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EDUCATION

PhD. (Expected 2020)	Department of Political Science University of Massachusetts Amherst Dissertation: <i>Globalization from the Grassroots: Power and Transnational Linkages in Guatemala</i>
2019-2020	Visiting Scholar, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies University of Michigan Ann Arbor
M.A. 2018	Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst
B.A. 2014	International Affairs, German Language Minor Honors College, Magna Cum Laude Eastern Michigan University
2013	Semester Abroad: Justus Liebig Universität (Giessen, Germany)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Social Movements	Latin America
Political Economy	Development
Postcolonial/Decolonial Theory	Globalization

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Social Movements, Autonomy and the State in Latin America,” *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science*, 24, September (2014).

Manuscripts Under Review and In-Progress

“*La red que crece*: Platform Politics and Social Struggle in Neoliberal Guatemala.” (Under review: June 2019).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2017 Runner-up, Best Paper Award, *Interdisciplinary Political Studies Conference at UMass Amherst: Violent Times, Violent Spaces*

2014 Eastern Michigan University International Affairs Student of the Year

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

“The Flint Water Crisis and Environmental Racism.” *Fireside Chat: Environmental Racism*. Roosevelt Institute: Mt. Holyoke College. (South Hadley, MA: 17 November 2016)

Conferences

“‘Where business grows, so does crime’: Navigating Violent Contexts and Enacting Local Development in Urban Highland Guatemala.” Paper presented at *Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference*. (Boston, MA: 24 May 2019).

“Transnational Flows, Knowledge Production, and Markets over States: Continuity and Rupture in Social Struggles in Guatemala’s Western Highlands.” Paper presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*. (Chicago, IL: 4 April 2019).

“Development, Governmentality, Coloniality: The Case Study of Guatemala.” Paper presented at *Interdisciplinary Political Studies Conference at UMass Amherst: Violent Times, Violent Spaces*. (Amherst, MA: 25 March 2017).

“Neither ‘Weapons of the Weak’ nor Social Movements: Resistance in Postwar Guatemala.” Paper Presented at *Space, Place, and Resistance in Latin America Workshop/Conference* at Cornell University. (Ithaca, NY: 29-30 April 2016).

“Pink Governance: The Governing of Ecuador’s Social Movements.” Paper presented at *New England Political Science Association Conference*. (New Haven, CT: 24 April 2015).

“Social Movements, Autonomy, and the State in Latin America.” Paper presented at *Eastern Michigan University Undergraduate Symposium*. (Ypsilanti, MI: 28 March 2014).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019 UMass Political Science Department Conference Travel Grant (\$300)

2018 UMass Political Science Department Conference Travel Grant (\$300)

- 2018 Fulbright Alternate
- 2018 UMass Political Science Department Research and Writing Award (\$2,000)
6 months dissertation research based in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
- 2018 UMass Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$4,500)
6 months dissertation research based in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
- 2017 UMass Amherst Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Pre-Dissertation
Research Award (\$750)
4-Weeks of interviews and participant observation research throughout Western Highlands of
Guatemala
- 2016 *UMass Political Science Department Summer Methods, Language, and Training in Research
Grant* (\$2,500) 4-Weeks intensive Spanish language instruction in Quito, Ecuador
- 2015 *UMass Political Science Department Summer Methods, Language, and Training in
Research Grant* (\$2,000) 4-Weeks intensive Spanish language instruction in Guatemala
- 2014 *EMU Honors Undergraduate Fellowship* (\$1,000)
- 2013 *EMU Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship* (\$1,000) Justus Liebig Universität, Germany
- 2013 *EMU Political Science Study Abroad Scholarship* (\$500) Justus Liebig Universität, Germany

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2018 Research Assistant for Dr. Sonia Alvarez
Beyond Civil Society: Activism, Participation, and Protest in Latin America: manuscript
compiling and copyediting.
LASA 2018: conference and panel planning
- 2017 Research Assistant for Dr. Angelica Bernal
Beyond Origins: Rethinking Founding in a Time of Constitutional Democracy:
copyediting
- 2016 15-Week ethnographic project on GEO-UAW 2322 for Political Ethnography graduate
seminar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Eastern Michigan University

Sole Instructor

Global Issues (PLSC 120): Fall 2019—Online

Introduction to International Politics (PLSC 212): Fall 2019

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Sole Instructor

Latin American Politics (POLISCI 340): Spring 2019—Online course
Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLISCI 111): Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Winter 2020—Online

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLISCI 111): Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016
World Politics (POLISCI 121): Fall 2014
Power (POLISCI 273): Spring 2017
Comparative Political Economy (POLISCI 281): Fall 2016

MENTORING

2019 Undergraduate Research Engagement Program (UREP), “Mapping NGOs in Guatemala”
Advised two undergraduate Research Assistants who engaged in data collection

SERVICE

2017-2018 Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) Representative
UAW 2322 Joint Council
2016-2017 Member-at-Large, Steering Committee
Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)
2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee
UMass Amherst Department of Political Science
2014-2016 Department Steward, UMass Amherst Department of Political Science
Graduate Employee Organization (GEO-UAW)

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Advanced
German – Conversational