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EDUCATION

Ph.D. The University of Michigan, 1987.

Dissertation: "Leadership Strategies and Regime Change under Authoritarianism: Government Performance and Support-Building in the Philippines." Fieldwork: Manila, Philippines, 1983-1984.

M.A. The University of Michigan, 1983.

Thesis: "One Leader, One Vote: Asian Democracies in Indonesia and the Philippines."

B.A. Boston College, 1980, Summa Cum Laude

Major: Political Science. Overseas Study: Ateneo de Manila University, 1978-1979

Born in Brighton MA, 7 October 1958: U.S. citizen.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Full-Time Academic Appointments

1998- Associate Professor, Pennsylvania State University

1993-1998 Associate Professor, Texas A&M University

1987-1993 Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University

1986-1987 Instructor, Grinnell College

Temporary and other Appointments

2004-05 Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2004 Visiting Scholar, Peace Research Institute of Oslo, Norway (May-June)

1998-99 Visiting Associate Professor, California Institute of Technology

1997 Visiting Scholar, University of Washington, Seattle (Summer)

1996 Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Summer)

1990 Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Summer)

1988 Visiting Research Associate, Institute of Philippine Culture, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines (May-July)

1985 Lecturer, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Spring)

1983-84 Visiting Research Associate, Institute of Philippine Culture, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

1983 Lecturer, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Summer)

Overseas Fieldwork Experience

Field research in Manila, May-July 1988. Conducted 67 elite interviews and collected archival data concerning the political roles of the Roman Catholic Church and the military. (This work formed the basis for my book, *Fragile Democracies*.)

Field research in Manila, October 1983 - June 1984. Conducted 112 interviews and collected archival data concerning elite behavior of assemblymen and bureaucrats. (This work formed the basis for my dissertation.)

Research Interests

Democratization, Politics of Developing Countries, Comparative Political Elites, Civil Conflict.

Courses Taught

Pennsylvania State University: Civil Conflict (Graduate Seminar), Comparative Political Institutions: Democracy and Democratization (Graduate Seminar), Comparative Political Institutions: Regimes and Transitions (2-semester Graduate Seminar), Democratization in Asia (cross-listed with Asian Studies program, capstone class for Asian Studies majors). Government and Politics of East Asia, Political Processes in Underdeveloped Systems, Government and Politics of Africa, Introduction to Independent Thesis Research (Honors Seminar), Democratization (Honors Seminar), Transitions Toward Democracy (Freshman Seminar).

Texas A&M University: Democratization (Graduate Seminar), Comparative Political Systems (Graduate Pro-seminar), Introduction to Comparative Politics (Honors), Third World Politics (Honors), Third World Politics, Asian Government and Politics, American National Government.

Grinnell College: Comparative Politics: Third World, Comparative Politics: Pluralist Political Systems, Authoritarianism, Introduction to Authoritarian Nations, Introduction to Political Science.

CURRENT RESEARCH

“Critical Cooperation”

The first part of this book-length project compares the explanatory strength of two contending theories of democratic consolidation by looking at the influence of a country's socioeconomic factors and institutional structures on its level of democracy. This stage of the analysis is based on data collected for 114 countries from 1951 to 1992. The second part applies game theoretical concepts to a sample of countries to investigate the level of elite cooperation during national crises. Thus, the project tests the relative effects of socioeconomic, institutional, and elite factors on democratic consolidation. (This project was supported in part by NSF Grant SBR-9720593, which funded a Visiting Associate Professorship at the California Institute of Technology and data collection during 1998-99.) Draft manuscript presented at the Cambridge University Press/Seattle Seminar.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Negotiating Democracy: Transitions from Authoritarian Rule. Pittsburgh: The University of Pittsburgh Press, Series in Policy and Institutional Studies, 1996. (with Michelle M. Taylor)

Fragile Democracies: The Legacies of Authoritarian Rule. Pittsburgh: The University of Pittsburgh Press, Series in Policy and Institutional Studies, 1995.

Journal Articles

Using Sequences to Model Crises. *Political Science Research and Methods* (forthcoming). (with Matthew Wilson)

Correlation versus Interchangeability: The Limited Robustness of Empirical Findings on Democracy using Highly Correlated Datasets. *Political Analysis* 11 (2003): 196-203. (with Claudiu Tufis)

The Benefits of Difficult Transitions. *Democratization* 7 (2000): 46-62.

Reprinted in Reynaldo Yunuen Ortega Ortiz, ed., *Caminos a la democracia* (D.F., Mexico: Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de Mexico, 2001).

Theories of Military Intervention in the Third World: Lessons from the Philippines. *Armed Forces and Society* 17 (1991): 191-210.

The Changing Politicization of the Philippine Roman Catholic Church, 1972-1988. *Pilipinas* 13 (1989): 43-55.

Book Chapters

From Confrontation to Conciliation: The Philippine Path Toward Democratic Consolidation. In Calvin Jillson and James F. Hollifield, eds., *Pathways to Democracy: The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions* (New York: Routledge, 2000), pp. 147-159.

Philippines. In *The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion* (Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1998), pp. 603-605.

Second edition, 2006.

President Marcos, Multinationals, the World Bank, and the United States Government: Domestic and International Political Economy of the Philippine Coconut Industry. In Birol Yeshilada, Charles Brockett, and Bruce Drury, eds., *Agrarian Reform in Reverse* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1987), pp. 131-150. (with Gary Hawes)

Book Reviews

Patricio N. Abinales, ed., *The Revolution Falters: The Left in Philippine Politics After 1986* (Southeast Asia Program Publications [Cornell University], 1996), *Pilipinas* 30 (1998): 113-115.

Deborah J. Yashar, *Demanding Democracy: Reform and Reaction in Costa Rica and Guatemala, 1870s-1950s* (Stanford University Press, 1997), *Comparative Political Studies* 31 (1998): 125-130.

- Mark R. Thompson, *The Anti-Marcos Struggle: Personalistic Rule and Democratic Transition in the Philippines* (Yale University Press, 1995), *American Political Science Review* 90 (1996): 946-947.
- Adam Przeworski, *Democracy and the Market* (Cambridge University Press, 1991), *Comparative Political Studies* 26 (1993): 136-140.
- Carol Morris Petillo, *Douglas MacArthur: The Philippine Years* (Indiana University Press, 1981) and Emily Hahn, *The Islands* (Coward, McCann, and Geoghegan, 1981), *Pilipinas* 2 (1981): 85-87.

Other Publications

What Explains the Intensity and Outcome of Civil Conflict? Symposium on “Big Unanswered Questions in Comparative Politics.” *APSA-CP Newsletter* 19 (2008).

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Conference Papers

- Step by Step: How Bargaining and Crises Affect Cooperation and Democracy. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 11-14, 2013, Chicago, IL. (with Matthew Wilson)
- Crisis, Order, and Outcome. Paper accepted for the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2012, New Orleans, LA. (with Matthew Wilson)
- Reinforcing versus Undermining Democracy: Bargaining Subsequences during Crises. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 12-15, 2012, Chicago, IL. (with Matthew Wilson)
- Bargaining across Crises: Elite Cooperation in “Most Likely” versus “Least Likely” Cases of Democracy. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 31–September 4, 2011, Seattle, WA. (with Matthew Wilson)
- Political Conflict and Cooperation in Southeast Asia. Paper presented at the Conference on “Global Asias in Historical Perspective,” Pennsylvania State University, October 22-25, 2009, University Park, PA.
- Sub-optimal Cooperation and Democratic Transitions. Paper presented at the Workshop on Transitional Institutions, Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute of Oslo, May 11-13, 2005, Oslo, Norway.
- Learning to Consolidate Democracy. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2-5, 2004, Chicago, IL. (with Kyle Joyce)
- Crafting Cooperation amid Crisis. Paper presented at the Workshop of Working Group 7 -- Civil Peace of the Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute of Oslo, Norway, May 14-15, 2004. (with Kyle Joyce)
- When Elites Reinforce versus Undermine Democracy. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 29-September 1, 2002, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Using Crises to Explain Democracy. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 25-28, 2002, Chicago, IL.
- Reevaluating Contending Theories of Democracy. Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research, September 6-8, 2001, Canterbury, UK.

- The Dynamics of Democratization. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2001, San Francisco, CA.
- Explaining the Installation and Survival of Democracy. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 31-September 3, 2000, Washington D.C.
- The Relative Power of Socioeconomic and Political Variables in Explaining Levels of Democracy. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 27-30, 2000, Chicago, IL.
- Pacted, Protracted, and Non-Transitions: Broadening the Sample. Paper presented at the conference on Eddies in the Third Wave? Protracted Transitions and Theories of Democratization, El Colegio de México, May 19-21, 1999, México City, México.
- From Confrontation to Conciliation: The Philippine Path Toward Democratic Consolidation. Paper presented at the conference on Pathways to Democracy: The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions, Southern Methodist University, April 4-5, 1997, Dallas, TX.
- The Legacy of the Regime Choice Process for Democratic Consolidation: A Cross-Regional Analysis. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 31-September 3, 1995, Chicago, IL. (with Michelle M. Taylor)
- From Democratic Transition to Consolidation: A Cross-Regional Analysis. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 6-8, 1995, Chicago, IL. (with Michelle M. Taylor)
- When Authoritarian Regimes Cooperate: A Game-Theoretic Analysis of Democratic Transition. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 1-4, 1994, New York City, NY. (with Michelle M. Taylor)
- When Do the People Matter: A Game-Theoretic Analysis of Democratization. Paper presented at the International Political Science Association Meeting, August 21-25, 1994, Berlin, Germany. (with Michelle M. Taylor)
- When Actors Choose Democracy: A Game-Theoretic Analysis of Democratic Transition. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 14-16, 1994, Chicago, IL. (with Michelle M. Taylor)
- A Game-Theoretic Analysis of Elite Cooperation and the Prospects for Democratic Consolidation. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2-5, 1993, Washington, D.C. (with Michelle M. Taylor)
- When Competitors Cooperate. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 8-11, 1993, Chicago, IL. (with Michelle M. Taylor)
- Explaining the Decline of Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Regimes in Latin America and Asia. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 3-6, 1992, Chicago, IL. (with Randolph Stevenson)
- Catholicism and Politics in the Philippines. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 3-6, 1992, Chicago, IL.
- Soft Landings versus Hard Crashes: A Cross-Regional Test of Regime Collapse. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 9-11, 1992, Chicago, IL. (with Randolph Stevenson)
- Civil-Military Relations in the Philippines: The Legacy of Authoritarianism for the Aquino Administration. Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, April 4-6, 1991, Washington, D.C.

- Human Resource Development and National Growth: An Exploratory Study of the Effects of Female Literacy on National Growth in 119 Countries. Paper presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, March 27-30, 1991, San Antonio, TX. (with Betty Rosser)
- The Effect of Church Activism on Regime Transition: The Philippine Case. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 13-15, 1989, Chicago, IL.
- The Changing Politicization of the Philippine Roman Catholic Church, 1972-1988. Paper presented at the Association of Asian Studies Meeting, March 17-19, 1989, Washington, D.C.
- Military Intervention in the Philippines: A Preliminary Glance. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, September 1-4, 1988, Washington, D.C.
- The Influence of Leaders on Regime Change: The Marcos Regime and the Philippines. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 10-12, 1988, San Francisco, CA.
- Authoritarianism and the Question of Regime Stability: The Philippines in Comparative Perspective. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 9-12, 1987, Chicago, IL.
- Decision Making under Authoritarianism: Political Reorganization in the Philippines. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 29-31, 1985, New Orleans, LA.
- President Marcos, Multinationals, the World Bank, and the United States Government: Domestic and International Political Economy of the Philippine Coconut Industry. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 18-20, 1985, Chicago, IL. (with Gary Hawes)
- Reconsidering Authoritarianism: Agricultural Policy in the Philippines. Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies Meeting, March 22-24, 1985, Philadelphia, PA.

Poster Presentations

- An Introduction to Sequence Analysis for Modeling Path Dependent Processes. Poster presented at the Society for Political Methodology Summer Methods Meeting, July 19-21, 2012, Chapel Hill, NC. (with Matthew Wilson)
- Bargaining to Reinforce Democracy. Poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 15-18, 2004, Chicago, IL. (with Kyle Joyce)
- Cooperating across Crises: Patterns of Elite Behavior in “Least Likely” and “Most Likely” Cases of Democracy. Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, PA. (with Claudiu Tufis)

Panel Activity

- Section Chair, panel chair, discussant, roundtable participant, paper presenter, poster presenter, or committee member:
- American Political Science Association meetings: 1985, 1987-2014.
- Midwest Political Science Association meetings: 1985, 1987, 1989-2014.
- Southern Political Science Association meetings: 1996, 1997, 2000.
- Western Political Science Association meetings: 1988, 1999.
- European Consortium for Political Research meetings: 2001.

International Political Science Association meetings: 1994.
Southwestern Political Science Association meetings: 1991.
Latin American Studies meetings: 1991.
Association of Asian Studies meetings: 1985.

Invited Talks and Conferences

China Study Group, "Democratization in Asia," Penn State University, February 26, 2014.
CUP/Seattle Seminar, University of Washington (Seattle), April 8, 2011.
Conference on "Global Asias in Historical Perspective," Penn State University, October 23-24, 2009.
Workshop on Transitional Institutions, Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute of Oslo, May 11-13, 2005, Oslo, Norway.
University of California (Davis), January 10, 2005.
Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University (East Lansing), November 23, 2004.
Workshop on Formal Theory and Political Institutions, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), October 15, 2004.
International Peace Research Institute of Oslo (Norway), May 26, 2004.
Workshop of Working Group 7 – Civil Peace, Centre for the Study of Civil War, International Peace Research Institute of Oslo, May 14-15, 2004, Oslo, Norway.
University of Washington (Seattle), May 2, 2003.
Conference on "Losers' Consent: Elections and Democratic Legitimacy," Center on Democratic Performance, Binghamton University (SUNY), October 5, 2002, Binghamton, NY.
University of Aberdeen (Scotland), May 18, 2000.
Conference on "Eddies in the Third Wave? Protracted Transitions and Theories of Democratization," El Colegio de México, May 19-21, 1999, México City, México.
Conference on "Soldiers and Democracy in Latin America," University of California at Riverside, February 20, 1999, Riverside, CA.
University of Washington (Seattle), November 6, 1998.
University of Texas (Austin), May 1, 1998.
Conference on "Pathways to Democracy: The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions," Southern Methodist University, April 4-5, 1997, Dallas, TX.
University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), March 4, 1996.

HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Marshal, College of Liberal Arts, Summer Commencement Ceremonies, Penn State University, 2014.
Faculty Marshal, Department of Political Science, Spring Commencement Ceremonies, Penn State University, 2011.
President's Fund for Research Award, Pennsylvania State University, 2008. (with Cynthia Rathinasamy and John Richter)
Undergraduate Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University, 2007. (with Cynthia Rathinasamy)
Miller Summer Research Award, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2003, \$2,000. (with Claudiu Tufis)

Research and Graduate Studies Office Award, College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University, 2001, \$6,000.

National Science Foundation, Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (POWRE), Visiting Professorship Grant SBR-9720593, "Application of Econometrics and Game Theory to the Study of Democratic Consolidation," 1998-99, \$84,663. (This grant included partial support for my Visiting Associate Professorship at the California Institute of Technology during 1998-99 and for a Graduate Assistant for 12 months.)

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, "The Relationship between Informality and System Support: A Comparison of Formal and Informal Sector Workers in Mexico and Costa Rica," 1997-98, \$6,920. (This grant supported dissertation fieldwork by a Texas A&M University graduate student -- Douglas S. Thornton -- to conduct a survey with 700 formal and informal workers in Costa Rica.)

Summer Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 1997.

Summer Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 1996.

Summer Research Grant, Program in Democratization, Texas A&M University, 1996.

Summer Research Grant, Program in Foreign Policy Decision-Making, Texas A&M University, 1993. (with Michelle M. Taylor)

Summer Research Grant, Center for Public Leadership Studies, Texas A&M University, 1993. (with Michelle M. Taylor)

Summer Research Grant, Military Studies Institute, Texas A&M University, 1993. (with Michelle M. Taylor)

Curriculum Development Grant, University Honors Program, Texas A&M University, 1993. (with Michelle M. Taylor)

Outstanding Fellows Advisor, University Honors Program, Texas A&M University, 1993.

Summer Research Grant, Military Studies Institute, Texas A&M University, 1990.

Teacher/Scholar Award, University Honors Program, Texas A&M University, 1990.

National Science Foundation, Research Opportunities for Women (ROW), Research Planning Grant SES 8910232, "The Influences of Church and Military Politicization on Regime Change in the Third World," 1989-90, \$11,972. (This grant supported a Graduate Assistant during Summer 1989.)

Summer Research Grant, Leadership Program, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 1989.

Curriculum Development Grant, University Honors Program, Texas A&M University, 1989.

Minigrant Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 1988.

Summer Research Grant, Leadership Program, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 1988.

Summer Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 1988.

Research Grant, Institute for Pacific Asia, Texas A&M University, 1988.

International Enhancement Grant, Office of International Coordination, Texas A&M University, 1988.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (for Tagalog), University of Michigan, 1984-1986.

University Minority Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1980-1984.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Association of Asian Studies.

Reviewing

Reviewer or Panel member for the National Science Foundation (Graduate Research Fellowship Program [GRFP], SES-Political Science, Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program [IGERT], Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant), Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), University of Chicago Press, Pennsylvania State University Press, University of Pittsburgh Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Polity Books, Routledge, Stanford University Press, Yale University Press, Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Governance*, *International Area Studies Review*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Penn State Journal of International Affairs*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics and Governance*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *World Politics*.

Conference Organizing

Section Chair, Comparative Politics: Transition towards Democracy, Midwest Political Science Association, 2010. (27 panels)
Section Chair, Comparative Politics: Transition towards Democracy, Midwest Political Science Association, 2003. (25 panels)
Section Chair, Comparative Politics: Transition towards Democracy, Midwest Political Science Association, 2001. (20 panels)
Section Chair, Comparative Politics: Developing Areas, Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 2000. (12 panels)
Section Chair, Comparative Politics: Developing Areas, Southern Political Science Association Meeting, 1997. (8 panels)
Section Chair, Organized Section on Religion and Politics, American Political Science Association Meeting, 1996. (12 panels)
Section Chair, Comparative Politics: Developing Countries, Midwest Political Science Association, 1996. (14 panels)

Other Activities

Mentor, Midwest Political Science Association, 2013-present.
Chair, Audit Committee, American Political Science Association, 2013-2014.
Member, Executive Council, American Political Science Association, 2012-2014.
Member, Nominations Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2010-2011.

Member, Task Force on Publication Policy, Midwest Political Science Association, 2009-2010.
Member, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, American Political Science Association, 2007-2010.
Member, Nominations Committee, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, 2006-2007.
Member, Audit Committee, American Political Science Association, 2005-2007.
Member, Trust and Development Board, American Political Science Association, 2004-2007.
Member, Executive Council, Midwest Political Science Association, 2004-2007.
Vice Chair, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, 2004-2006.
Chair, Nominations Committee, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, 2004-2005.
Mentor, American Political Science Association, 2005-present.
Member, Best Article Award Committee, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, 2003-2004.
Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2003-04.
Chair, Best Book Award Committee, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, 2002-2003.
Member, Gregory Luebbert Best Book Award Committee, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Comparative Politics, 2002-2003.
Member, Nominations Committee, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, 2001-2002.
Secretary-Treasurer, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Religion and Politics, 1994-1995.
Member, Executive Committee, American Political Science Association Organized Section on Religion and Politics, 1993-1995.
Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Theta Psi Chapter (Texas A&M University), January 1993-September 1994.
Member, Best Undergraduate Paper Committee, Southwest Political Science Association Meeting, 1989-1992.

Graduate Advising

Chair or Co-chair

Matthew Wilson, ABD (2012), MA 2011, Alumni Association Dissertation Award (2014), NSF NRO (2012), NSF GRFP (2011).
Dawn Miller, MA 2010. (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)
Neslihan Burcin Tamer, Candidacy 2009.
Dong-wook Lee, MA 2008 (co-chair).
Nicole Edgar Morford, PhD 2007 (co-chair), MA 2000 (chair). (Cleveland State University)
Alexandra Garcia, PhD 2004. (Universidad del Norte, Colombia)
Emre Yuce, MA 2004, Candidacy 2003.
Claudiu Tufis, MA 2003, Candidacy 2002. (Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania)

Matthew Iaconetti, MA 2003. (US Sentencing Commission, Washington D.C.)
Young Kim, Candidacy 2003. (University of Oklahoma)
Maria Inclan, ABD 2000 (co-chair). (CIDE, Mexico)
Douglas Thornton, PhD 1998. (Texas A&M University at Qatar)
Betty Rosser, PhD 1995. (Nicholls State University)
Hans Stockton, Faculty Advisor. (University of St. Thomas)
Peter Ferguson, Faculty Advisor. (University of Western Ontario, Canada)

Committee Member

Yong Tang, ABD 2011, PhD (2013) (PSU Communications). (Western Illinois University)
Kelly Chernin, MA (2012) (PSU Communication).
Andrew Carr, MA (2012), Candidacy 2011.
Joseph Simon, MA (2012), Candidacy 2011.
Daniel Tamul, PhD 2011, ABD 2010 (PSU Communications). (Juniata College)
Chasen Erlanger, MA 2011, Candidacy 2010.
Lee Hannah, Candidacy 2010.
Matthew Wilson, Candidacy 2010.
Young Kim, PhD 2008, MA 2004. (University of Oklahoma)
Karen Sullivan, Candidacy 2008.
Jonah Victor, PhD 2006. (Department of Defense, Washington D.C.)
Faten Ghosn, PhD 2006. (University of Arizona)
Elena Kirtcheva, ABD 2006, Candidacy 2004.
Petya Kirilova, MA 2006.
Gretchen Schrock, MA 2006.
Ekrem Karakoc, Candidacy 2006. (McGill University)
Eric Kula, Candidacy 2006.
Jeffrey Carter, Candidacy 2006. (Louisiana State University)
Andreea Mihalache, Candidacy 2004.
Diane Dutka, MA 2002.
Alex Braithwaite, MA 2002. (University College, London)
Mohsin Hasim, PhD 2000. (Muhlenberg College)

Senior Honors Thesis Advising

Thesis Adviser

Jeanne Almeida, 2015
Omar Khraishah, 2013. (2013 Center for Global Studies Best Thesis Prize)
Laura Ross, 2012.
Jarlene Choy, 2010.
Michelle Smyth, 2010.
Valerie Rohrbach, 2009.
Emily Helms, 2009.
Eric Kotloff, 2008.
Joanna Klein, 2006.

Julienne Shaw, 2006.
Amber Cistaro, 2001.
Christopher Tyler, 2000.
Karlina Greenfield, 1993.

Second Reader

2014: Carl Boswell, Kimberly Foerster, Mengjia Ren (Economics), Jay Mathias, Mark Thaler, Sara Treumann (Paterno Award for Best Thesis in Social Sciences, Pi Sigma Alpha co-winner of Best Thesis in Political Science).
2013: Craig Anderson, Robert Baldassarre, Joshua Branch, Douglas Dooling, Allison Frederick, Meghan Gillies, Kate Gregory, Lisa Hines, Nicole Holden, Charlotte Kohl, Elizabeth Masargha, Yelena Novopachennaia, Harrison Rogers, Casey Swiski.
2012: Evan Kalikow, Nicholas Linker, Erin Morton, Michael Paretti, Hannah Rose, Robert Wieczorek.
2011: Casey Crisman-Cox, Alexander Cross, Arianna Simpson.
2010: Julie Frasco, Jordan Johnston, Colin McLafferty, Bridget O'Malley, Samantha Miller, Alexandra Rowell, Tanya Taubman.
2009: Caitlin O'Malley, Gregory Smith, Matthew Spolar, Edward Torres.
2007: Daniel Cederberg (History).

Other Undergraduate Advising

Faculty Research Advisor for Brooke Abrams, McNair Scholars Program, 2013-2014.

Faculty Mentor for Victoria Marie Jackson, McNair Scholars Program, 2008-2010. Accepted to the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (2009) and the PhD program at the University of Texas at Austin (2010).

Honors advisor for Joshua Branch. Accepted to the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (2012).

Activities at Pennsylvania State University and Texas A&M University

University-level

Schreyer Institute University Teaching Award Committee (2013-2014)
Judge (Social and Behavioral Sciences), Undergraduate Research Exhibition (2006, 2008)

Member, Institutional Review Board: Human Subjects (1995-1998)

College

Member, African Studies Program and Political Science Search Committee, 2012-2013.
Member, Climate Committee (2009-2011, 2013-2015)
Member, Asian Studies Program (2008-present)
Member, Director Search Committee, Asian Studies Program (2012)
Member, Graduate Committee (2010-2011)
Member, Advisory Committee (2008-2010)
Member, East Asian Studies Committee (1999-2004, 2007-2008)
Member, Middle East Studies Committee (2000-2008, 2011-2015)
Co-chair, Middle East Studies Committee (2002-2004)

Member, Curricular Affairs Committee (2010-2011, 2012-2013)
Member, Faculty Selection Committee, Schreyer Honors College (2005-2006)
Member, Faculty Sabbatical Committee (1999-2002)
Member, Women's Studies Global Feminism Search Committee (1999-2000)
Member, Rhodes Scholarship Nominating Committee (1992-1993)
Member, Truman Scholarship Nominating Committee (1991-1993)

Department

NSF GRFP Coordinator (2014-present)
Study Abroad Coordinator (2014-present)
Honors Advisor (2007-present)
Member, Undergraduate Committee (2009-present)
Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee (1988-1989, 2000-2004, 2005-7, 2008-2010, 2011-2012). Chair, Comparative Politics Search Committee (2007-2008)
Member, Ad Hoc Search Committee (2012).
Member, Comparative Politics Examination Committee (1989-1990, 2001-2004, 2005-2010)
Member, Teaching Improvement Committee (2008-2009)
Chair, Speaker Series Committee (2006-2008)
Co-founder and Co-chair, Political Women's Discussion Forum (PoW) (2006-2008)
Member, Graduate Committee (1999-2000, 2001-2004)
Member, Minority Affairs Committee (2003-2004)
Member, Speaker Series Committee (1999-2000)
Member, Undergraduate Committee (1987-1988, 1992-1993)
Member, Head's Advisory Committee (1988-1989)

REFERENCES: available upon request.