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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science (expected 2021)

The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY). New York, NY
Committee: Desmond Arias, Julie George, Mark Ungar, Robin Wagner-Pacifici
Dissertation title: *Narcommunication: The Marketing and Messaging of Organized Crime*

M.A. in Political Science (2017)

The Graduate Center, CUNY

M.A. in International Education (2012)

New York University. New York, NY

B.A. (Honors I) in English (2004)

University of Sydney. Sydney, Australia

AWARDS & GRANTS

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

Dissertation Fellowship (2020-2021)

University of California, San Diego

Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies Visiting Fellowship (2020-2021)

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Dissertation Year Fellowship (2020-2021)

Doctoral Curriculum Enhancement Grant, co-PI (2019-2021)

Writing Fellowship (2019-2020)

Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies Travel Fellowship (2018, 2020)

Doctoral Student Research Grant (2016, 2018, 2020)

Early Research Initiative/PublicsLab Fellowship (2019)

Provost's Pre-Dissertation Research Award (2017)

Advanced Research Collaborative Praxis Fellowship (2017)

Conference Presentation Support Award (2014, 2015, 2017, 2019)

New Media Lab Travel Award (2019)

Hunter College Travel Award (2019)

Graduate Center Fellowship (2014-2019)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

"The Crime and State Terrorism Nexus: How Organized Crime Appropriates Counterinsurgency Violence." *Perspectives on Terrorism* 13, 6 (2019)

Ivo Duchacek Award for best student article, The Graduate Center, CUNY (2020)

WORKING PAPERS

“Grammar of Threat: The Social Vision of Criminal Messages in Colombia and Mexico.” (co-authored with Shauna Gillooly)

“From Front Lines to Fun Runs: Changing Discourse in the Official Newspaper of the Guantánamo Bay Detention Program.”

REVIEWS

“Book review: Angelica Durán-Martínez, *The Politics of Drug Violence: Criminals, Cops and Politicians in Colombia and Mexico.*” *Strife*, issue 10 (2019)

COMMENTARY

“[In Defense of Zombies.](#)” *Political Violence at a Glance*, July 14 (2020)

“[The Jakarta Method Comes to Latin America](#)” (review). *NACLA*, May 27 (2020)

“[Narco-terrorism Charges Against Maduro and the ‘Cartel of the Suns.’](#)” *NACLA*, April 7 (2020)

“[Revisiting the Battle of Culiacán.](#)” *NACLA*, November 22, (2019)

“[López Obrador’s Public Enemy Number One?](#)” *NACLA*, February 21 (2019)

MEDIA

[Thought Project Podcast.](#) Hosted by Tanya Domi. Episode 78 (2020)

“[Mexique: les «cartels» existent-ils?](#)” By Pierre Sautreuil, *Le Figaro*, December 5 (2019)

PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“The Medium is the Narco-message: Analysis of Criminal Communication in Mexico.” (2019)

Latin American Studies Association International Congress

Brandits: Mass Marketing and Communication by Organized Crime in Mexico.” (2020)

“‘El Veneno Se Combate Con El Mismo Veneno:’ How Criminal Groups Portray Themselves in Narcomensajes.” (2019)

International Studies Association Conference

“Message in a Battle: Contesting Territory and Controlling Local Populations Through Narco-Messages.” (2019)

Law and Society Association International Meeting

“Returning to Battle for the First Time: Discipline and Recidivism at Guantánamo Bay.” (2017)

Western Political Science Association Annual Conference

“Can the Cartel Speak? Reading Mexican Narco-Messages as Speech Acts.” (2019)

“Life Stripped Bare and Death Covered Up: Thresholds of Violence at Guantánamo.” (2017)

“Fear and Loathing in Guantánamo Bay: Producing the Ideal Camp Guard.” (2016)

Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference

“Guantanamo Bay: State of Exception, Site of Terror, Fun in the Sun.” (2015)

Conflict Research Society Annual Conference

“Killing in the Passive Voice: Criminal Communication, Social Order, and the Meaning of Violence in Mexico.” (2019)

“Counterinsurgency Without Insurgency: How Narco-Messages Frame Violence.” (2018)

“From *Cuartel* to Cartel: Armed Groups, State Institutions, and Extreme Violence.” (2017)

Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability Annual Conference

“Fear and Loathing in Guantánamo: Violence and Victimhood in the Memoirs of Camp Personnel.” (2015)

“The Good Old Days at Guantánamo: Using Memory to Understand a Black Site.” (2014)

“Cuban *Balseros* at GTMO: Safe Haven or Prison Camp?” (2012)

INVITED APPEARANCES

“Organized Crime and Terrorism: Evidence from Mexico.” Barnard College, New York (2020)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor of Record, Hunter College, CUNY. New York, NY

Undergraduate Courses

Politics and Government of Central America (Fall 2018)

Terrorism (Fall 2017)

American Government: A Historical Introduction (Fall 2017)

Writing Fellow

M.A. Program Writing Fellow, The Graduate Center, CUNY (2019-2020)

Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, Hunter College, CUNY (2018-2019)

Teaching Assistant, Hunter College, CUNY

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Politics: Democracy, Anarchy, and State (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

American Government: A Historical Introduction (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Researcher, New Media Lab (2019-Present)

Research Assistant to Prof. Desmond Arias (2019-Present)

Research Assistant to Prof. Peter Beinart (2015-Present)

Research Assistant to Prof. Uday Mehta (2014-2016)

Columbia University

Online Editor, Guantánamo Public Memory Project (2012-2015)

New York University

Research Assistant, Department of Applied Psychology (2013-2014)

ACADEMIC SERVICE**Reviewer**

Terrorism and Political Violence (2019-Present)

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Alum Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2020-Present)

Organizing Committee, Comparative Politics Workshop (2017-2019)

Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2016-2019)

Chair, Students of the State, Chartered Student Organization (2016-2019)

Program Representative, Doctoral Students' Council (2015-2017)

Executive Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2016-2017)

Faculty Selection Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2015-2016)

Elections Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2015-2016)

New York University

Chair, Human Rights and Education Colloquium (2012)

TRAINING

American Political Science Association Virtual Pedagogy Workshop (2020)

American Political Science Association Short Course: Interpretive Discourse Analysis (2019)

Writing Across the Curriculum Training. Hostos Community College, CUNY. (2018)

Digital Research Institute. The Graduate Center, CUNY (2018)

Teach@CUNY Summer Institute. The Graduate Center, CUNY (2017)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Field work in Cuernavaca, Mexico (2019)

Field work in Mexico City and Cuernavaca (2018)

Preliminary field work in Mexico City (2017)

REFERENCES

Enrique Desmond Arias (Advisor)

Marxe Chair of Western Hemisphere Affairs

Baruch College, CUNY

Julie George

Associate Professor of Political Science

Queens College, CUNY

Mark Ungar

Professor of Political Science

Brooklyn College, CUNY

Robin Wagner-Pacifici
University in Exile Professor of Sociology
New School for Social Research