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## Education

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b>	<b>Degree &amp; Major</b>	<b>Date Conferred</b>
University of California, Los Angeles	Fall 2003– Spring 2008	Ph.D., Political Science	2008
University of California, Los Angeles	Fall 2003– Fall 2007	M.A., Political Science	2007
Stanford University	Fall 2001– Spring 2002	M.A., Latin American Studies	2002
University of California, Los Angeles	Fall 1999– Summer 2001	B.A., Latin American Studies/Political Science (minor)	2001

## Research Interests

Latino Politics; Immigration Policy; Migration Control; Migrant Social Movements; Transnationalism; Public Security, Mexico and Central America.

## Publications

### Books

*Reform without Justice: The Homeland Security State and Latino Migrant Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

*Mexicans Central Americans and the Geopolitics of US Asylum Law*  
(In progress / right to first review: Oxford University Press)

### Articles

- 2014 “Pessimism of the Mind and Optimism of the Spirit: Latino Migrant Activism, Democracy, and the Politics of Immigration Reform after 2012.” Special issue, “Latino Political Resurrection,” *Camino Real*, Estudios de las Hispanidades Norteamericanas, Universidad de Alcalá, Madrid, Spain. Vol. 5, no. 8, 59-81

- 2013 “Politics from Below: Mexican Civil Society in New York City.” *NACLA Report on the Americas*. Winter Issue. Vol. 4, no 4, 21-26
- 2010. Guest Editor, Introduction, “Power, Justice, and Survival: Latino Politics in the 21st Century.” *NACLA Report on the Americas*. Vol. 43, no. 6, pp. 13–14.
- 2010. “Beyond the Consensus: Oppositional *Migrante* Politics in the Obama Era.” *NACLA Report on the Americas*. Vol. 43, no. 6, pp. 15–19.
- 2009. “The 2006 *Mega-Marchas* in Greater Los Angeles: Counter-hegemonic Moment and the Future of *El Migrante* Struggle.” *Journal of Latino Studies*. Vol. 7, no. 1, pp. 30–59.

### Articles in Progress

- “Nuestro Gramsci: A Statement on Antonio Gramsci’s Theoretical and Ontological Relevance to Contemporary Latino Studies and Politics.”
- “Neoliberalism, the Homeland Security State, and Democracy.”
- “State Theory and Latino Politics Research: Notes toward a Neo-Gramscian Framework.”
- “Lessons from the Black Freedom Struggle: What the Modern-Day Migrant Movement Could Learn from Black Americans.”

### Grants Received/ Professional Honors

- 2014. **Recipient of the Americo Paredes Book Prize** for scholarly monographs published in 2013 that best address a significant subject within Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies. Award given by the American Folklore Association to the author for *Reform Without Justice: Latino Migrant Politics and the Homeland Security State* (Oxford University Press).
- 2012–13. **Dean of Natural and Social Sciences**, Lehman College. Funds for College Assistant. Amount: US\$2,545
- 2012. **American Political Science Association**, Latino Fund, in support of research development. Amount: US\$540.
- 2011. **Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies**, Herbert H. Lehman College. Received one course release.

- 2008–10. **Postdoctoral Fellowship, New York University.** Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, Latino Studies Program.
- 2005–8. **Pre-doctoral Diversity Fellow, Ford Foundation.** Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2008. **University of California Los Angeles, Latin American Center.** Conference Grant Award for “U.S. Latinos and Latin American Integration: Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century.” Amount: US\$15,000.
- 2007. **University of California, Los Angeles.** Dissertation Summer Institute Award. Amount: US\$4,500.
- 2007. **University of California, Los Angeles.** Latin American Center, Predoctoral Field Research Grant. Amount: US\$1,500.
- 2006. **National Science Foundation and University of California, Los Angeles.** Diversity Initiative on Graduate Students in the Social Sciences Field Research Grant. Amount: US\$2,800.
- 2005–8. **Ford Foundation.** Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship. Amount: US\$60,000.

#### **Professional Conferences/Academic Presentations**

- Presentation, “Reform without Justice: The Homeland Security State and Latino Migrant Politics.” **American Political Science Association** meeting. Chicago, fall 2013.
- Paper presentation, “Beyond Immigration Reform: The Homeland Security State, Neoliberalism, and the Latin Americanization of Latino Politics in the United States.” **Latin American Studies Association, Annual Congress.** To be held in Washington, D.C., spring 2013.
- Poster accepted, “The Long Road to Justice: Latino Migrant Politics and the Homeland Security State.” **American Political Science Association** meeting. Chicago, fall 2013.
- Paper accepted, “State Theory and Latino politics Research: Notes toward a Neo-Gramscian Framework.” **American Political Science Association** meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, fall 2012 (canceled due to hurricane).
- Paper presentation, “Resisting Passive Revolution: Obama and the Immigrant Rights Movement in New York City.” **National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies Association Meeting.** Los Angeles, spring 2011.
- Invited discussant. “Innovations in Latino Politics Research.” **American Political Science Association** meeting. Washington, D.C., fall 2010.

## Invited Academic Presentations

- Invited presentation, “Justice Denied: Mexicans, Central Americans and the Geopolitics of the Refugee Crisis,” New Faculty Lecture Series, **Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin**, fall 2014
- Invited panelist, “Unaccompanied Minors: A Panel Discussion on the Humanitarian Crisis at our Border,” **American Constitutional Society, School of Law, University of Texas at Austin**, fall 2014
- Invited panelist, “Foro Urgente, Understanding the Humanitarian Crisis at the Border: Roots and Responses,” **Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies and the Department of Mexican American and Latino Studies, University of Texas at Austin**, Fall 2014
- Invited book presentation, “Reform without Justice: Latino Migrant Politics and the Homeland Security State.” **Center for the Study of Race, Politics & Culture, University of Chicago** spring 2014.
- Invited book presentation, “Reform without Justice: Latino Migrant Politics and the Homeland Security State.” **University of Notre Dame, Indiana**, spring 2014.
- Invited book presentation, “Reform without Justice: Latino Migrant Politics and the Homeland Security State.” **Center for Latino Policy Research, University of California Berkeley**, spring 2014.
- Invited book presentation, “Reform without Justice: Latino Migrant Politics and the Homeland Security State.” **Center for Chicano Studies Research, University of California Los Angeles**, spring 2014.
- Invited presenter, “Reform without Justice: Latino Migrant Politics and the Homeland Security State.” **Immigration Reading Group, Brooklyn Law School**, fall 2013.
- Invited presenter, “Changing Country Conditions for Mexican and Central American Asylum Claims. When a Well-Founded Fear Isn’t Enough.” Symposium, **Cardozo Law School**, fall 2013.
- Invited presenter. “No Justice in Sight: State, Hegemony, and Latino Migrant Politics.” Center for Latin American Studies, **University of Florida**, Gainesville, spring 2011.
- Invited presenter, “No Justice in Sight: Global Capitalism, the State, and Immigrant Rights.” Center for Latin American Studies, **University of Arizona**, Tucson, spring 2011.

- Invited presenter, “Beyond Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Lessons from the Black Civil Rights Movement.” Conference: Enemies at Our Gates or Lady Liberty’s Huddled Masses. School of Law, **Florida International University**, Miami, spring 2011.
- Invited presenter, “Latino Politics and the Struggle for Human Rights in the 21st Century.” **Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Herbert H. Lehman College**, Bronx, New York, fall 2011.
- Invited discussant, “Reflections on the War on Terror and the 100-Year Anniversary of Angel Island.” Panel, Asia Pacific Institute, **New York University**, fall 2010.

### Teaching Experience

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>
New School for Social Research	Fall 2012– Present	Adjunct Professor	Global Affairs
Lehman College, City University of New York	Fall 2010– Present	Assistant Professor	Political Science
New York University	Fall 2008– Spring 2010	Assistant Professor / Faculty Fellow	Social and Cultural Analysis
University of California, Los Angeles	Summer 2004	Teaching Assistant	Political Science
Riverside Community College	Fall 2002– 2003	Adjunct Professor	Political Science

### Curriculum Development

#### Courses Taught

- Migration, Displacement, and Asylum (Graduate Course, New School for Social Research)
- Latino Politics (CUNY, Lehman College)
- Introduction to American Government (CUNY, Lehman College)
- Immigration and Citizenship (CUNY, Lehman College)
- Neo-Gramscian Thought in the Americas (Lehman College)

#### Courses in Development

- Latino Political Thought

- Research Design in Latino Politics
- Politics of Mexico and Central America
- State Theory and Its Critics

### **Service to the Profession**

- Secretary, Latino Caucus of the American Political Science Association, 2013–2015.
- Invited Reviewer (Presses and Journals): Oxford University Press; Palgrave Press, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Politics Groups and Identities*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Journal of Latino Studies*.

### **Languages**

Fluent in English and Spanish, and semifluent in Brazilian Portuguese

### **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)  
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)