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POSITIONS

Princeton University. Princeton, NJ

Lecturer, Princeton Writing Program (2021-Present)

University of California, San Diego. San Diego, CA

Non-residential Fellow (2021-2022)

Residential Fellow (2020-2021)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science (2022)

The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY). New York, NY

Dissertation: *Narcommunication: The Messaging, Marketing, and Murder of Organized Crime*

M.Phil. in Political Science (2021)

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

GRANTS & FUNDING

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

Dissertation Fellowship (2020-2021)

University of California, San Diego

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

Princeton University

UCRHSS Research Grant (2022)

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Dissertation Year Fellowship (2020-2021)

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

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)
Graduate Center Fellowship (2014-2019)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- “From Front Lines to Fun Runs: Revitalizing the Exception through Official Discourse at Guantánamo Bay.” *Critical Military Studies*. Online (2021)
- “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

- “The Implications of Illicit Networks for Changes in Anti-Narcotics Policies.” (co-authored with Desmond Arias)
- “Grammar of Threat: Governance and Order in Public Threats by Criminal Actors.” (co-authored with Shauna Gillooly)

WORKING PAPERS

- “Illicit Ideologies: A Framework for Understanding the Political Thought of Illicit Actors.” (co-authored with Desmond Arias)
- “Criminal Communication: The Messaging, Marketing, and Murder of Organized Crime.”

PUBLIC WRITING

- “Taking Note of Violence.” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (forthcoming)
- “What Will It Take to End Indefinite Detention at Guantánamo Bay?” *Political Violence at a Glance* (2021)
- “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* (2020)
- “The Jakarta Method Comes to Latin America.” *NACLA* (2020)
- “Narco-terrorism Charges Against Maduro and the ‘Cartel of the Suns.’” *NACLA* (2020)
- “Revisiting the Battle of Culiacán.” *NACLA* (2019)
- “López Obrador’s Public Enemy Number One?” *NACLA* (2019)
- “A Man Has Been Tortured – All is Going to Plan.” *Overland* (2014)
- “A Brooklyn Hipster in Sydney.” *Overland* (2014)
- “The Press Arrives At Nauru.” *Overland* (2013)
- “Indefinite Detention Shouldn’t Be Definitive” *Overland* (2013)

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Alison Dagnes, Super Mad at Everything All the Time: Political Media and Our National Anger.” *Terrorism and Political Violence* (2022)

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

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Decoding the Messages of Mexican Drug Cartels.” *Urban Violence Research Network* (2022)

“The Long Shadow of 9/11 Hangs Over Guantánamo Bay.” *Thought Project Podcast* (2021)

“Philip Johnson on The Thought Project.” *Thought Project Podcast* (2020)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Princeton University

Outlawed and Infamous

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

Government and Politics in Central America

Terrorism

American Government: A Historical Introduction

Writing Across the Curriculum

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

Introduction to Politics: Democracy, Anarchy, and State

American Government: A Historical Introduction

PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Roundtable: Methods, Ethics, and Policy Implications of Research on Criminal and Extra-Legal Actors.” (2021)

“Methods Café: Concepts and Discourse.” (2021)

“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

“Criminal Communication: The Messaging, Marketing, and Murder of Organized Crime.” (2022)

“Grammar of Threat: The Social Vision of Criminal Messages in Colombia and Mexico.” (2021)

“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

“Narcommunication: The Messaging, Marketing, and Murder of Organized Crime.” (2021)

“Grammar of Threat: The Social Vision of Criminal Messages in Colombia and Mexico.” (2021)

“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)

Conflict Research Society Annual Conference

“Grammar of Threat: The Social Vision of Criminal Messages in Colombia and Mexico.” (2021)

“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)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

“Roundtable: Organized Crime Research 1 – Conceptual Challenges.” (2021)

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)

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

“Criminal Governance in the COVID-19 Era.” University of Nevada, Reno (2021)

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

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

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

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Noria Research

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

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Research Assistant to Prof. Desmond Arias, “Tracing Networks of Gangs Using Data Analytics.” (2019-2021)

Research Assistant to Prof. Peter Beinart (2015-2021)
Coordinator, Field Work Cluster (2020)
Researcher, New Media Lab (2019-2020)
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; Latin American Research Review; Journal of Latin American Studies; Partecipazione e Conflitto

Princeton University

Faculty Hiring Committee, Princeton Writing Program (2022)

The Graduate Center, CUNY

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

Princeton University: Pedagogy in Practice Workshop (2021)
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)

LANGUAGES

English (native); Spanish (fluent)

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
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, New York, NY

Eduardo Moncada
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Barnard College, New York, NY

Gema Kloppe-Santamaría
Assistant Professor of Latin American History
George Washington University, Washington, DC