of Political Science, Washington University.


1982-1983  Research in Brazil on public finance issues during the transition to democratic government. Focus on five areas: interministerial spending tradeoffs, industrial deconcentration, low-income housing, agricultural development, and wage determination. Project supported by the National Science Foundation.

1980  Research Associate, Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley; research on Latin American budgetary processes.

1976-1978  Tinker Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Scholar at Stanford University; research on Latin American political economy and study in the core graduate curriculum in economics.

1973-1977  Assistant Professor of Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis.

1971-1973  Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of New Mexico

**Education**

Stanford University, B.A., 1966 (Political Science)

Stanford University, Ph.D., 1972 (Political Science). Comparative Politics/Latin America; Organization Theory

Stanford University, 1976-1978, Postdoctoral study in Economics. (completed basic graduate curriculum in economics, including macro- and micro- sequences and development economics)
Publications

Books


Articles


"Reelection and Legislative Power: Surprising Results from Brazil." 2012. Legislative Studies Quarterly. 37:4 (November). (With Saul Cunow, Scott Desposato, and Lucio Renno.)


Work in Progress and Under Review for Publication

“Bureaucratic Capacity in Brazilian States”
(This project has begun with an online survey of public servants and political appointees in 6 Brazilian states. The survey will expand to new states and be repeated in some of the previous states within 12-18 months. The survey will then be followed by case studies in various states focused on particular policy areas.

“Politics and Social Communication in Latin America,”
(This project was a context-sensitive, multi-wave panel survey undertaken at the level of neighborhoods in two Brazilian cities. We identified our main respondents’ political discussants and interviewed these discussants. The project also included an analysis of the content of media communications as well as local networks of political activists. The sites for the project were Juiz de Fora and Caxias do Sul. The National Science Foundation and the University of Pittsburgh supported this research. Currently under review are two articles from the project (one comparing Juiz de Fora and Caxias do Sul, the other on the dynamics of partisan identification when party “brands” change). We are preparing a book manuscript tentatively called “Social Networks and Voting Behavior in Latin America.”

“Political Party Assistance in Morocco.”
This study is part of a multi-year grant from USAID to study political party assistance programs in developing countries.

“Decentralization in Mozambique.”
This study is part of a 10-country study of decentralization undertaken by USAID in 10 Sub-Saharan African countries.

Professional Consulting Experience

2015 Legislative Strengthening and USAID Democracy and Governance assistance. Research Coordinator.

2010 Decentralization in Mozambique. Study part of 10 country USAID project on Decentralization in Sub-Saharan Africa.

2009 Political Party Assistance Programs: Developing New Methodological Tools for Evaluation and Assessment. USAID grant through Higher Education Directorate.

2006 External Review of Political Science Department, UC-Riverside

2005 External Review of Political Science Department, University of Houston

2004 USAID contract (with Mitch Seligson and Anibal Perez-Linan) research Bolivian judiciary and Bolivian congressional deputies.

2002-3  Senior Technical Director, Lusophone section of Afrobarometer, responsible for survey management and analysis in Mocambique and Cabo Verde

2000  Participant, 3rd International Planning Conference for the Afrobarometer Center for Development and Democracy, Accra, Ghana, October 23-27

1999-2000  USAID contract to assist public opinion polling in Moçambique

1992-1993  World Bank mission to Brazil to examine policy making in environmental area

1991-1992  World Bank mission to Angola to examine institutional aspects of public expenditures

1990  International consultant on FUNCEP project on executive-legislative relations

1989-1990  World Bank study of implications of 1989 election in Brazil

1989  World Bank Study of agricultural policy making in Brazil

1988  World Bank mission to Brazil to examine reforms in the coffee marketing board

1987  World Bank mission to Costa Rica to (1) develop new components for Technical Assistance Loan for public sector rationalization and (2) supervise ongoing technical assistance in the area of budgetary reform

1987  World Bank mission to Kuwait to assess institutional issues relevant to Plan Monitoring and Follow-Up system

1986  World Bank mission to Ghana to evaluate public sector management component of Structural Adjustment Credit and propose long-term strategy for assistance in institutional development

1985-1986  USAID, Advisor to Bureau of Science and Technology on planning and design of public sector management projects in Latin America, with special attention to state enterprise reform

1985  World Bank mission to Guinea-Bissau to evaluate public administration component of technical assistance credit
Recent Convention Papers and other Participation (partial list)


“The Brazilian Election of 2012” LASA 2012, San Francisco, CA (with Lucio Renno)

“In Spite of Themselves,” TEDx Pittsburgh speaker, November 19, 2011.


“Rational-choice Institutionalism in Latin America,” delivered at the APSA convention, Washington, September, 2000

“Political Patronage in Latin America, a quantitative approach.” Delivered at the Latin American Studies Association Convention, Miami, FL, 2000.


"Soft Theory, Hard Evidence: Rational Choice and Empirical Investigation in Brazil" (Given at a conference on rational choice theory and the political economy of development at Northwestern University, May 10-12, 1995.)

"Measuring Democracy: How Can We Know It When We See It?" participant in roundtable at Midwest Political Science Association Convention, April, 1996.


"Disparately Seeking Politicians: Strategies and Outcomes in Brazilian Legislative Elections," Latin American Studies Association Convention, October, 1992

Roundtable on "Democracy and Markets," in Midwest Political Science Association Convention, April, 1992

"Class and Clientele in the Dynamics of Electoral Politics," delivered at the Covention of the American Political Science Association, September 1-3, 1989, Atlanta, GA

"Comment on Remmer and Merckx," at the Levy Conference on Latin American Debt, Bard College, October, 1989


"When Soldiers Need Friends: The Search for Legitimacy by an Authoritarian Regime in Retreat," delivered at the Convention of the Latin American Studies Association, April 20, 1985, Albuquerque, New Mexico
**Professional Participation**

Member, editorial board, *American Journal of Political Science*

Member, editorial board, *Colombia Internacional* (Universidad de los Andes)

Chair, Best Paper in Comparative Politics Award, 2001 APSA.

Member, Data Set Prize Committee, APSA organized section on comparative politics

Member, executive committee, APSA organized section on comparative politics

Chair, organized section on political institutions, Latin American Studies Association, 1997.

Professor, ICPSR summer methodology course for Latin Americanists. 1996

Member, ICPSR committee on archived data sets in comparative politics

Chairman, Selection Committee for Award to Outstanding Book in Political Economy, American Political Science Association, 1993

Member, Editorial Board, *Latin American Research Review* and *Journal of Politics*

Reviewer: APSR, AJPS, LARR, JOP, ISQ, National Science Foundation, etc.

**Recent Invited Lectures**


“Party Discipline in Brazil’s Chamber of Deputies.” Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. October 24, 1999.

“Institutions and Governance in the Third World.” Keynote address, West Virginia Political Science Association Convention, 1998, Charlestown WV.


“Institutions and Pork in Brazil,” Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, 1992.


“Como funciona o sistema eleitoral brasileiro” University of Brasília, Department of Political Science and International Relations, 1991.

“Institutions and the Transition to Democracy in Brazil,” University of London, Center for Latin American Studies and Center for Brazilian Studies, 1990.


“Survival Strategies of Politicians in Latin America,” Rutgers, Department of Political Science, 1990.


“Survival Strategies of Politicians in Latin America,” UCLA, Department of Political Science, 1989.

Recent Awards

USAID-HED (Higher Education for Development) grant “to study USAID’s conceptual framework for political party support and develop new tools to assess and evaluate political party programs.” $685,000 over two years. (with Morgenstern, Finkel, Perez-Linan). May 2009.


Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Fellow, 1994-1995
North-South Center Grant, 1994-95 ($16,500)
Sabbatical Leave Award, Washington University, 1994-1995
IRIS (Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector) Project, 1994, ($12,000)
National Science Foundation Research Grant, 1990-1991 ($86,000)
National Science Foundation Research Grant, 1982-1984 ($72,000)
Sabbatical Leave Award, Washington University, 1980-1981
Fulbright Faculty Research Abroad Program, 1980 (declined)
Tinker Foundation PostDoctoral Fellowship, 1976-1978

Research Affiliations

University of Brasília (UnB), visiting scholar, 1990 and 1993.
University Research Institute of Rio de Janeiro (IUPERJ), visiting researcher, 1982-1983

Dissertations Chaired at Washington University

Michelle Lorenzini, "Exchange Rate Decision Making in the Asian Tigers," 2000
Migara de Silva, "Dutch Disease in Indonesia and Nigeria," 1996.
Margaret Sherraden, "Social Policy Reform in Mexico: Rural Primary Health Services," 1989 (Department of Sociology)
Rosario Espinal, "Classes, Power and Political Change in the Dominican Republic," 1985 (Department of Sociology)
Thomas Lancaster, "Regime Change and Public Policy in Spain," 1983
Lois Oppenheim, "Quest for Unity in Allende's Chile," 1980
Dissertations Chaired or co-chaired at the University of Pittsburgh

Amy Erica Smith
Miguel Garcia
German Lodola
Luis Jimenez
Laura Wills
Juan Carlos Rodriguez-Raga
Jon Hiskey
Vince McIlhinney
Lucio Renno
Dinorah Azpuru
Taeko Hiroi
William Lies

Languages: Portuguese and Spanish