

Curriculum Vitae
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foreign languages: Spanish (fluent)
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Education

Ph.D Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 1993

Dissertation: "Violence and Popular Movements: Guatemalan Campesino Organizations, 1954-1985"

M.A. Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 1990

Thesis: "The Mobilization of Campesinos into National Labor Organizations in Guatemala, 1954-1984"

A.B. Magna Cum Laude, Philosophy, Kenyon College, Gambier Ohio, 1986

Academic Appointments

2009--present, Director and Associate Professor (with tenure), ISLAC, University of South Florida

2000-2009 Associate Professor (with tenure) University of Washington, Tacoma

1993-2000 Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Tacoma

1992-1993 Acting Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Tacoma

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Florida Humanities Council (PI) Grant for the organization of an international conference on Florida's Hispanic Heritage: Commemorating Florida's Hispanic Heritage in Tampa Bay, 2011-2012.

Invited Speaker, Cátedra de las Americas, "El Movimiento Derechos Humanos y Sociedad Civil en América Latina," Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla Colombia, October 2012.

PARC start-up grant for the development of a human rights major at the University of Washington, Tacoma, Summer 2007

Fulbright Fellowship, Lecturing and Research Award, Institute for Oral History, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2006.

Visiting Fellow, Transitional Justice Project, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame Law School, Autumn 2002

Founders Endowment Award, "Identifying the Remains: Reconstructing Disappeared Memory in Argentina," Summer 2001

University of Washington Tools for Transformation grant for the formation of a tri-campus Human Rights Education and Research Network (HRERN), with Bruce Kochis, UWB, August 1998
Amount \$270,018

Chancellor's Seed Grant for the development of technology in the classroom, Summer 1999

Nominated, University of Washington's Distinguished Teaching Award, 1996, 1999, 2003, 2006, 2007.

Visiting Scholar, Centro de Estudios Urbanos y Regionales (CEUR), Universidad de San Carlos (USAC), Guatemala City, Guatemala, Summer 1999.

Fulbright Scholarship, Argentina, "La Mujer Guerrillera: Women in the Argentine Militancy"
Summer 1998

University of Washington, Tacoma Founders Endowment Grant, "La Mujer Guerrillera: Women in the Argentine Militancy," Summer 1998

Research Fellow, Instituto de Estudios Comparados en Ciencias Penales y Sociales (INECIP), 1998

The Fulbright Program, Participant in "South America Today," Summer 1995

University of Washington Tacoma Endowment Grant, "Revising 'Political Violence and Popular Movements in Guatemala,'" Summer 1995

Matilda Geddings Gray Foundation Fellowship, Guatemala, "Cooperation Between Local Peasant Organizations and National Organizations in Guatemala," 1989

Tinker Grant, Guatemala, "The Autoavaluo in 1988," 1988

Tinker Grant, Colombia, "Jorge Eliécer Gaitán and the Generation of 'La Violencia,'" 1987

Publications

Book

Terror in the Countryside: Campesino Response to Political Violence in Guatemala, 1954-1985
Athens Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2001.

Edited Books

Forthcoming (2013) co-edited with Viviana Diaz-Balsera *La Florida: Crossroads of the Trans-Atlantic World* (tentatively titled). Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida.

Co-edited with Andrew Milton, *(Un)Civil Societies: Human Rights and Democratization in Eastern Europe and Latin America*, Lanham Md: Lexington Press, March 2005

Articles

"Human Rights in Latin America." In Oxford Bibliographies in Latin American Studies. Ed. Ben Vinson. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2013.

"Truth" and Truth Commissions in Latin America," *Ciencias Sociales Investigación y Desarrollo* No. 22 (jul-dic. 2013).

"Educação em Direitos Humanos: Comparção entre os Estados Unidos e os países de America Latina," with Maragaret Griesse, Report issued to Ministry of Human Rights, Republic of Brazil. 2009

"Communist Parties' in the *Encyclopedia of Transatlantic History*, CLIO press, 2006.

"Truth and 'Truth': The Social Construction of Truth and Memory in International Human Rights" in *Notre Dame Human Rights Advocate*, no. 6, January 2003.

"Surviving All Changes is Your Destiny: Violence and Popular Movements in Guatemala" *Latin American Perspectives*. 26:2 (Issue 105, March 1999).

"Escape from Terror: Violence and Migration in Guatemala" (With Andrew Morrison) in *Latin American Research Review* 29:2 (Spring 1994).

"Agriculture" and other related articles in the *Encyclopedia of Latin American History* (Scribners 1995 and 2006).

"A Guide to Curriculum Resource Center Materials on Central America," published by the Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 1993.

Book Chapters

"Los Detalles Humanos inside the Social Conscience: The Argentine Militancy, 1966-1978," in Vincent C. Peloso, ed., *Whose Side Are You On? Race, Gender, Work and Identity in Twentieth-Century Latin America*. Wilmington DE: Scholarly Resources, 2003.

"Human Rights NGO's and the Role of Civil Society in Democratization" in, Rachel A. May and Andrew Milton, eds., *(Un)Civil Societies: Human Rights and Democratization in Eastern Europe and Latin America*, Lexington Press, 2005

“The Social and Political Aftermath of Terror: A Consideration of Truth, Memory, Justice, And Reconciliation,” in Rachel A. May and Andrew Milton, eds., *(Un)Civil Societies: Human Rights and Democratization in Eastern Europe and Latin America*, Lexington Press, 2005

Published Reviews

Virginia Garrard-Burnett’s *Terror in the Land of the Holy Spirit: Guatemala under General Efraín Ríos Montt, 1982-1983* in *American Historical Review*, Volume 117, No. 1 (February 2012) 579.

Karen Kampwirth’s *Women and Guerrilla Movements: Nicaragua, El Salvador, Chiapas, Cuba* in e-Extreme *Electronic Newsletter of the ECPR-SG on Extremism & Democracy*, Volume 4, No. 2, (Summer 2003).

Diane M. Nelson’s *A Finger in the Wound: Body Politics in Quincentennial Guatemala* in *Human Rights Review* (summer 2000).

Thomas Berger's *Long and Terrible Shadow: White Values and Native Rights in the Americas, 1492-1992* in the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 86:3 (summer 1995).

Richard Griswold del Castillo and Richard A. Garcia's *César Chávez: A Triumph of Spirit* in the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 88:3 (summer 1997).

Papers Given:

“Armed Revolutionary Struggle in Guatemala and El Salvador,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Washington DC, May 2013.

“‘Truth’ and Truth Commissions in Latin America,” presented at Violence, Memory and Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary Conference of the Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa FL January 2012

“Human Rights and the Liberalization of Civil Society,” presented at and published by Jornadas Internacionales de Problemas Latinoamericanos—“Los Movimientos Sociales de América Latina, Córdoba, Argentina, November 2010

“Violence, Memory, and Political Identity in Argentina,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Montreal, September 2007

“Social Memory and Political Identity in Argentina,” VII Encuentro Nacional de Historia Oral’ Identidad, Cultura, y Política. Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina), October 2005.

“The Moving Image: Human Rights Education and the Human Rights Film Directory at the University of Washington” (co-authored with Glenda Pearson, Suzallo Library) presented at the Peace and Justice Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, October 2004.

- “Violence, Memory, and the Political Identity of the Lost Generation in Argentina,” presented at the meeting of the Society for Latin American Studies (U.K.), University of Leiden, The Netherlands, April 2004.
- ‘The Role of Remembering in the Establishment of Historical Truth,’ presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Western Humanities Alliance “Memory, Material, and Meaning” the Tanner Humanities Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2003
- “Truth Commissions and the Political Uses of Official History” presented at the conference in honor of the career of Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr., Tulane University, New Orleans, September 2003.
- ‘Truth and ‘Truth’ The Social Construction of Truth and Memory in International Human Rights,” presented at a conference on Historical Justice in International Perspective: How Societies are Trying to Right the Wrongs of the Past, The German Historical Institute, Washington D.C. March 2003.
- “The Revolutionary Militancy in Argentina: Memory, Identity, and Meaning,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Washington D.C. September 2001.
- “Human Rights NGO’s and the Role of Civil Society in Guatemala’s Process of Democratization,” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, August 2001.
- “Human Rights, Distance Technology, and the Future of Area Studies,” presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies, Tucson, March 2001.
- “The Aftermath of Terror in Argentina and Guatemala,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Miami, March 2000.
- “Reconciliation and Democratization in Post-terrorist Transitions,” given at Reconstructing Human Rights: A critical project for the 21st century?, Brighton England, University of Sussex, June 1999.
- “The Social and Political Aftermath of Terror: A Consideration of ‘Truth,’ ‘Memory,’ ‘Justice,’ and ‘Reconciliation,’ given at Human Rights: Changes and Challenges, Atlanta, Georgia Institute of Technology, April-May 1999.
- “*Los Detalles Humanos* inside the Social Conscience: The Argentine Militancy, 1966-1978” given at the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies conference, Colorado Springs, February 1999.
- “The Effects of Technology on Post-Cold War Popular Movements,” given at the National Social Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, November 1998.
- “Latinos in the ‘90’s,” given with Arturo Biblarz at Latino Contributions to American Society Conference, Tacoma WA. October 1997.

"The Protection of Human Rights During the Guatemalan Peace Process" (keynote address), Amnesty International Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas, March 1997.

"Researching the Left in Post-Cold War Colombia," presented at the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies Meeting (SECOLAS), Chapel Hill NC, March 1995.

"From Bullets to Ballots: The AD/M-19 in Colombia," presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, March 1994.

"Teaching Inter-disciplinarity," public lecture at Tulane University, March 1993.

"Violence and Popular Movements in Central America," presented at the Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Los Angeles, September 1992.

"Cycles of Violence in Guatemala: Beyond the Concept of a Dialectic," presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, Austin TX, March 1992.

"Violence and Popular Movements: The Case of Guatemalan Campesino Organizations, 1954-1985," presented at the Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies, El Paso TX, February 1992 .

"Changes in Peasant Political Organizations in Guatemala, 1974-1978." presented at the Louisiana Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans LA, March 1991.

"Changing Organizational Strategies of Guatemalan Peasant Movements, presented at The Maya Renaissance: A Closer Look: Three Days Exploring the Highland Maya, Tulane University, February 1991."

"La Movilización de campesinos en sindicatos nacionales en Guatemala, 1974-1978." Presented at the Simposio Sobre Sociedades Agrarias," National University, Heredia Costa Rica, July 1990.

"Padre Girón of Guatemala." Public lecture, Tulane University, November 1988.

Panels Organized

"Caribbean Revolutions," Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Washington DC, May 2013

"Human Rights in Emerging Democracies," Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Miami, March 2000.

"Latin American Political Ideology in a Post-Authoritarian Era," Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, March 1994.

"Community Panel on NAFTA," Tacoma Art Museum, November 1993.

Conferences Organized

“Hispanic Heritage of Florida,” October 2012, A Major International Conference and Community Event Commemorating Florida’s Quincentenary. Funded by the Florida Humanities Council.

“50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” December 1998, Tacoma and Seattle WA. Organized with Bruce Kochis, UWB, in conjunction with the Human Rights Education and Research Network (HRERN).

“Latino Contributions to American Society” October 1997, Tacoma WA.

“La Frontera/The Borderlands” Fall 1993. Numerous community events were held over the course of several months celebrating the exhibition by the same name, and a course that I taught at the University of Washington, Tacoma. I was one of the principal organizers of this season-long event.

Other Public Lectures

Selected Scholarly Lectures in the Community:

“Comisiones de la Verdad en America Latina,” Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla Colombia, June 2011.

“Truth, Memory, and Revolutionary Militancy in Argentina,” Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL January 2010.

“Human Rights in Latin America,” University of Puget Sound,” October 2007

“Hear My Testimony: Truth Commissions and Human Rights in Central America,” Visiting Scholar lecture, Williams College, Williamstown Mass, April 2007.

“Human Rights in Latin America,” Teacher Training Workshop, World Affairs Council Tacoma, Classroom on the World, March 2006.

“Transitional Justice and Human Rights,” at Human Rights in the 21st Century for Americans for Informed Democracy town meeting, February 2005.

“Practicing Democratic and Collaborative Inquiry Through Linked Courses, Education for a World Lived in Common: Environmental, Economic, and Social Justice, February 2005.

International Human Rights Day, various presentations at local elementary schools, 2002-2004.

“Introduction to Latin America” Classroom on the World, World Affairs Council Tacoma, March 2005

“Human Rights and Social Justice in Argentina and Guatemala,” JSIS teachers’ workshop, June 2003

“Human Rights and Social Justice in Latin America,” World Affairs Council Global Classroom, Seattle and Tacoma 2003.

UWT Day of Reflection, “Human Rights and the Current Situation.”

UWT Community Forum at Washington State History Museum, “The Language of Political Violence: What Do We Mean by “War”?”

Middlebury College, “Guerrillas and Conflict in Colombia”

Latin American Studies, JSIS, “Human Rights and Conflict in Guatemala”

PLU, public debate on the School of the Americas
Tacoma Community College, Workshop on Internationalizing the Curriculum for Community College Instructors, June 2000
Meany Theatre (UWS), Memory, Forgiveness, and Political Reconciliation, pre-performance panel-led discussion, May 2000.
Latin American Studies Program U W Seattle (1992, 1999)—“Violence and Popular Movements in Guatemala”; “*Detalles Humanos* in the Argentine Militancy”
Political Science Department U W Seattle (1999), “Post-terrorist Transitions: Truth, Memory, Justice and Reconciliation”
Bruce Kochis’s IAS course “International Human Rights” (U W Bothell) (1999), “Human Rights in Latin America”
Olympic Community College, anthropology club, (1998) “Interdisciplinarity and Human Rights”
John Lear’s history course, “Modern Latin America” (University of Puget Sound)(1995) “The 1954 coup in Guatemala”
Tacoma Community College, faculty lecture series, (1996) “Latino Identity in the U.S.”
Pierce College, forum on multi-culturalism, (1994) “International vs. U.S.-Based Curriculum, and the Problem of Teaching Multi-culturalism”
Women of Vision Project, (1995) “Political Conflict and Women’s Rights as Human Rights”

Other Presentations made to community organizations:

Junia Todd Hallen Book Club Christmas Luncheon—“Holiday Traditions in Latin America” – December 2007
Human Rights Day—Presentations given at Lowell Elementary School-- 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008.
Rotary Club of Spanaway—“Human Rights and International Justice”--2001
Multicare’s Senior Wellness program (Tacoma)—“Drugs and Violence: The View From Colombia”--1999
CHISPA (Latino student organization at University of Puget Sound) keynote address for annual banquet, “Making Revolution in Everyday Life”--1997
Temple Beth El (Tacoma)—“The Problems and Myths of Illegal Immigration”--1995
Partners of the Americas, (Puget Sound) keynote address for annual banquet, “Chile after the Cold War”--1994
Pastors for Peace (Puget Sound)—“Reform in the Cuban Communist Party” and “Violence in Guatemala”--1992, 1994, 1996
Puget Sound Cuba Project (Seattle) “The Cuban Revolution: An Historical Perspective”--1992
Lakewood Rotary Club—“The War on Drugs: The View From Colombia”--1993
Fellowship of Reconciliation (Tacoma)—“The Haitian Crisis”--1994
Centro Latino (Tacoma)—“Latinos in the ‘90’s”--1997
Tacoma Dept. of Child Protective Services—“Understanding Latinos”--1993
Voces Latinos (Tacoma)—“Latina Feminism” (local cable access television program)--1996

Service and Administrative Experience

PeaceJam, Scholar Consultant for NEH Planning Grant for library and community centers dialogue series for the film “Mayan Renaissance.”

PeaceJam, Scholar Consultant for NEH Planning grant for documentary on the life of Adolfo Perez Esquivel.

USF Latino Community Advisory Board (2009-present) *ex-officio*

Compass Scholarship Review Panel, International Affairs, USF 2009-present

Humanities Program, 3rd Year Review Committee, and Annual Faculty Review Committee, 2010

USF, Graphics Studio Advisory Board, 2009

Lead, Human Rights Program Initiative (University of Washington) 1998-2009

Human rights minor advisory board, (chair 2000-2002) (University of Washington)

Human Rights Education and Research Network--interdisciplinary committee and co-investigator (1998-2000) (University of Washington)

Chair, International Relations Search Committee, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, 2004-2005

Faculty Coordinator and Advisor, Politics and Values Concentration, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UWT, 2004-2005

Faculty Coordinator and Advisor, Global Studies Concentration, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UWT, 2000-2004

Chair (founding), Faculty Council on Academic Policy 2004-2006

Judging Committee, 2001 Michael Harrington Prize, American Political Science Association

Manuscript Reviewer: University of Michigan Press, *Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society*, *Peace Studies Review*, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, and *Globalizations*.

Consultant: (asylum and immigration cases -country conditions) for Northwest Immigrant Rights project, Joseph Curran and Associates, Attorneys at Law , Springfield and Northampton, MA, and several other Seattle/Tacoma area attorneys.

Board of Directors, World Affairs Council Tacoma (2002-2007)

Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, senior faculty representative, 2003-2004

Faculty/Staff Consultation Group for Student Conduct Code, University of Washington, on-going

Faculty adviser, Students of the Masters of Arts Association (SOMA) (2000-2002) (UWT)

Faculty adviser, HOPE Network (student human rights org. For UWT) (1998-2009 intermittently)

"La Guadalupana," Advisory Committee, Tacoma Art Museum--1998 (community-based)

"La Frontera" Advisory Committee, Tacoma Art Museum--1993 (community based)

City of Tacoma , Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Task Force--1994

Graduate School Representative, for several Ph.D. candidates, Political Science Department, UWS (1995-2009)

Branch Campus Systems Engineering Curriculum Development Committee (1992-93)

Facilities and Building Use Committees (1993-2002)

Multi-culturalism Project (1992-1996)

Mission Statement Committee, Chair--1994

Arts and Lectures Committee, Founder and Chair 1993-1997

Teaching Experience—University of South Florida and University of Washington, Tacoma

“Human Rights in Latin America (Humanities)”
“Popular Movements in Latin America (Humanities)—Graduate Seminar
Human Rights in Argentina (study Abroad in Buenos Aires)
“Human Rights in Latin America” (Study Abroad in Buenos Aires,)
“General Education Freshman Core”
“Conflict Resolution Practicum”
“International Human Rights”
“Theories of Political Violence”
“Human Rights in Emerging Democracies: Eastern Europe and Latin America” taught collaboratively
“Evidence and Action” (MA core course) taught collaboratively
“International Interactions” taught collaboratively.
“La Frontera/The Borderlands,” Course taught in conjunction with exhibit (of the same name) at the Tacoma Art Museum--Fall Qtr. 1993
“Latin Americans in the United States”
“Modern Brazil”
“Modern Caribbean Basin” (Selected topics, such as: “Human Rights in the Caribbean Basin,” “Social class and political conflict,” “the United States and the Caribbean Basin,” and “Cuba and the Cold War”)
“Modern Latin America”
“Popular Movements in Latin America” (also taught as on-line course)
“Religion and the Church in Latin America”
“Rural Societies and Development”
“20th Century Revolutions”
“Violence and Human Rights in the Third World”
“Women's Voices: Third World Women's Testimonials” taught collaboratively.

Courses taught elsewhere:

“Seminario Movimientos Populares en America Latina” (Historia) Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Fall 2006
“Human Rights and Transitional Justice, Law Societies and Justice Senior Seminar, UWS, Spring 2004
“Memory, Identity, and Conflict” (taught collaboratively) CHID-UWS, Spring 2001
Spanish 101 and Latin American Humanities, Tacoma Community College (faculty exchange)- Fall Qtr. 1997
“Latin American Politics” Tacoma Community College (faculty exchange)--Fall Qtr. 1997
"Introduction to Latin American Studies," Instructor, Summer School--University College (Tulane University)--Summer 1990
"Introduction to Latin American Studies," Instructor/T.A. Tulane University--Fall 1990, Spring 1991, Fall 1991, Spring 1992
Spanish, Kenyon College, Apprentice Teacher--Spring 1986 (Conversation class taught in conjunction with a master grammar class)

Research Interests

Revolutionary movements and militants, truth commissions, historical memory, human rights, Argentina, Central America, Colombia, popular movements, violence and revolution, political ideology, rural/peasant studies, rural development.

Professional Affiliations and Activities

Member: American Political Science Association, human rights section of APSA, Latin American Studies Association, Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies and Guatemala Scholars Network