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Employment

Founding Director (2009-present), Center for Student Formation, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. Responsible for the development and assessment of educational initiatives that integrate intellectual, social, moral, and spiritual development.

Associate Professor (2000-present), Assistant Professor (1993-2000), Political Science Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. Teach and conduct research on comparative politics, with a focus on social movements, ethnicity, religion, and state formation. Courses taught include Fundamental Concepts of Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Protest Politics in Latin America, Religion and Politics in Latin America, U.S.-Latin American Relations, and Comparative Politics of Democratization.

Education

- Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.
Degree awarded in Political Science, May 1993.
Fields: Political Economy, Latin American Politics, Comparative Politics.
Dissertation: "The Politics of Identity: The Cristeros and Agraristas of Michoacán." Dissertation research funded by MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Program on Peace and International Development and the MIT Center for International Studies.
- B.A. Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
Degree awarded with Highest Distinction in Geography, June 1979.

Publications

"Patriotism in the Pueblo: The Local Politics of State and Nation in the Sierra Norte of Oaxaca, 1855-1912." Book manuscript in progress.

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Conference Papers

"Rethinking Resistance: Juchitán and State Formation in Nineteenth-Century Mexico." Paper presented at the XXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Las Vegas, NV. 2004.

"The Chegomista Rebellion in Juchitán, 1911-12: Rethinking the Role of 'Traditional' Caciques in Resisting Central State Power." Paper presented at the Conference on Caciques and Caudillos in 20th Century Mexico, Oxford University. Oxford, UK. 2002.

"Comparing Counter-revolutions in Mexico: Popular Anti-State Movements in the 1910s and 1920s." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Council on Latin American Studies, Amherst College. Amherst, MA. 2000.

"Citizens and Sons of the Pueblo: National and Local Identities in the Making of the Mexican Nation." Paper presented at the XXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Miami, FL. 2000.

"Negotiating the Nation in Liberal Oaxaca." Paper presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. Washington, D.C. 1999.

"Citizenship and Property Rights in Liberal Oaxaca." Paper presented at the XXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Chicago, IL. 1998.

"Citizens and Sons of the Pueblo: Property Rights, Identity, and Political Discourse in 19th Century Oaxaca." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Council on Latin American Studies, Mount Holyoke College. Mount Holyoke, MA. 1997.

"Popular Responses to the Privatization of Communal Land in 19th Century Michoacán." Paper presented at the XIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Washington, D.C. 1995.

"The Politics of Identity: Cristeros and Agraristas of Revolutionary Michoacán." Paper presented at the XVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Atlanta, Georgia. 1994.

Book Reviews

Review of Martin Austin Nesvig, ed., *Religious Culture in Modern Mexico*, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. In *Catholic Historical Review*. January 2009.

Review of Stephen Lewis, *The Ambivalent Revolution: Forging State and Nation in Chiapas, 1910-1945*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press. In *American Historical Review*. 2006.

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- Review of Guy P.C. Thomson with David G. LaFrance, *Patriotism, Politics, and Popular Liberalism in Nineteenth-Century Mexico: Juan Francisco Lucas and the Puebla Sierra*. In *The Historian*. 2001.
- Review of Stephen R. Niblo, *Mexico in the 1940s: Modernity, Politics, and Corruption*. In *The Historian*. 2001.
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