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Academic Appointments

University of Wisconsin, Madison	Madison, WI
<i>Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies</i> , 2012-Present	
<i>Department of Political Science Board of Visitors Professor</i> , 2016-Present	
<i>Lyons Family Faculty Scholar</i> , 2012-2015	
<i>Courtesy Appointment, Department of Sociology</i> , August 2014-Present	
University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
<i>Research Fellow, Chicago Center on Contemporary Theory</i> , September 2011-June 2012	

Education

University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Ph.D. Political Science, 2012	
M.A. Political Science, 2007	
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
M.P.P., 2005	
Harvard College	Cambridge, MA
A.B. Social Studies, Magna Cum Laude, certificate in Latin American Studies, 1999	

Book

Meaningful Resistance: Market Reforms and the Roots of Social Protest in Latin America. Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Peer Reviewed Publications

“Comparison with an Ethnographic Sensibility” (with Nicholas Rush Smith). *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50:1 (January 2017), pp. 26-30.

“Corn, Markets, and Mobilization in Mexico.” *Comparative Politics* 48:3 (April 2016), pp. 413-431.

“Market Reforms and Water Wars.” *World Politics* 61:1 (January 2016), pp. 37-73.

“Grievances Do Matter in Mobilization.” *Theory and Society* 43: 5 (September 2014), pp. 513-536.

“Coping by Colluding: Political Uncertainty and Promiscuous Power Sharing in Indonesia and Bolivia” (with Dan Slater). *Comparative Political Studies* 46: 11 (November 2013), pp. 1366-1393.

“Informative Regress: Critical Antecedents and Historical Causation” (with Dan Slater). *Comparative Political Studies* 43:7 (July 2010), pp. 886-917.

Book Chapters and Other Publications

“The Case for Comparative Ethnography” (with Nicholas Rush Smith). *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Newsletter* 13:2 (Fall 2015), pp. 13-18.

“States, Subsistence Crises, and Social Mobilization.” *Protestors and Their Targets*. James Jasper and Brayden King, editors. Draft submitted to volume editors for review.

“How do we explain protest? Social science, grievances, and the collective action puzzle.” *Protest and Democracy*. Moises Arce and Roberta Rice, editors. Book being prepared for review at University of Calgary Press.

“Después del TLCAN, los precios de la tortilla no reflejaban directamente los precios internacionales del maíz.” In *Subsidios para la desigualdad: las políticas públicas del maíz en México a partir del libre comercio*, Jonathan Fox and Libby Haight, eds. Santa Cruz: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2010, p. 50.

“Informative Regress: Critical Antecedents and Historical Causation” (with Dan Slater). *Qualitative Methods* 6:1 (Spring 2008), pp. 6-13.

Book Reviews

Review of *Elucidating Social Science Concepts: An Interpretivist Guide* by Frederic Charles Schaffer. *Perspectives on Politics* 14:4 (December 2016), pp. 11-12.

Review of *We Created Chávez: A People's History of the Venezuelan Revolution* by George Cicarriello-Maher. *Latin American Politics and Society* 55:4 (Winter 2014), pp. 208-211.

Review of *Reactions to the Market: Small Farmers in the Economic Reshaping of Nicaragua, Cuba, Russia, and China* by Laura Enríquez. *Latin American Politics and Society* 54:1 (Spring 2012), pp. 213-216.

Review of *Radical Democracy in the Andes* by Donna Lee Van Cott. *Foundations of Political Theory*. Online publication, July 2009.

Working Papers, Presentations, and Panels

“The Case for Comparative Ethnography” (with Nicholas Rush Smith).

“Targets, Grievances, and Social Movement Trajectories.”

“Making the Nation-State: Migration, Social Mobilization, and State-Building in the Long Nineteenth Century” (with Margaret E. Peters). Presentation at Lund University, May 2016; presented at APSA 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

“Comparison and Ethnography: What Each Can Learn From the Other” (with Nicholas Rush Smith). Presented at APSA 2015, San Francisco, CA. Recipient of the Sage Paper Award for the best paper applying or developing qualitative methods presented at APSA 2015.

“States and Subsistence Protest.” Presented at the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Pre-ASA Mini Conference. August 2015, Chicago, IL.

APSA 2014 Roundtable Organizer, “Beyond Mill’s Methods: New Approaches to Comparison.”

“Sin Maíz No Hay País: Cooperation, Participation, and Community in the Mexican Tortillazo Protests.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2013, Chicago IL; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014, Chicago IL; and the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, May 2014, Chicago, IL.

APSA 2013 Panel Organizer, “Interpreting Contention: Social Mobilization and Political Resistance in Comparative Perspective.”

“Resource Rebellion: Water and Community in the Bolivian Water Wars.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2013, Chicago IL.

“The Next French Revolution? Explaining State Response to Subsistence Protests.” Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting September 2011, Seattle, WA, the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting April 2013, Chicago IL, and the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting May 2013, Washington, D.C.

“Coping by Colluding: Political Uncertainty and Promiscuous Power Sharing in Indonesia and Bolivia.” With Dan Slater. Presented at the Social Science History Association annual meeting, November 2011, Boston MA.

“Meaning Making and Mobilization: Re-conceptualizing the Role of Grievances in Social Movement Theory.” Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting September 2011, Seattle, WA.

APSA 2011 Panel Co-Organizer, “Social Movements and Political Mobilization: New Approaches.” With Jennifer Hadden.

“Resource Rebellion: A Theory of Subsistence Resources and Social Protest.” Presented at the Young Scholars in Social Movements conference, Notre Dame, April 28, 2011, South Bend, IN.

“Informative Regress: Critical Antecedents and Historical Causation.” With Dan Slater. Presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting August 2007, New York, NY and the American Political Science Association annual meeting September 2007, Chicago, IL. Awarded the 2007 APSA Sage Award for best paper developing or applying qualitative methods.

“Resource Rebellion: Social Movements, Subsistence Resources, and the Bolivian Water Wars.” Presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, Spring 2007. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting April 2008, Chicago IL and the American Sociological Association annual meeting August 2009, San Francisco, CA.

Teaching

The University of Wisconsin–Madison

Qualitative methods (graduate)

Contentious Politics (graduate)

Introduction to International Studies (undergraduate)

Introduction to Contentious Politics (undergraduate)

Mobilizing for Social Change in Latin America (undergraduate)

Social Movements and Revolutions in Latin America (undergraduate)

Food and Water in an Age of Globalization (undergraduate)

The University of Chicago

Introduction to Contemporary Global Issues II (Lecturer)

From Castro to Chiapas: Contentious Politics in Latin America (Lecturer)

Comparative Politics of 20th Century Latin America (Lecturer)

Latin American Civilization 162000 (Teaching Assistant)

Harvard University

Social Analysis 78: Globalization and its Critics (Teaching Fellow)

Invited Lectures and Presentations

Fall 2016	Colby College. Invited Lecture. “Water, Community, and Privatization in Cochabamba, Bolivia.” November 3.
Spring 2016	Purdue University. Symposium on Diversity and Inclusion. Featured participant in “Social Movements” panel. April 4.
Winter 2016	University of Minnesota. Methods Colloquium. Invited workshop presentation. “Comparison and Ethnography: What Each Can Learn from the Other.” January 27.
Fall 2015	Cornell University. Latin American Studies Program Seminar Series. Invited lecture. “Water, Privatization, and Community in Cochabamba, Bolivia.” November 8.
Spring 2015	Harvard University. Conference in Honor of Jorge Domínguez. Invited presentation. “Sin Maíz No Hay País: Corn, Markets, and Mobilization in Mexico.” May 8.
Fall 2014	University of Wisconsin–Madison. La Follette School of Public Affairs. Invited lecture. “Water, Privatization, and Community in Cochabamba, Bolivia.” December 2.
Fall 2014	University of Notre Dame. Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Invited lecture. “Water, Privatization, and Community in Cochabamba, Bolivia.” September 30.
Spring 2014	University of Chicago. “Extraction and Protest in Evo’s Bolivia.” Presentation and round-table discussion. May 9.

Spring 2014	University of Wisconsin–Madison, guest lecture for “Introduction to Environmental Studies.” May 6.
Spring 2014	University of Wisconsin–Madison, guest lecture for “Issues in Food Systems.” April 17.
Spring 2014	George Washington University. Comparative Politics Workshop presentation. March 21.
Spring 2014	Yale University Law School, invited lecture. “Privatizing Essential Resources: Water Markets and the Commodification of Subsistence.” March 7.
Spring 2014	Yale University Law School, guest lecture for “Markets, Morals, and the Law.” March 6.
Winter 2014	University of Wisconsin-Madison, Yi-Fu Tuan Invited Lecture, Department of Geography. “Water, Privatization, and Community in Cochabamba, Bolivia.” February 28.
Fall 2013	University of Wisconsin-Madison, invited lecture, Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Center, “Sin Maíz No Hay País: Cooperation, Participation, and Community in the Mexican Tortillazo Protests.” December 3.
Spring 2013	Palo Alto, CA. Workshop on the dynamics of authoritarianism in the post-Arab Spring Middle East, invited workshop participant. Talk entitled, “Constructing Oppositional Identifications.” April 26-27.
Fall 2012	University of Wisconsin-Madison, invited lecture. Sociology of Economic Change and Development Seminar. November 2.
Fall 2011	Lake Forest College, invited lecture. “The History and Culture of Corn in Mexico.” September 27.
Spring 2011	Young Scholars in Social Movements Conference, University of Notre Dame, invited conference participant. “Resource Rebellion: A Theory of Subsistence Resources and Social Protest.” April 29.
Spring 2011	Harvard University David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, invited lecture. “¡El Agua es Nuestra, Carajo!: Why Bolivia Erupted in 2000 and What it Means for the Marketization of Water.” April 19.
Fall 2009	Lake Forest College, invited lecture. October 27, 2009. “The Politics of People and Place in Latin America.

Grants and Awards

2017-2018	University of Wisconsin–Madison Fall Competition. \$26,069 to fund salary support and additional research expenses.
2016	Sage Paper Award. Best paper developing or applying qualitative methods, APSA 2015. “Comparison and Ethnography: What Each Can Learn from the Other.”
2016-2017	Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowship. Funding to support collaborative research with a University of Wisconsin–Madison undergraduate. The grant is co-awarded; \$3,000 for the undergraduate and \$1,000 in faculty support)
Spring 2016	Honored Instructor Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison
2016-2017	University of Wisconsin–Madison Fall Competition. \$35,711 to fund salary support and additional research expenses.
Fall 2015	University of Wisconsin–Madison Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program Nave Faculty Publication Supplement Grant. \$2000 towards publication subvention for <i>Meaningful Resistance: Market Reforms and the Roots of Social Protest in Latin America</i> .
Fall 2015	Honored Instructor Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison
2015-2016	University of Wisconsin–Madison Fall Competition. \$33,726 to fund research assistance and travel.
2014-2015	University of Wisconsin–Madison Fall Competition. \$30,444 to fund one course release and additional research expenses.
2013	Latin American Studies Association Martin Diskin/Oxfam Dissertation Award for best dissertation involving a combination of scholarship and activism in 2013.
2013	Global Studies Course Development Grant. \$3000 to develop the course <i>Food and Water in an Age of Globalization</i> .
2013-2014	University of Wisconsin–Madison Fall Competition. \$43,950 to fund one course release, travel, and research assistance.
2010-2011	Mellon Foundation Dissertation-Year Fellowship. Twelve-month stipend to support dissertation writing.
Spring 2010	Martín Barró Prize Lectureship. Awarded a prize lectureship in Latin American Studies to teach an undergraduate course with a human rights emphasis. Taught in Winter 2011.

Spring 2010	Grodzins Prize Lectureship. Awarded a prize lectureship in the Department of Political Science to develop the syllabus for and teach an undergraduate course, "From Castro to Chiapas: Contentious Politics in Contemporary Latin America." Declined.
2009-2010	Janco Travel Grant. Travel, stipend, and research expenses for fieldwork in Bolivia.
2009-2010	Overseas Dissertation Research Award. Stipend and research expenses for fieldwork in Bolivia.
Summer 2009	Tinker Foundation and Center for Latin American Studies Field Research Grant. Travel and living expenses to support six weeks of dissertation research in Mexico.
Spring 2009	Grodzins Prize Lectureship. Co-awarded a prize lectureship in the Department of Political Science to develop the syllabus for and teach an undergraduate course, "Comparative Politics of 20 th Century Latin America." Taught in Spring 2010.
2008-2009	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award. Travel and living expenses to support twelve months of dissertation research in Mexico City, Mexico and La Paz and Cochabamba, Bolivia. Due to political unrest the award was delayed until February 2009-February 2010.
2008-2009	Truman National Security Fellow.
Fall 2008	Political Science Dissertation Research Award. Fellowship awarded by the Political Science department to a limited number of students in support of dissertation research.
Summer 2008	Provost's Summer Fellowship. Fellowship awarded by the Provost's office to support a limited number of graduate students for summer research.
Summer 2008	Tinker Foundation and Center for Latin American Studies Field Research Grant. Travel and living expenses to support pre-dissertation research in Cochabamba, Bolivia.
Summer 2007	Sage Award. Best paper developing or applying qualitative methods, APSA 2007. "Informative Regress: Critical Antecedents and Historical Causation."
Fall 2007	University Fellowship. Tuition and stipend, 2007-2008 academic year. University of Chicago.
Fall 2006	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS or Title VI) fellowship to study Portuguese for the 2006-2007 academic year. University of Chicago.
Summer 2006	Foreign Language Enrichment Program Summer Fellowship (declined).
Fall 2005	University Fellowship. Tuition and stipend, 2005-2006 academic year. University of Chicago.
Spring 2005	Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. Globalization and its Critics.
Fall 2004	David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies. Masters thesis research grant.

- Summer 1998 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, undergraduate thesis research fellowship.
- Summer 1998 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, undergraduate thesis research grant.
- Summer 1998 Radcliffe College, undergraduate thesis research grant.
- 1998 John Harvard Scholarship, awarded for undergraduate academic excellence.
- 1995-1999 Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Certificate of Merit, awarded for undergraduate academic excellence.

Professional Experience

- Summer 2004 The Foundation of the Americas Washington, DC
Strategic Planning Consultant
 Directed efforts to refine the mission of a new foundation created to further social development goals in Latin America through catalyzing strategic alliances between corporate, nonprofit and government sectors. Worked directly with the Executive Director and members of the Board of Directors to hone the Foundation's focus and intended impact.
- 2001-2003 The Bridgespan Group Boston, MA
Associate Consultant
 Analyst position in a nonprofit strategy consulting firm. Activities include primary and secondary research on the nonprofit sector, detailed financial modeling and in-depth market analyses. All work takes place in a team-focused environment. Extensive client contact required for most activities.
- 2000-2001 Fundación Comunitaria del Bajío Irapuato, Mexico
Director of Institutional Development
 Directed the design and implementation of marketing, fundraising and institutional strengthening strategies for a young community foundation in Central Mexico.

Service

- Reviewer *American Political Science Review, World Politics, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Journal of Peace Research, Latin American Politics and Society*
- 2017 American Political Science Association, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Section,
Sage Paper Award Selection Committee Member
- 2016-Present Committee on Concepts and Methods. International Political Science Association,
Board Member
- 2016-Present Qualitative Transparency Deliberations. Ethnography Working Group,
Member

2012-Present	Steering Committee, International Studies Major, University of Wisconsin–Madison <i>Member</i>
2015-Present	Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, <i>Member</i>
Winter 2016	Newman Award Selection Committee, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Fall 2014	Newman Award Selection Committee, University of Wisconsin–Madison
2013-Present	Visiting Committee to the Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago <i>Member</i>
2013-2015	Steering Committee, Mellon Human Rights Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison <i>Member</i>
2013-2015	Land and Water Group, Mellon Human Rights Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison <i>Member</i>
Spring 2014	International Institute Graduate Recruitment Award Committee, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Spring 2014	Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowship Selection Committee, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Fall 2013	International Studies Major Hiring Committee for Undergraduate Advisor Position, University of Wisconsin–Madison <i>Member</i>
Spring 2013	Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowship Selection Committee, University of Wisconsin–Madison
2009-2010	Comparative Politics Hiring Committee, University of Chicago <i>Student Member</i> . Lisa Wedeen and Dan Slater, Faculty Members.
2007-2008	Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago <i>Co-Coordinator</i> . Steven Wilkinson and Lisa Wedeen, Faculty Sponsors.
2007-2008	University of Chicago Board of Trustees. <i>Graduate Student Liaison</i> .
2007-2008	University of Chicago Student Government Executive Cabinet <i>Member</i>
2008 (Winter)	University of Chicago Committee on Graduate and Professional School Student Experience. <i>Member</i>

Language Skills

Fluent Spanish, Intermediate Portuguese.

Other Academic Training

Fall 2016-Present	Madison Teaching and Learning Excellence Program <i>Faculty Fellow</i> Selected to participate in a year-long program of weekly trainings aimed at improving faculty effectiveness in the classroom.	Madison, WI
January 2008	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR). Two-week training on qualitative methods conducted by the Consortium for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research.	Tempe, AZ