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### ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1996-

*Associate Dean of the Faculty, Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, 2010-2015*

Responsibilities include faculty recruitment, searches, hiring, appointment, promotion, tenure, midtenure review, mentoring, retention, retirement, budgeting, merit review, research, grant support, sabbaticals, and leaves. Work closely with departments and programs on strategic planning and follow-up and academic program reviews. Plan and chair regular meetings of Social Science Council of Chairs and Directors. Coordinate with colleagues on undergraduate and graduate curricular development and faculty workload management. Collaborate with development and alumni relations office to host events and meet with donors and potential targets. Facilitate faculty research, extramural funding and grants administration. Serve on and work with other members of Dean's Senior Staff on College governance and management. Conduct regular staff meetings of the Office of Faculty Actions. Work with deans from other BU colleges on shared and interdisciplinary initiatives. Responsible for 8 departments and 15 interdisciplinary centers, institutes and programs. Social sciences account for 190 full-time, tenured and tenure-track faculty, over 3,600 undergraduate and 800 graduate students and more than \$18m in new grant funding in FY13.

*Professor, Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies, 2014-*

*Professor of Political Science, 2010-*

*Professor of International Relations, 2009-*

*Associate Professor of International Relations, 2002-09*

*Assistant Professor of International Relations, 1996-2002*

*Director, Latin American Studies Program, 2005-09. <http://www.bu.edu/las/>*

Directed interdisciplinary program in Latin American Studies with approximately 20 faculty members across numerous disciplines and schools. Ran undergraduate major and minor and advised students. Worked with colleagues to create a new M.A. in Latin American studies, unique in the Boston area. Responsible for curricular and strategic planning, degree and program development and management, speaker series and student and faculty outreach and events.

UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, 2010

*Visiting Fellow, Quality of Governance Institute*

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, 2009-10

*Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, 2006, 2009  
*Visiting Associate Professor*, Department of Government

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA, 2002-03  
*Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellow*, Hoover Institution

INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO AUTÓNOMO DE MÉXICO, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, 1993-94, 1995-96  
*Assistant Professor*, Department of International Relations, 1995-96  
• All classes taught in Spanish  
*Visiting Fulbright Researcher*, Department of International Relations, 1993-94

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1996

- Minor in international economics

M.A. Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1991

- Certificate in Latin American Studies

B.A. *cum laude* International Relations, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, 1988

- Phi Beta Kappa.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2010 Visiting Fellow, Quality of Governance Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.  
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  
1988 Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

2013-14 Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee for the establishment of the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies

- 2012- Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science & Engineering, Executive Steering Committee Member
- 2010- Chair, Social Sciences Council of Chairs and Directors
- 2010- Faculty Affairs Council, Provost's Office
- 2008-10 Co-coordinator, interdisciplinary research initiative on public health
- 2008-09 Faculty speaker, Admissions Office receptions, Miami, FL and San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2007-08 Chair, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2007-09 Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2005 Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2004-09 Summer Faculty Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2003-04 Academic Policy Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2003-04 Member, two faculty search committees in international economics & in the environment, Department of International Relations
- 2001-02 Member, faculty search committee in international economics and the environment, Department of International Relations
- 2001 Member, faculty search committee, DAAD visiting professor position
- 1999-01 Fulbright and DAAD Scholarships Committee
- 1997-00 Social Sciences Curriculum Committee (Chair, 1999-2000)
- 1997-98 Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, College of Arts and Sciences
- 1997-00 Summer Faculty Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences

#### EXTERNAL SERVICE

- 2011 Faculty participant in simulation on Mexican drug policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 2011 External review committee, School of Economics, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2010 Chair, American Political Science Association Political Economy Section committee to award the Mancur Olson prize for best dissertation
- 2008 Faculty participant in simulation on Mexican energy policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 2007 Chair, American Political Science Association Political Economy Section committee to award the prize for best paper
- 2006-08 Fulbright National Screening Committee for Mexico graduate applications
- 2006-08 Executive Committee, New England Council of Latin American Studies
- 2002-03 Chair, Business and Politics Section, Latin American Studies Association
- 1998- Faculty Affiliate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University

### **JOURNAL AND BOOK REFEREE**

*American Journal of Political Science*  
*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  
Pearson/Longman  
Penn State University Press  
Routledge

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

### 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 and book chapters

“Does Diversity Impair Human Development? A Multi-level Test of the Diversity Debit Hypothesis,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang and Yuan Lu. *World Development* 66 (2015): 166-188.  
“Assessing Health System Performance: A Model-Based Approach,” with John Gerring, Ruben Enikolopov, Julián Arévalo and Matthew Maguire. *Social Science & Medicine* 93 (2013): 21-28.  
“Democracy and Human Development,” with John Gerring and Rodrigo Alfaro. *Journal of Politics* vol. 74, no. 1 (2012): 1-17.  
“Big Business, Democracy, and the Politics of Competition in Mexico,” in *Oxford University Handbook on Mexican Politics*, ed. Roderic Ai Camp, pp. 313-334. New York: Oxford University Press (2012).  
“Values in Global Health Governance,” with Solomon R. Benatar and Graham Lister, *Global Public Health* vol. 5, no. 2 (2010): 143-153.  
“Are Parliamentary Systems Better?” with John Gerring and Carola Moreno, *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 42, no. 3 (March 2009):327-59.  
“Democracy, Economic Policy, and Political Corruption in Comparative Perspective,” in *Corruption and Democracy in Latin America*, ed. Charles Blake and Stephen Morris, pp. 25-45. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press (2009).

- “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

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

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

### CURRENT WORK IN PROGRESS

(see <http://www.bu.edu/sthacker/>)

- Democracy and Development: A Historical Perspective*, with John Gerring.
- “Are Minorities Worse Off? A Systematic Investigation of Size and Status in the Developing World,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang and Yuan Lu.
- “Does Democracy Promote Economic Openness?”

### SPONSORED RESEARCH

- The Politics of Public Health*, funded by the World Bank (co-PI) (2007-10)
- 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)

## SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Diversity, Development and Causal Heterogeneity,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang and Yuan Lu, presentation at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, April 2012.
- “Does Diversity Impair Development? A Multiple-level Analysis,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang, and Yuan Lu, presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.
- “Does Ethnicity Affect Health and Fertility? An Exploration of the Demographic and Health Survey,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang, Yuan Lu and Varun Gauri, presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010.
- “The Politics of Ethnicity, Fertility and Mortality,” with Varun Gauri, John Gerring and Wei-Jie Huang, presented at the Quality of Governance Institute, Gothenburg University, Sweden, May 2010
- “Democracy and Development: A Historical Perspective,” with John Gerring, presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON, Canada, September 4, 2009.
- “Does Democracy Promote Development? Health, Environment, and Economic Openness.” Invited presentation made at the Quality of Governance Institute, Gothenburg University, Sweden, May 2010; 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, ON, Canada.
- “The Reconstruction of Business-State Alliances and the Politico-Economic Viability of Free Trade in Mexico,” paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, November 14-16, 1996, Boston, MA.

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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

### **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, SPSS

Archival research

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native), Spanish (fluent)