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1. EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Brown University, 1999
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

The Negotiation of Political Representation: Crisis and Democratization in Latin America.

Chair: Thomas Biersteker

Based on the comparative-historical analysis of two of Latin America's long-standing political systems (Mexico and Venezuela, 1958-1998), this study explores the complex processes underlying a "crisis of representation"—the breakdown of established systems of political mediation that occurs when formal institutions cannot renegotiate their agenda in the face of new social and political demands. Emerging political trends, I argue, are not the result of poor leadership, legacies, or institutional weaknesses as current theories claim. Rather, they are part of an all-encompassing struggle over the very means and meaning of representation—a process that transforms institutions over time. Institutional re-negotiation is thus key to democratic stability.

M.A. Political Science, Brown University, 1991
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

M.A. Latin American Studies, University of Texas-Austin, 1985
Fields: Government and International Business
Thesis: *Foreign Investment Risk and Opportunity: Venezuela, October 1984*
Thesis: *Assessing Foreign Exchange Revenue: Mexico's Maquiladora Industry, 1966-1993*

B.A. Latin American Studies (Honors), University of Texas-Austin. 1980
Major: Latin American Literature, Minor: Government

2. TEACHING AND ADVISING

2013 Senior Lecturer in International Studies

2007-2013 Lecturer, International Relations, Brown University
IR Honors Thesis Seminar: Qualitative research methods and writing course for undergraduates seeking an honors degree in International Relations (since 2001)

2012 (spring) Lecturer, Political Science, Brown University
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Core course, IR and Political Science)

2003-2007 Adjunct Lecturer, International Relations. Watson Institute, Brown University
Honors Thesis Preparation Seminar and IR Concentration Advisor

2003 (spring) Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science. Brown University
Latin American Politics: Authoritarianism and Democratization

- 2001-2003 Adjunct Faculty, Department of History and Social Sciences. Bryant College
Latin American Politics
Introduction to Comparative and World Politics
Government and Society in America
- 2001-2003 Teaching Associate in International Studies, Watson Institute, Brown University
 Created thesis seminar, redesigned and administered IR honors program, International Relations Concentration Advisor.
- 2000-2001 Visiting Scholar in International Studies, Watson Institute, Brown University
- 1991-1993 Teaching Assistant. Political Science Department, Brown University
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Politics of Divided Societies
Middle East Politics

Directed Research Committees

First Reader, Honors Theses

- “From Consensus to Crisis: The Unraveling of the Spanish Transition, 1975-2012” (Mark and Betty Garrison Prize for best thesis in diplomatic history or IR, 2013)
- “Closing the Global Gender Gap: Explaining the Rise of Female Executives in Latin America” (2010)

Second Reader, Honors Theses

- “Explaining Social Inclusion Policies: Emerging Processes in the Case of Brazil” (Samuel C Lampport Prize for best thesis in IR, 2013)
- “Reconceptualizing Power: Society, Ideas, and Government Change in Chile and Argentina” (2006)
- “Democratic Consolidation and Agenda-Setting: Muslim Civil Society Organizations and the State in Senegal” (2005)

Faculty Advisor, Independent Research Projects

- “Globalization and the Level of Violence in Venezuela, 1988-2010” (2012)
- “Democratic Transitions and the Environment: A Cross-Regional Study” (2011)
- “Entrepreneurship and Development in Argentina” (2010)
- “An Uncommon Burden: Aid, Resettlement, and Refugee Policy in Syria” (Fall 2010)

Concentration and Honors Advisor, International Relations Program

Advise 250+ undergraduates on course selection and planning, undergraduate research, language acquisition, study abroad, and post-Brown opportunities as part of a concentration in International Relations (a multidisciplinary program designed around two tracks: security and society, and political economy and society); direct and teach in the Honors program in International Relations; advise students on thesis proposals and independent research; select students for IR academic achievement awards and IR and university-wide thesis prizes; select Brown representatives for prestigious student conferences; write recommendations for language and research fellowships and top-tier graduate schools and professional programs; mentor students for Fulbright applications; meet with prospective students sent by the Office of International Advancement; design website and all IR Program materials; supervise weekly electronic newsletter of announcements, events, and student opportunities; supervise IRDUG undergraduate group; work closely with the office of the Dean of the College and faculty across the disciplines.

3. ADMINISTRATION

2013-2014 Acting Director, International Relations Program

2010-2013 Associate Director, International Relations Program, Brown University

2007-2010 Assistant Director, Academic Programs, Watson Institute for International Studies

IR Program Development

Make decisions central to daily administration and curricular reform and organization of IR Program: course planning, hiring of temporary/visiting faculty and use of courses across the disciplines; approve content and form of course proposals, initiate and implement curriculum changes for the IR concentration; write proposals and reports to the DOC and represent IR Program on committees and at meetings; write, design all aspects of website and all IR Program materials; created and supervise database of IR concentrators and statistical database of IR Program; supervise weekly electronic IR Program Newsletter; created IR honors seminar and administer IR Honors Program, including electronic honors thesis repository and capstone catalogue.

Related Reports/Committees

Committee on International and Development Studies, 2010 (Dean of the College), resulting in a more rigorous curriculum and advising structure in the International Relations and Development Studies concentrations at Brown (w/Mark Blyth).

International Relations Concentration: Self Evaluation for CCC Review (96 pages, Feb., 2009) including a 20-year statistical overview.

The Watson Institute: Research, Teaching, and the IR and DS Concentrations: Report of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee: Keith Brown (chair), Peter Andreas, Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Claudia Elliott, and Nina Tannenwald (January 12, 2009).

4. PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

"Party Politics After the Third Wave." Discussant. New England Political Science Association, 8-10 November, 2001, Philadelphia, PA.

"Political Representation in Changing Societies: Latin America's Long-Standing Regimes." Paper presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association, 9-11 November 2000, Albany, NY.

"The Crisis and Negotiation of Representation in Venezuela." Invited paper presented at *Crisis or Crossroads? An Interdisciplinary Conference on Contemporary Venezuela*. Tufts University Program in Latin American Studies and the David Rockefeller Center of Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 10-11 March 2000, Medford and Cambridge, MA.

"Political Representation and Democratization in Latin America." Invited Lecture. Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, 15 November 1999.

Gabriel García Márquez and the Powers of Fiction (translation and co-editor with Julio Ortega). Austin: University of Texas Press. 1988.

5. FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Nominated, Karen T. Romer Award for Excellence in Advising. Nominated by faculty. Brown, University (2013, 2010).

Commitment to Teaching Recognition. Sheridan Center, Brown University (2008, 2009 2010).

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Latin American Program and Fundación Gran Mariscal de Ayacucho (Caracas, Venezuela) Dissertation Fellowship, 1994-95

Massachusetts Council of the Arts. Translation Award for Fiction (Spanish to English), 1988.

6. ONGOING RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

- “Democratization as Metaphor.” An intellectual history of the scholarly work on democratization through the use of metaphors from several disciplines (as article and potential freshman seminar)
- Transitions Theory
- Comparative Democratization and Electoral Reform
- Latin American Politics: Mexico, Venezuela, Cuban transition

7. FIELD RESEARCH

Casa de las Américas and *Asociación Hermanos Saíz (AHS)*, Havana, Cuba. 2012, 2011, 2010

Preliminary research on regime transition at Casa, the Cuban government’s research institution of Caribbean and Latin American Studies and AHS, organization for cultural and intellectual promotion. Also held meetings with faculty, administrators, and Brown students on the Brown in Cuba Study Abroad Program.

International Visitor, Mexico. Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). 2 July 2000 Federal Elections. First alternance in political power at the presidential level in 71 years.

International Visitor, Mexico. Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). 6 July 1997 Federal Elections. First time mayor of Mexico City was elected by direct vote, resulting in an opposition victory.

Dissertation Research. Caracas, Venezuela. Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, 1994-95

Research Scholar. El Colégio de México, México, Summer 1992

8. UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Governance, Brown University

2004-2007 College Curriculum Council (CCC), Office of the Dean of the College

2004-2007 CCC Screening Subcommittee
Review course proposals and develops guidelines for new course proposals to the CCC.

Committees, Brown University

2008-2014 Fulbright Fellowship Selection Committee

2007-2014 Carnegie Endowment for Peace Junior Fellowship Selection Committee

2001-2014 Faculty Teaching Liaison for International Relations
Harriet W. Sheridan Teaching and Learning Center

- 2012-2013 Dean of the College ASK Advising System Advisory Board
Development of advising portfolio and degree clearance functionality of online advising system
- 2007-2013 Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Faculty Advisory Committee
- 2006-10, 2013 Brown LINK Award Program (formerly BIAP) Selection Committee, CareerLAB
Review applications and select financial assistance recipients for students pursuing unpaid or low-paying career-related summer internships
- 2013 Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) committee to review Cogut Visiting Professorship, Sarmiento Fellowship, and Cogut Graduate Fellowship applications
- 2012 Focus Group for Committee on Re-Imagining the Brown Campus and Community
Charged by the Provost to examine issues related to the University's academic space needs and community cohesion
- 2011 Theories in Action Selection Committee
Campus wide conference for capstone projects and thesis work sponsored by the Dean of the College and the Curricular Resource Center
- 2010-2011 IR Curricular Development Committee, Dean of the College
Interdisciplinary committee to strengthen IR curriculum and advising
- 2008-2009 Swearer Center/Watson Institute International Summer Fellowships Selection Committee
- 2007-2008 Office of International Programs (Study Abroad) Latin America/Caribbean Advisory Group
- 2006 Institutional Review Board Working Group
Interdisciplinary group aimed at enhancing communication with faculty and undergraduates across the disciplines regarding the use of human subjects research.
- Other**
- 2007-2013 Brown Office of International Advancement: Meet with prospective IR concentrators by request of Advancement Office.
- 2007-2013 Office of International Programs: Meet with representatives from universities with study abroad links to Brown (in 2012-13, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Trinity College Dublin) to discuss curricular possibilities and benefits for IR, study abroad at Brown, and the visiting institution.
- 2013 Concentration Workshopping Event (February)
Sponsored by the Curricular Resource Center (CRC) and the Matched Advising Program for Sophomores (MAPS)
- 2013 Visited campuses of Brown-in-Barcelona, popular study abroad program for IR students.
- 2010 Faculty Panel at Meiklejohn Fall Orientation
- 2010 Brown-in-Cuba Study Abroad Program: Met in Habana, Cuba, with faculty, administrators, and Brown students in Brown-in-Cuba study broad program.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1995 Henry Barnard School, Providence, RI
Wrote proposal (implemented in 1995—present) to integrate the teaching of Spanish language (grades K-6) into the curriculum at The Henry Barnard Elementary School, laboratory school in the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, Rhode Island College.

10. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and RELATED EXPERIENCE

“Stimulating Innovation with E-Portfolios.” Speakers from AAC&U and Loyola University Chicago. (Webinar, Jan. 31, 2013): Using e-portfolios to promote critical reflection in programs such as service learning, academic internships, student employment, and undergraduate research. Relevant to Brown’s 2013 initiation of required portfolios for undergraduates in ASK.

Building an Imagined Future: Teaching as Architecture (January 30, 2013), Sheridan Center for Learning and Professional Development, Brown. How do we, as teachers, help to plan and build a future whose final outcome we will likely never see? US Professor of the Year, Steven Volk, Oberlin College.

CIS Training: Website Management (2010, 2011), *Filemaker Series* (2010), *MyCourses Basics* (2010), *Canvas Orientation and Training* (2012), *Canvas Content Strategies and Course Design* (2012), *IRB Basics* (2013), *BrownSites Basics and Start Up*—intro to new university web template and content management system (2012)

Faculty Seminar Series: Global Governance and International Law, Watson Institute, 2009

Faculty Seminar: Electronic Teaching Evaluations, Sheridan Center, 2009

Faculty Seminar: Feedback that Improves Student Writing, Sheridan Center, 2007

Teagle Foundation Conference: The Values of the Open Curriculum: An Alternative Tradition in Liberal Education, Brown University, Sept. 22-23, 2006: *Participation and White Paper* by Amherst, Antioch, Hampshire, New College, Sarah Lawrence, Smith, Wesleyan, Brown.

Grant proposal preparation and conference organizer, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute: *Early Latin American Texts*, Brown University, 1990

Council of the Americas, Americas Society, New York, 1987

Intern for organization, established in 1965 by David Rockefeller, that promotes understanding of economic, political, and cultural issues in the Americas.

11. LANGUAGES

Spanish	Fluent
Portuguese	Proficient
French	Reading

12. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (Sections: Comparative Politics, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Comparative Democratization); Latin American Studies Association (Sections: Political Institutions, Cuba, Mexico, Venezuelan Studies, Scholarly Research and Resource Section); International Studies Association (Sections: Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies, International Security Studies, Theory)