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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: Enrique Desmond Arias, Julie George, Mark Ungar, Robin Wagner-Pacifici,  
Eduardo Moncada

Dissertation: *Narcommunication: The Messaging, Marketing and Murder 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.-Mexican 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)

### **UNDER REVIEW**

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

### **WORKING PAPERS**

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

### **COMMENTARY**

“[The Battles After the Battle: Interpreting Violence and Memory in Culiacán.](#)” Co-editor (2020)

- “[Introduction: Revisiting the Interpretive Frenzy.](#)” *Mexico Violence Resource Project*
- “[Introducción: Reconsiderando el festín interpretativo.](#)” *Revista Espejo*

“[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)

### **REVIEWS**

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

### **IN THE 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**

“Narcommunication: The Marketing and Messaging of Organized Crime.” (2020)

“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)

#### **Peace Science Society Annual Meeting**

“Narcommunication: The Messaging, Marketing, and Murder of Organized Crime.” (2020)

#### **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)

#### **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)

#### **Law and Society Association International Meeting**

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

#### **Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference**

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

#### **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 TALKS**

“Design and Method for Research in Difficult Contexts.” Lecture at Rutgers University – Newark, New Jersey (2020)

“Culiacán: Interpretaciones sobre la Violencia y la Memoria.” Panel discussion at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City (2020)

“Organized Crime and Terrorism: Evidence from Mexico.” Lecture at 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**

**George Mason University**

Research Assistant to Prof. Desmond Arias, "[Tracing Networks of Gangs Using Data Analytics.](#)"  
Criminal Investigations & Network Analysis DHS Center of Excellence (2019-Present)

**Noria Research**

Program Member, Mexico and Central America Program (2020-Present)

**The Graduate Center, CUNY**

Coordinator, Field Work Cluster (2020)

Researcher, New Media Lab (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)

**American Political Science Association**

Methods Café Assistant, Interpretive Methods & Methodologies Division (2020)

**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 Short Course: Interpretivism & Epistemic Politics (2020)  
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)  
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