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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2009–present **The University of Mississippi**
Croft Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2008–2009 **Mount St. Mary's University**
Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2006–2008 **Dickinson College**
Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American Politics

EDUCATION

- 2007 **Western Michigan University**
PhD, Political Science
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Theory
Dissertation: “Democracy on Stilts: Bolivia’s Democracy from Stability to Crisis”
Committee: Emily Hauptmann, Gunther Hege, Sybil Rhodes, Mark P. Jones
- 1999 **Western Michigan University**
MA, Political Science
Field: Political Theory
- 1997 **Central Michigan University**
BS, Political Science, History, Latin American Studies

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics	Democratization	International Relations
Latin American Politics	Populism	Research Design & Qualitative Methods
Third World Politics	Elections & Parties	Teaching Pedagogy

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Centellas, Miguel. 2011. “Bolivia.” In Freedom House, *Countries at the Crossroads 2011: A Summary of Democratic Governance*. Washington, DC: Freedom House.

Journal Articles—Peer Reviewed

Centellas, Miguel and Gregory J. Love. (forthcoming 2012). “We’re Off to Replace the Wizard: Lessons from a Collaborative Group Project Assignment” *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Centellas, Miguel. 2011. “Preaching What We Practice: Bringing Scope and Methods ‘Back In’” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44 (4): 817-822.

Centellas, Miguel. 2010. “Savina Cuéllar and Bolivia’s New Regionalism.” *Latin American Perspectives* 37 (4): 161-176.

Centellas, Miguel. 2010. “Pop Culture in the Classroom: *American Idol*, Karl Marx, and Alexis de Tocqueville.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 43 (3): 561-565.

Centellas, Miguel. 2009. "Electoral Reform, Regional Cleavages, and Party System Stability in Bolivia." *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 1 (2): 115-131.

Centellas, Miguel. 2008. "From 'Parliamentarized' to 'Pure' Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003." *The Latin Americanist* 52 (3): 5-30. [Reprinted in September 2009 online special issue on Democracy in Latin America.]

Journal Articles—Editor Reviewed

Centellas, Miguel. 2011. "Beyond Caudillos: The Need to Create a Strong Multiparty System." *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America* (Fall/Winter): 81-82.

Alpert, Alexandra, Miguel Centellas, and Matthew M. Singer. 2010. "The 2009 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Bolivia." *Electoral Studies* 29 (4): 757-761.

Centellas, Miguel. 2010. "Bolivia's Radical Decentralization." *Americas Quarterly* 4 (3): 34-38.

Encyclopedic Entries

Encyclopedia of United States–Latin American Relations. (CQ Press, 2011)

- "Bolivia US Military Anti-Drug Program, 1986"
- "National Revolutionary Movement (MNR–Bolivia)"
- "Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)"
- "United States and Andean Trade Preferences Act, 1991"

Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture, 2nd ed. (Charles Scribner's Sons, 2008)

- "Taborga, Miguel de los Santos"

Book Review

Pablo Stefanoni, Franklin Ramirez, and Maristella Svampa, *Las Vías de emancipación en Bolivia: Conversaciones con Álvaro García Linera*, in *Americas Quarterly* 3: 4 (Summer 2009), 134-135.

Invited Commentary & Other Publications

Contributions to *Latin American Advisor* (newsletter of the Inter-American Dialogue)

- Featured Q&A: "Will a New Law in Bolivia Silence Free Expression?" October 29, 2010.
- Featured Q&A: "Is Morales Dealing Effectively With Protests in Bolivia?" August 24, 2010.
- Featured Q&A: "Where the Elections a Win for Morales, A Victory of the Opposition, Or a Draw?" April 8, 2010.
- Featured Q&A: "Is Bolivian President Evo Morales a Shoo-In for Re-Election?" September 10, 2009.

Contributions to AQ Online (website of the Americas Society and Council of the Americas)

- "Bolivia's Regional Elections: A Setback for Evo Morales." April 8, 2010.
- "The Second-Term Challenges For Bolivia's Evo Morales." December 15, 2009.

Editorial essays in *Tiempo Político* (Bolivian political analysis weekly)

- "Estado plurinacional y elecciones multipartidarias." July 17, 2009.
- "Reelección indefinida y 'democradura': ¿un modelo chavista para Bolivia?" August 24, 2007.
- "Ingeniería electoral: el sistema de voto alternativo." May 25, 2007.
- "¿Y qué de las prefecturas? Proteger al ciudadano." September 1, 2005.
- "El Estado de derecho cómo necesidad: Las condiciones mínimas para la democracia." June 24, 2004.
- "¿Democracia de referéndum?" March 11, 2004.

Centellas, Miguel, Jonathan C. Eastvold, Renee Bukovchik Van Vechten, and Tyson D. King-Meadows. 2009. "Core Curriculum and General Education: Track Summary," *PS: Political Science & Politics* 42 (3): 577-579.

Centellas, Miguel. "Bolivia's New International Stage." *e-International Relations* (online journal), July 3, 2008. <http://www.e-ir.info/>

Broadcast Media Interviews

"Underneath the sweater: Bolivia's Evo Morales faces mounting opposition," *Worldview* with Jerome McDonnell, WBEZ-NPR, November 2, 2011. <http://www.wbez.org/worldview/2011-11-02/>

"Latin America's New Socialism," *Open Source* with Christopher Lydon, PRI, January 3, 2006. <http://www.radioopensource.org/latin-americas-new-socialism/>

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Research Project: "Electoral Systems and Party Personnel: The Consequences of Reform and Non-Reform" (NSF SES-0751662: Principal Investigators: Matthew Shugart, Ellis Kraus, and Robert Pekkanen), coordinating data collection and coding for Bolivia case (data collection completed; beginning data analysis for publication)

Book Manuscript: *Politics in Bolivia: Stability, Crisis, and Reinvention*, writing/editing in progress

Book Chapter: "Multiculturalism and Indigenous Rights in Bolivia's 2009 Constitution" for volume on multiculturalism in Latin America, edited by Michael S. Danielson and Todd Eisenstadt (under review at Oxford University Press)

Article: "The Santa Cruz *Autonomía* Movement: Preliminary Considerations on a Case of Non-Indigenous Ethnic Popular Mobilization" (under review)

Article: "Measuring the 'Democratic Competitiveness' in Latin America and Post-Communist Europe" (with Mihaela Ristei Gugiu; under revision)

Article: "Bolivia's New Regionalism: Electoral Patterns in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and Chuquisaca" (with Miguel A. Buitrago; under revision)

Article: "Policy Makers or Rubber Stamps? Challenges Regarding Legislative Independence in East Africa" (with Warigia Bowman; under revision)

Article: "News Media in the Classroom: Effects of Collaborative Assignments on News Media Consumption and Political Efficacy" (with Cy Rosenblatt; under preparation)

Conference Paper: "Regional Party System Dynamics in Bolivia: Regional Party Politics in a Decentralizing State" (for presentation at the 2012 LASA conference)

Grant Proposal: "Sustaining Ecosystems, Sustaining Communities: A Multidisciplinary Response to Climate Change in the Lake Victoria Basin" (collaborative inter-disciplinary research project; under review at NSF)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Lecture, "¿El Movimiento Autonomico en Santa Cruz Como Movimiento Étnico? Consideraciones Preliminares," Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencia Política, Universidad Mayor de San Andres (La Paz, Bolivia), June 2011

Lecture, "Lula's Political *Bossa Nova*: South America at the Dawn of its Third Century," Pan American Day Symposium, Villanova University, April 2009

Chair/Discussant, Comparative Perspectives panel, "Reconciling Customary Law Norms, Identity-

Related Conflicts, and State Political Institutions: Mexico's Multicultural Experiment in Comparative Perspective," American University (Washington, DC), February 2009

Panelist, "Political Polarization in the Andes," Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, December 2008

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Chair/Discussant

- "Military Regimes and Transition to Democracy," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March/April 2011
- "Bolivia During *Tiempos de Cambio*," Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, October 2010
- "New Party Dynamics and Elections in Latin America," Political Institutions Section official panel, Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, June 2009
- "Party Systems in Latin America," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007

Workshops Directed

- "Preaching What We Practice: Bringing Methods 'Back In' Across the Political Science Curriculum," APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Albuquerque, February 2011

Papers Presented

- "Measuring the Competitiveness of Party Systems and Electoral Regimes in Latin America, 1985-2010," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March/April 2011
- "We're Off to Replace the Wizard: Lessons from a Collaborative Group Project Assignment" (with Gregory J. Love), APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Albuquerque, February 2011
- "The Santa Cruz *Autonomía* Movement: Preliminary Considerations on a Case of Non-Indigenous Ethnic Popular Mobilization," American Political Science Association, September 2010; also at Latin American Studies Association, October 2010
- "Bridging the Gap: Between Research Methods Courses and Senior Theses," APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Philadelphia, February 2010
- "Bolivia's New Regionalism: A Look at Electoral Patterns in Santa Cruz, Tarija, and Chuquisaca" (with Miguel A. Buitrago), Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009
- "Pop Culture in the Classroom: *American Idol*, Karl Marx, and Alexis de Tocqueville," APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Baltimore, February 2009
- "Bolivia's Party System after October 2003: Where Did All the Politicians Go?" American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008
- "Democratization, Social Crisis, and National Reinvention: Evidence from the Bolivian Case," Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, September 2007
- "From 'Parliamentarized' to 'Pure' Presidentialism: Bolivia after October 2003," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007
- "Forging a New Social Contract? Bolivia's 2006 Constituent Assembly Election," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007
- "Imagining Bolivia: The Struggle for Democracy in the Midst of Competing Visions of the Nation," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2006
- "Mixed-Member Proportional Electoral Systems in New Democracies: The Bolivian Experience," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2005
- "Parliamentarized Presidentialism: A New Model of Executive-Legislative Relations," Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, September 2002
- "Electoral Systems and the Formation of Democratic Party Systems: Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2002

- “Parliamentarized Presidentialism: New Democracies, Constitutional Engineering, and the Bolivian Model,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2001
- “Polyarchy in Five South American States: Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2000
- “Decentralization and Democratization in Bolivia,” Latin American Studies Association, Miami, March 2000
- “The Consolidation of Democracy in Bolivia, 1985-1997,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1999

Round Table Panelist

- Panelist, “Teaching Political Science with the Web,” Round Table on Teaching Political Science, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, March/April 2011

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

National Science Foundation (SES-0751662), “Electoral Systems and Party Personnel: The Consequences of Reform and Non-Reform” (Co-Investigator), 2008-2012

American Academy of Political and Social Science, Graduate Fellow, 2006

Fulbright Dissertation Fellowship, for research in Bolivia, 2003-2004

Other Awards

University of Mississippi

- Open Education Resources (OER) Curriculum Development Grant, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, 2011 (competitive summer writing grant to develop online course modules; with Jacob Kathman)
- Faculty Development Grant, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, 2011
- Summer Development Grant, Division of Outreach, 2010
- Teaching Development Grant, Center for Writing and Rhetoric, 2010

Mount St. Mary’s University

- Provost’s Teaching Development Grant, Mount St. Mary’s University, 2009

Dickinson College

- Dana Research Grant, Dickinson College, 2007-2008 (funds for undergraduate research assistant)

Graduate Awards

- The Graduate College Dissertation Fellowship, Western Michigan University, 2005-2006
- The Graduate College Research Award, Western Michigan University, 2006
- George W. Klein Memorial Award, Western Michigan University, 2000 & 2005
- All-University Graduate Teaching Award, Western Michigan University, 2001
- Doctoral Associate, Western Michigan University, 1998-2004
- The Graduate College Fellowship, Western Michigan University, 1997-1998

Undergraduate Awards

- John B. Warriner Scholarship, Central Michigan University, 1995-1997
- Thelma Key Memorial Scholarship, Central Michigan University, 1995-1996
- Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Central Michigan University, 1993-1997
- Juan Andrade Scholarship, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, 1994-1995
- League of United Latin American Citizens National Scholarship, 1993-1995

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Political Institutions Section, Latin American Studies Association

- Chair, 2010-present
- Executive Council, 2008-present
- Travel Scholarship Award Committee, 2010
- Website Coordinator, 2007-2008

Bolivian Studies Section, Latin American Studies Association

- Executive Council, 2009-present

Coordinated Bolivian diplomatic visit to University of Mississippi through State Department sponsored indigenous leader exchange (Bolivia-Choctaw), November 2010

Briefing on Bolivia-Mississippi State Partnership Program to Foreign Service Officers (US Embassy to Bolivia and USAID-Bolivia staff), Jackson, Mississippi, April 2010

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Latin American Politics & Society*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *The Latin Americanist*, *Colombia Internacional*; Wiley-Blackwell, Pearson Longman, Polity Press, Routledge

Media Interviews (national/international): *The Atlantic*, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Le Jeudi* (Luxembourg), *Politiken* (Denmark), Gulan Media (Kurdistan, Iraq), Associated Press, Bloomberg News Service, McClatchy News Service, National Public Radio, Public Radio International, Voice of America, Al-Jazeera English

CAMPUS SERVICE & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

University of Mississippi

- Co-Creator/Instructor, Social Science Field School in Bolivia, Summer 2011
- Advisor, Model United Nations Club, 2011-present
- Advisor, Foro Latino (student-organized, Spanish-language salon), 2009-present
- Member, First-Year Seminar Committee, Center for Writing and Rhetoric, 2009-2010
- Presentation, "Preaching What We Practice: Bringing Scope and Methods 'Back In' to Research Writing," Center for Writing and Rhetoric, April 2011
- Presentation, Comparative Case Methodology Workshop, Graduate Student Methodology Workshop Series, Department of Political Science
- Presentation, "The Federalism That Dares Not Speak Its Name: Bolivia After the April 4 Regional and Local Elections," Department of Political Science Brownbag Series, April 2010
- Presenter/Moderator, "Entre Chávez y Uribe: ¿Dos Caras de la Misma Moneda?" Foro Latino, November 2009

Mount St. Mary's University

- Pre-Law Faculty Search Committee, 2009
- Member, Honors Committee, 2009
- Member, Intercultural Development Advisory Committee, 2008-2009
- Presenter/Moderator, "Latin America: The Next US President's Agenda," Great Decisions Forum, November 2008
- Panelist, "Does the Democratic form of Government Need to be Anchored in Religious Values?" Philosophical Society Forum, November 2008

Dickinson College

- Interim Director, Latin American Studies Program, 2007-2008
- Adviser, Sigma Lambda Beta (historically Latino multicultural fraternity), 2007-2008
- Supervisor, Dana Research Assistant, 2007-2008
- Supervisor, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, 2007
- Oral Examiner, International Studies Program, 2007
- Panelist, “A Living Wage for Dickinson College,” Common Hour Forum, October 2007
- Lecture, “Buscando la Bolivia Imaginada: Entre ‘Guerra del Gas’ y Asamblea Constituyente,” Spanish Club Guest Speaker Series, February 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Mississippi—Bolivia (advanced undergraduate and graduate social science field school)

- Politics and Culture of the Andes
- Multidisciplinary Social Science Methods

University of Mississippi

- First-Year Seminar: Travel as a Method of Inquiry
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Introduction to International Relations
- Politics of Latin America
- Transitions to Democracy
- Comparative Democratic Institutions (Spring 2012)
- Seminar: Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America
- Seminar: Electoral Systems and Party Systems (Spring 2012)
- Research Methods for International Studies

Mount St. Mary’s University

- Comparative Politics
- Democracy and Democratization
- Comparative Political Systems: Latin America
- Third World Political Development
- American Foreign Policy
- Political Research Methods I

Dickinson College

- Comparative Politics
- Introduction to Latin American Studies
- Latin American Government and Politics
- Democracy and Democratization
- Research Methods
- Seminar: Heroes & Villains: Populism in Latin America
- Seminar: Democracy and Its Discontents

Western Michigan University—Instructor

- Critical Thinking About Politics
- Introduction to Political Science
- International Relations

- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Latin American Politics
- Contemporary Political Theory

Western Michigan University—Teaching Assistant

- Critical Thinking About Politics
- American Judicial Politics

MENTORING & ADVISING

Research Assistants

- Juan Carlos Reyes (UNDP, Bolivia), NSF-funded research assistant (final data collection; funded by NSF SES-0751662), 2011
- Viviana Zamora (FES-ILDIS, Bolivia), NSF-funded research assistant (data collection and organization; funded by NSF SES-0751662), 2010
- Erika Salinas (FES-ILDIS, Bolivia) NSF-funded research assistant (data collection and organization; funded by NSF SES-0751662), 2009
- Juliana Horwath (Dickinson College), Dana Research Assistant (assisted with preliminary data collection in anticipation of NSF grant), 2007-2008

University of Mississippi, Croft Institute for International Studies

Thesis Advisor

- Emily Ambos, “Divergent Immigration Patterns in Ecuador, Argentina, and Mexico,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- Shantala Weiss, “Income Inequality and Total Tax Wedge: A Comparative Study of Denmark, Uruguay, and Mississippi,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- William Magee, “Social Disorder Across Societies: The 1968 protests in Mexico, Argentina, and France,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- Rob Hamilton, “Explaining Differences in Quality of Democracy in Chile and Uruguay,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- Leigh Cummins, “From Riches to Rags: An Analysis of Argentina’s Uneven Development from 1880 through 2010,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2010-2011
- William Grossenbacher, III: “A Look at Evo Morales and Sustainable Development in Bolivia,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2010-2011
- Joseph Bateman, “Conflict in the Peruvian Amazon: A Study of Political Instability Bagua Region,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2009-2010 [winner of Taylor Medal and Croft Latin American Prize]
- Michael Moore, “Capitalization and the Failure of Neoliberalism in Bolivia,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2009-2010

Third Reader

- Sara-Fey Rumbarger, “Unintended Consequences: An Analysis of Oil Exploration and Indigenous Political Representation in Ecuador,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- Gabriel Lee, “Development Policies in Authoritarian Regimes: A Study of Hunan (China) and Myanmar,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2011-2012
- R. J. Malefant, “Who Are You For? The Role of Soccer in Class Construction in Uruguay,” Croft Institute for International Studies Thesis, 2009-2010

Dickinson College

- Brian Booher, “Countering a Global Trend: Popular Resistance to Neoliberalism in Chile, France, and Australia,” Political Science Honors Thesis, 2007-2008
- Lindsay Robinson, “Decentralization in Sub-Saharan Africa: Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia in Comparative Perspective” Political Science Honors Thesis, 2007-2008 [winner of Bruce Andrews Prize]
- Alice Drozdiak, “María, Why Don’t You Write? The Role of Sexual Language in Life Narratives of Colonial Mexican Mystics,” Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008
- Shana Ellsbury, “Authoritarianism at the State Level: Oaxaca and Its Implications for Mexico’s Democratization,” Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008
- Melissa Nolan, “La polémica de la memoria y el futuro de la democracia en Chile,” Latin American Studies Certificate Thesis, 2007-2008

LANGUAGES & OTHER SKILLS

Native fluency (written and conversational) in Spanish and English; conversational Italian and Portuguese; reading French and Catalan

Proficient in various software packages, including: Microsoft Office applications (Windows & Mac), STATA, SPSS, Blackboard, Movable Type, HTML & CSS, and general web design and collaborative software packages

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REFERENCES

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