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### CURRENT

**Associate Professor** of International Relations, Boston University  
**Director of Latin American Studies**, Boston University

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 1996     **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**, Dept. of Political Science.  
 •Dissertation: "From Silent to Active Partner: Big Business, the State and Free Trade in Mexico."  
 •Comprehensive exams in International Relations and Comparative Politics  
 •Minor in international economics
- M.A. 1991     **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**, Dept. of Political Science.  
 •With a Certificate in Latin American Studies
- B.A. 1988     **Pomona College**, Claremont, CA. International Relations *cum laude*.  
 •Phi Beta Kappa

### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

- A Centripetal Theory of Democratic Governance*, with John Gerring. New York: Cambridge University Press (2008).  
*Big Business, the State, and Free Trade: Constructing Coalitions in Mexico*. New York: Cambridge University Press (2000).

#### Articles

- "Are Parliamentary Systems Better?" with John Gerring and Carola Moreno, *Comparative Political Studies* (forthcoming, March 2009).  
 "Democracy, Economic Policy, and Political Corruption: Latin America in Comparative Perspective," in *Corruption and Democracy in Latin America*, ed. Charles Blake and Stephen Morris (University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming).  
 "Do Neoliberal Policies Kill or Save Lives?" with John Gerring, *Business and Politics* vol. 10, no. 3, Article 3 (December 2008). Available at: <http://www.bepress.com/bap/vol10/iss3/art3>.  
 "Centripetal Democratic Governance: A Theory and Global Inquiry," with John Gerring and Carola Moreno, *American Political Science Review* vol. 99, no. 4 (November 2005): 567-81.  
 "Do Neoliberal Policies Deter Political Corruption?" with John Gerring, *International Organization* vol. 59, no. 1 (Winter 2005): 233-54.  
 "Political Institutions and Corruption: The Role of Unitarism and Parliamentarism," with John Gerring, *British Journal of Political Science* vol. 34, no. 2 (April 2004): 295-330.  
 "Private Sector Trade Politics in Mexico," *Business and Politics* vol. 2, no. 2 (August 2000): 161-187.  
 "The High Politics of IMF Lending," *World Politics* vol. 52, no. 1 (October 1999): 38-75.

“NAFTA Coalitions and the Political Viability of Neoliberalism in Mexico,” *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs* vol. 41, no. 2 (Summer 1999): 57-89.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Democracy? In Iraq?” with Chappell Lawson. *Hoover Digest* (Summer 2003): 24-33.

Review of *Mexico’s Mandarins: Crafting a Power Elite for the Twentieth Century*, by Roderic Ai Camp, *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 2, no. 1 (March 2004): 166-67.

Review of *The Making of NAFTA: How the Deal Was Done*, by Maxwell A. Cameron and Brian W. Tomlin, *Bulletin of Latin American Research* vol. 22, no. 2 (April 2003).

#### WORK UNDER REVIEW

“Values in Global Health Governance,” with Solomon Benatar and Graham Lister.

“Democracy, Income, and Environmental Quality,” with Kevin P. Gallagher (revise and resubmit).

“Public Health Performance: A Model-Based Approach,” with John Gerring, Ruben Enikolopov and Julián Arévalo.

“Democracy and Human Development,” with John Gerring and Rodrigo Alfaro (revise and resubmit).

#### CURRENT WORK IN PROGRESS (see <http://www.bu.edu/sthacker/papers.htm>)

*Democracy and Development: A Historical Perspective*, with John Gerring.

*The Politics of Social Policy: A Systematic Case Study Approach*, with Angel Foster, Varun Gauri, John Gerring, and Kenneth Hill.

“Does Democracy Promote Economic Openness?”

“The State of Development and the Development of the State,” with John Gerring, Neil Englehart and Carola Moreno.

“Will Iraq Become a Democracy?” with Chappell Lawson.

“Studying the State: From Theory to Testing,” with Neil Englehart and John Gerring.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 **Visiting Associate Professor**, Department of Government, Harvard University

2006 **Visiting Associate Professor**, Department of Government, Harvard University

2005- **Director**, Latin American Studies Program, Boston University

2002- **Associate Professor**, Department of International Relations, Boston University

- Courses in International Political Economy, Political Economy of Latin America, Political Economy of Mexico and NAFTA, North-South Relations, and Research Methods

2002-03 **Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellow**, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

- Conducted research on the *Politics of Governance*

1996-2002 **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of International Relations, Boston University

1995-96 **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of International Relations, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, Mexico.

- Taught courses in I.R. Theory, Introduction to I.R., Methodology and IPE
- All classes taught in Spanish

1993-94

**Visiting Fulbright Researcher**, Dept. of International Relations, Instituto  
Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

- Conducted dissertation research

SPONSORED RESEARCH

- The Politics of Public Health*, funded by the World Bank (co-PI) (2007-09)
- The Politics of Public Health*, funded by the Provost's office, Boston University (co-PI) (2006-07)
- The Politics of Human Development*, funded by the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University (co-PI) (2002-06)
- Political Institutions and Governance*, funded by the Hoover Institution, Stanford University (co-PI) (2002-03)
- The Politics of Trade Reform in Mexico*, funded by a Fulbright grant (PI) (1993-94)
- The Politics of Trade Reform in Mexico*, funded by a UNC-CH Off-Campus Dissertation Grant (PI) (1993)
- The Political Economy of Economic Reform in Mexico*, funded by a Mellon Foundation UNC-CH Institute of Latin American Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (PI) (1992)
- The Political Economy of Economic Stabilization in Mexico*, funded by a Tinker Foundation UNC-CH Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (PI) (1990)

HONORS

- 2007 U.S. Speaker, Department of State, Buenos Aires and Mendoza, Argentina
- 2003- Fellow, Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University
- 2002-03 Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellow
- 2002-03 Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, Member (declined)
- 2001- Listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Education*
- 2000 College of Arts and Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence, Boston University
- 2000- Golden Key International Honor Society, honorary member
- 1997 APSA roundtable on syllabus development stipend recipient (declined)
- 1992 Duke-UNC Program in Latin American Studies Working Group on Public Opinion Summer Fellowship
- 1991-92 Duke-UNC Program in Latin American Studies Graduate Student Colloquium, Co-Coordinator

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Does Democracy Promote Development? Health, Environment, and Economic Openness." Invited presentation made at Middlebury College, Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, April 2009, and Tulane University, Department of Political Science, January 2009.
- "A Centripetal Theory of Democratic Governance," with John Gerring, presented at workshop on Comparative Politics and Political Economy, Boston University, November 18, 2008.
- "Democracy, Income, and Environmental Quality," with Kevin Gallagher, paper presented at workshop on Environmental Norms, Institutions and Policy, Barbara and Bowen McCoy Program in Ethics in Society, Stanford University, November 13, 2008, and at conference on Democracy and Development: A Historically Rooted Phenomenon? at Boston University, April 6, 2007.
- "Public Health Performance: A Model-Based Approach," with John Gerring, Ruben Enikolopov and Julián Arévalo, paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30, 2008.

- “Democracy and Development in Latin America,” presentation at conference on Latin America and Its Challenges, Boston University, June 29, 2008.
- “Democracy and Human Development,” with John Gerring and Rodrigo Alfaro, paper presented at a conference on Democracy and Development: A Historically Rooted Phenomenon? at Boston University, April 6, 2007, and at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2, 2005.
- “Does Democracy Promote Economic Openness?” Paper presented at conference on Democracy and Development: A Historically Rooted Phenomenon? at Boston University, April 6, 2007.
- “Institutions, Democracy and Development,” presentation given to various NGOs, policy makers, and universities in Buenos Aires and Mendoza, Argentina, March 2007.
- “Democracy, Economic Policy, and Political Corruption,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 17, 2006.
- “Are Unitary Systems Better than Federal Systems?” with John Gerring and Carola Moreno, paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 3, 2004.
- “Do Neoliberal Policies Deter Political Corruption?” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, March 24-27, 2002. Later versions presented at the Seminar on U.S. and World Affairs, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, January 2003, and Seminar on Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, February 2003.
- “Social Democracy or Neoliberalism? A Global Test of Public Policies and Human Development,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University, January 31, 2002, and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 29, 2002.
- “The Politics of Corruption: Latin America in Comparative Perspective,” presentation made at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, October 2, 2001.
- “Political Institutions and Human Development,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Universities Development Consortium, Boston, MA, September 28, 2001.
- “Political Institutions and Governance: Pluralism vs. Centralism,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.
- “Challenges and Opportunities in Latin America’s Development,” presentation given to multi-university alumni group, March 2001.
- “Democracy and Markets in Mexico,” presentation given to multi-university alumni group, March 2001.
- “U.S.-Panamanian Relations,” presentation given to multi-university alumni group, March 2001.
- “Big Business, the State, and Free Trade in Mexico,” presentation made at Seminar on Mexican Political Economy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), February 28, 2001.
- “Infant Mortality in Crossnational Perspective: The Primacy of Politics,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 20-24, 2001.

- “Mexico’s 2000 Elections,” presentation made at College of the Holy Cross, November 16, 2000.
- “The Economic Situation in Mexico’s 2000 Elections,” presentation made at the annual meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies, October 14, 2000, Amherst College.
- “Mexico after the PRI,” presentation made to faculty of the Department of International Relations, Boston University, September 13, 2000.
- “Private Sector Trade Politics in Mexico,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, Florida, March 16-18, 2000.
- “Constructing Coalitions: Big Business, the State, and Free Trade in Mexico,” presentation made at Suffolk University, April 8, 1999.
- “Political and Economic Change in Latin America,” and “Free Trade, Democracy, Drugs and Crime,” presentations made at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Frank Church Symposium on International Affairs, International Affairs Council, Idaho State University, March 4, 1999.
- “Political Conditionality in U.S. Bilateral and Multilateral Foreign Assistance,” paper presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the International Studies Association, Washington, D.C., February 16-20, 1999. (With Timothy J. McKeown and Leona Pallansch.)
- “Big Business, the State, and Free Trade in Mexico: Interests, Structure, and Political Access,” paper prepared for the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 1997, and the Latin American Studies Association, September 24-26, 1998.
- “El Impacto del Mercosur en los Actores Sociales de Argentina: El Marco Analítico,” theoretical framework presented to guide collaborative research project between Boston University and the Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina. March 1998.
- “The Politics of Free Trade in Mexico,” presentation in the Department of Political Science Brown Bag seminar series, Boston University, February 5, 1998.
- “Business-Government Relations in the Wake of the Peso Crisis,” presentation at a round table on The 1994 Mexican Peso Crisis at the annual meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies, October 18, 1997, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA.
- “The High Politics of IMF Lending,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 1997, Washington, D.C.
- “The Political Economy of Free Trade in Mexico: Business-State Coalitions and International Context,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 18-22, 1997, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- “The Reconstruction of Business-State Alliances and the Politico-Economic Viability of Free Trade in Mexico,” paper presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, November 14-16, 1996, Boston, MA.

#### JOURNAL AND BOOK REFEREE

*American Political Science Review*  
*British Journal of Political Science*  
*Business and Politics*  
*Comparative Political Studies*  
*Diplomacy and Statecraft*  
*Ecological Economics*

*Economics and Politics*  
*International Studies Quarterly*  
*Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs/Latin American Politics and Society*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*  
*Millennium: Journal of International Studies*  
*Review of International Political Economy*  
*Studies in Comparative International Development*  
*World Politics*  
 F.E. Peacock Publishers  
 Oxford University Press  
 Penn State University Press

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

2009	Faculty speaker, Boston University Admissions Office reception, Miami, FL and San Juan, Puerto Rico, April.
2008-	Co-coordinator, interdisciplinary research initiative on public health, Boston University.
2008	Faculty participant in simulation on Mexican energy policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, July 3.
2008	Faculty speaker, Boston University Admissions Office reception, San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 14.
2007-08	Chair, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University
2006-08	Fulbright National Screening Committee for Mexico graduate applications
2006-08	Executive Committee, New England Council of Latin American Studies
2005, 2007-	Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, Boston University
2004-	Summer Faculty Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University
2003-04	Academic Policy Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University
2002-03	Chair, Business and Politics Section, Latin American Studies Association
2001-02	Member, faculty search committee in international economics and the environment, Department of International Relations, Boston University
2001	Member, faculty search committee, DAAD visiting professor position, Boston University
1999-2001	Fulbright and DAAD Scholarships Committee, Boston University
1998-	Faculty Affiliate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
1997-2000	Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, Boston University (Chairman 1999-2000)
1997-98	Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, Boston University
1997-2000	Summer Faculty Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association  
 Latin American Studies Association  
 New England Council of Latin American Studies

TEACHING INTERESTS

International Political Economy  
Comparative Political Economy  
Comparative Politics  
North-South Relations  
Latin American Political Economy  
Latin American Politics  
Mexican Political Economy  
Mexican Politics  
NAFTA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Governance and Political Corruption  
Democracy and Development  
Human Development  
Politics of Public Health  
Politics of foreign aid and international credit flows  
Business-State Relations  
Politics of International Trade  
Politics of Economic Reform in Mexico  
Politics of Economic Policy Making

RESEARCH SKILLS

Elite interviews  
Regression analysis, including Time-Series-Cross-Section (TSCS) and Logistic regression  
Software: Stata, Excel, StatTransfer  
Archival research

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (fluent)