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EDUCATION

- **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS.
 - **Doctor of Philosophy** – Political Science, August 2005
Fields: Comparative Politics (Latin America), American Politics, American Studies
Dissertation: A Comparative State Analysis of Professional Boxing Regulations
 - **Master of Arts** - Political Science, May 1996
 - **Study Abroad Program in Japan** – Kanagawa University, Summer, 1995
- **University of California, Irvine**, CA.
 - **Bachelor of Arts** - Political Science, June 1994

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- **East Texas A&M University (ETAMU)** (formerly Texas A&M University-Commerce - TAMUC)
 - **Professor** - Political Science, September 2023-Present. Tenured position including teaching, research and service.
 - **Interim Associate Department Head** – Social Sciences, September 2025-May 2026. 9-month appointment. Oversee curriculum and student affairs in newly merged department; maintaining program quality; recruiting and retaining a student body, assisting with overall department management.
 - **Interim Department Head** – Political Science, January 2025-August 2025. 8-month appointment. Short and long-range planning, implementing and evaluating goal achievement; budget management; reviewing existing programs for relevancy, initiating curriculum development when needed, developing new programs; maintaining program quality; recruiting and retaining a student body, academic advising; course scheduling.
 - **Coordinator** – Sports Media Studies Major, September 2025-present. Establishing program, developing curriculum, advising, recruitment, retention, event planning.

- **Coordinator** – Latin American & U.S. Latino Studies Minor, August 2017-December 2024. Advising, recruitment, retention, event planning, chairing advisory board, graduation.
- **Interim Associate Dean** – College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts (CHSSA), September 2023-May 2024. 9-month appointment. Oversee and approve curriculum changes and faculty administrative requests; Serve as primary contact for student grievances and academic appeals; Assist Dean with CHSSA management and activities; Represent CHSSA at university functions.
- **Associate Professor** – Political Science, September 2016-2023. Tenured position including teaching, research and service.
 - Successful Post-Tenure Review, 2022
- **Assistant Professor** – Political Science, August 2010-August 2016. Tenure-track position including teaching, research and service.
- **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS. (KU)
 - **Lecturer** – Latin American Studies, January 2004-May 2010
 - **Graduate Teaching Assistant** – Political Science, August 1994-May 1996, August 2003-December 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Recipient, Texas Academic Leadership Academy **Certificate of Completion**
- 2023 Recipient, Texas A&M University System Board of Regents **Promotion to rank of Professor**
- 2022 Recipient, TAMUC Office of Latinx Engagement & Outreach **Leadership Award**
- 2022 Nominee, Texas A&M University System Chancellor's Medallion for **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
- 2020 Recipient, TAMUC Latino Staff and Faculty Association **Certificate of Leadership**
- 2020 Recipient, TAMUC Latino Staff and Faculty Association **Certificate of Service**
- 2019 Recipient, TAMUC **Signature Course** (based on the instructor's ability to engage students)
- 2018 Nominee, Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education **Distinguished University Faculty Award**
- 2017 Recipient, TAMUC **Distinguished Global Fellow Award**
- 2016 Recipient, Texas A&M University System Board of Regents **Tenure and Promotion to rank of Associate Professor**
- 2016 Recipient, The Hispanic Educational Consortium **Education Award**
- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **Global Fellow Award**
- 2014 Recipient, TAMUC Faculty Senate **Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Award**

- 2014 Nominee, TAMUC Faculty Senate **Teaching-Classroom Award**
- 2013 Nominee, Minnie Stevens Piper **Professor Award**
- 2012 **Recipient, All-Texas A&M System Student Recognition Award for Teaching Excellence**
- 2012 Nominee, Paul W. Barrus **Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching**
- 2012 Nominee, Neill Humfeld **Distinguished Faculty Award for Service**
- 2011 **Recipient, All-Texas A&M System Student Recognition Award for Teaching Excellence**
- 2011 Recipient, TAMUC Employee Recognition Program **Globalization Award**
- 2011 Recipient, **Faculty of the Year Award** TAMUC Office of Hispanic Outreach & Student Programs
- 2011 Recipient, Permanent **Graduate Faculty Status**
- 2010 Recipient, November TAMUC Faculty **Latino Lion of the Month Award**
- 2010 Recipient, TAMUC Hispanic Outreach & Student Programs Office **Service Recognition Award**
- 2010 Recipient, University of Kansas School of Education **Service Award**
- 2009 Recipient, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity **Service Recognition**
- 1996 Recipient, Pi Sigma Alpha (National **Political Science Honor Society**)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2024 Recipient, Texas Academic Leadership Academy **Fellowship**
- 2023 Recipient, TAMUC **Provost Fellowship** (declined to accept CHSSA Interim Associate Dean position)
- 2023 Recipient, TAMUC **Faculty-Led Student Experience Initiatives Award** to take students to **POLAND**
- 2017 Recipient, TAMUC **Global Programs Travel Grant**-to present research in **ARGENTINA**
- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **Global Fellow Research Award**-to present research in **ARGENTINA**
- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **Sophomore Year Experience Grant** to take students to **POLAND** in 2016
- 2015 Recipient, TAMUC **International Faculty Development Grant**-to present research in **ARGENTINA**
- 2014 Recipient, TAMUC **International Faculty Development Grant**-to present research in

JAPAN

- 2012 Recipient, *Eduespaña Fellowship-to participate in workshop in SPAIN*
- 2012 Recipient, TAMUC **Faculty Development Grant**
- 2011 Recipient, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education **Faculty Fellowship**
- 2003-2009 Recipient, University of Kansas Language Across the Curriculum (KULAC) **Teaching Grant**
- 2003, 2004 Recipient, University of Kansas Graduate School Paper Presenter **Travel Grant**
- 2003 Recipient, University of Kansas Political Science Department Conference **Travel Grant**
- 1994-1996 Recipient, University of Kansas **Minority Graduate Teaching Assistantship**

COURSES TAUGHT

Texas A&M University-Commerce (Commerce, TX), Fall 2010-Present

Undergraduate Courses (Face-To-Face)

- PSCI 2301 Principles of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 2301 Principles of U.S. and Texas Government (Low-Cost Textbook Initiative)
- PSCI 2302 Institutions and Policies of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 2302 Institutions and Policies of U.S. and Texas Government (Low-Cost Textbook Initiative)
- PSCI 2306 Texas Government
- PSCI 2306 Texas Government Honors
- PSCI 331 European Political Systems
- PSCI 332 Democracy and Democratization
- PSCI 333 Latin American Politics
- PSCI 346 U.S. Latino Politics
- PSCI 415 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PSCI 497 Argentine Politics and Society
- PSCI 497 Central European Politics and Society
- PSCI 497 Comparative Politics of Global Films
- PSCI 497 Polish Politics and Society
- PSCI 497 Politics and Sports
- PSCI 497 Politics of Muhammad Ali
- PSCI 497 Ukrainian Politics and Society
- PSCI 497 U.S.-Ukraine Relations
- LALS 101 Introduction to Latin American and US Latino Studies
- UNCO 1301 Sports and Politics

Undergraduate Courses (ONLINE)

- PSCI 2302 Institutions and Policies of U.S. and Texas Government
- PSCI 2306 Texas Government
- PSCI 331 European Political Systems
- PSCI 332 Democracy and Democratization
- PSCI 342 Public Policy in Developing Countries
- PSCI 415 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PSCI 430 Latin American Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements
- PSCI 504 U.S.-Latin America Relations
- LALS 101 Introduction to Latin American and US Latino Studies
- UNCO 1301 Sports and Politics

Graduate Courses

- PSCI 503 Pro-seminar in Comparative Politics
- PSCI 504 U.S.-Latin America Relations
- PSCI 504 Politics of the Former USSR
- PSCI 505 Democracy and Democratization
- PSCI 505 Leftist Politics in Latin America
- PSCI 505 Central and Eastern European Politics
- PSCI 515 Nazis in South America
- PSCI 589 Argentine Politics and Society
- PSCI 589/597 Polish Politics and Society
- PSCI 589 Politics and Sports
- HIST 597 Leftist Politics in Latin America
- PSCI 597 Argentine Politics and Society
- PSCI 597 U.S. Latino Politics
- PSCI 597 Comparative Politics of Global Films
- PSCI 597 Central European Politics and Society
- PSCI 597 Ukrainian Politics and Society

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS), Fall 1994-Spring 2010
Department of Political Science & Center for Latin American Studies

Undergraduate Courses

- Introduction to U.S. Politics
- U.S.-Latin America Relations
- Latin American Politics and Society
- Argentine Politics and Society
- Leftist Politics in Latin America
- Sports & Politics in Latin America

- Interest Group Politics

Graduate Courses

- U.S.-Latin America Relations
- Latin American Politics and Society
- Political Dynamics of Latin America
- Leftist Politics in Latin America
- Sports & Politics in Latin America

RESEARCH

Academic Publications

Books

Published

- The Regulation of Boxing: A History and Comparative Analysis of Policies Among American States (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) 2009

Under Contract

- Diversity of Latin Americans and Latinos in the United States (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) Under Contract
- Latino Boxing History (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) Under Contract

Articles/Book Chapters/Encyclopedia Entries/Book Reviews/Conference Proceedings/Invited Publications

- “Some Challenges of Learning Cultures and Languages”, (co-author, primary author Nataliia Saienko), Growing Together – Teaching with Faith and Resilience: Proceedings of the 27th International Scientific and Practical Conference, (Ivano-Frankivsk: Electronic edition) May 2025. p.189–191
- “Translanguaging in teaching foreign languages”, (co-author, primary author Nataliia Saienko), International scientific-practical conference “Modern global trends in the development of science, education, technology, and society” Conference Proceedings (Aarhus, Denmark: Scholarly Publisher ICSSH), May 2025. p. 20–24
- “Some approaches to teaching culture and foreign languages with the use of modern digital tools”, Modern Aspects of Modernization of Science: State, Problems, Development Trends: Conference Proceedings of the LVII International Scientific and Practical Conference, (co-author, primary author Nataliia Saienko) (Cluj-Napoca, Romania: VADND), June 2025, p. 98–101

- “Has the Sleeping Giant Awakened in Kansas? An Overview of Latino Voting Behavior in the Sunflower State”, Great Plains Research Vol. 31, Issue 2, Fall 2021
- “A Personal Look at the Pursuit of Restorative Justice Through Art” in Marcelo Brodsky, ed. Traces of Violence (Berlin: ARTCO Galerie) 2021
- “From Gold to Glory: An Analysis of U.S. Olympic Boxers in the Professional Ranks” (primary author, co-authors Mark Joslyn and Emily Gruver), The Sport Journal Vol. 20, March 2019
- “A brief historical, political and social analysis of Argentine tennis” Chapter 14 in Robert Lake, ed. The Routledge Handbook of Tennis: History, Culture and Politics (London: Routledge) 2019
- “A Stage-by-stage approach to utilizing news media in foreign language classes at higher educational institutions” (co-authors: Nataliia Saienko, Olga A. Kalugina, Tatiana A. Baklashova) in XLinguae European Scientific Language Journal Vol. 12, January 2019
- “The Ovaherero>Nama Genocide: A Case for an Apology and Reparations” (co-authors: Nick Sprenger and Ngondi A. Kamatuka) in European Scientific Journal, June 2017 Special Edition
- “US-Ukraine Relations in the Post-Soviet Era” (co-authors: Sarah Hays, Tyler Henderson, Ricardo Garcia, Ashley Cotton) in European Scientific Journal, May 2016 Special Edition
- “Hispanics in Higher Education: An Assessment of the State ‘Closing the Gaps’ Initiative” (co-author Grady Price Blount) in European Scientific Journal, May 2015 Special Edition, Vol. 1.
- “Effective Syllabus Design” (co-author John Ishiyama) in John Ishiyama, Will Miller and Eszter Simon eds. Handbook of Teaching and Learning in Political Science and International Relations (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar) 2015
- “Voter Turnout” (co-author Mark Joslyn) in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) 2015
- “Latinos in U.S. Politics” in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) 2015
- “Ted Cruz” in American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) 2015
- “Re-Assessing the Rise of the Latin American Left” in Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 15, Number 1, 2014.
- “Book Review: Soccer Culture in America” in American Studies, Volume 53, Number 4, 2014
- “Book Review: Zambia Sporting Score” in The Interdisciplinary Electronic Journal of African Sports (Ohio University) 2013
- “An Economic and Political Assessment of Nestor Kirchner’s Presidency” in Memorias En Extenso de la Seccion de Estudios Latinoamericanos (Guadalajara, México: Centro Universitario de la Ciénaga) 2012

- “Sports Metaphors in Political Cartoons” (co-author Allyson Flaster) in L’Art et le Sport (Biarritz, France: atlantica) 2009
- “Generals and Goals: Nationalism and Sports in Argentina” in Sport and The Construction of Identities (Vienna, Austria: Verlag Turia & Kant) 2007
- “The Chicano Movement Literature: A Book Review Essay” in MKN Journal: Promoting Educational Opportunities (Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska) Volume 2, Issue 1, 2004
- “Nationalism and Sport: The Case of the 1978 World Cup” in VII International Scientific Congress: Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All Conference Proceedings (Moscow, Russia) Volume 1, 2003
- “Newspaper Media Representations of the Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney Heavyweight Championship Boxing Match” in VII International Scientific Congress: Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All Conference Proceedings (Moscow, Russia) Volume 1, 2003
- “Reading Muhammad Ali: Sports, Athletes and Personality in the Transitional Epoch” Slobozhansky Science and Sport Journal (Kharkiv, Ukraine) Volume 2, 1999

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Soccer Diplomacy: How World Cup Fandom Led to a Restoration of Political Relations between Argentina and Bangladesh” with Nazmush Munia, M.S.
2025 67th Annual World Social Science Association Conference
(Seattle, Washington)
- “Constitutional Provisions for Immigrants: In the Context of Where We Come From” by Oscar Casares”
2022 Texas A&M University at Galveston Constitution Day
(Galveston, Texas)
- “Art and Representation of Genocide”
2021 Traces of Violence Panel Discussion ARTCO Gallery Berlin
(Berlin, Germany)
- “An Overview of U.S.-Latin American Relations”
2021 Tarrant County College Southeast Campus Hispanic Heritage Month (Arlington, TX)
- “*Breve análisis sobre los efectos del coronavirus en la economía estadounidense*”
(Brief Analysis of the Effects of the Coronavirus on the U.S. Economy)
2020 Federación Argentina de Consejos Profesionales de Ciencias Económicas
(Argentine Federation of Professional Councils of Economic Sciences)
(Buenos Aires, Argentina – Online Presentation)

- “The Political Implications of National Origin, Generational Status, and Language Dominance for U.S. Latinos”
2020 Western Political Science Association
(Los Angeles, California – conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “Distance Learning (Online Courses) at American Universities: An Overview”
2018 Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine: Modeling and Information Technologies in Science, Engineering and Education Conference
(Kharkiv, Ukraine – Online Presentation)
- “Roundtable: *Latin American & US Latino Studies Programs- Creating New Programs & Best Practices*” Moderator and Discussant
2018 Western Social Science Association 60th Annual Conference
(San Antonio, Texas)
- “From Gold to Glory: An Analysis of U.S. Olympic Boxers in the Professional Ranks”
2018 1st Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research (CSSOR) Annual Conference
(Fullerton, CA)
- “The Ovaherero>Nama Genocide: A Case for an Apology and Reparations”
2017 3rd Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference
(Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- “Ukraine Between East and West: A Case Study of Realism”
2016 Annual Kharkiv National Highway and Automobile University Conference
(Kharkiv, Ukraine)
- “U.S.-Ukraine Relations in the Post-Soviet Era”
2016 2nd Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference
(Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- “Hispanics in Higher Education: An Assessment of the State ‘Closing the Gaps’ Initiative”
2015 1st Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference
(Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- “The Political Psychology of Fiscal Federalism: The Case of Mexico Under the PAN Regime”
2014 4th Asian Conference on Psychology and the Behavioral Sciences
(Osaka, Japan)
- “The United States, Texas and Latin America”
2012 2nd Annual Globalization and the Humanities: Texas and the World Conference
(Commerce, TX)
- “Fighting the Malvinas War on the Athletic Field”
2012 2nd Annual Sport and the Global South Conference
(Fairfax, VA)
- “An Economic and Political Assessment of Nestor Kirchner’s Presidency”
2012 54th Annual Western Social Science Association Conference
(Houston, TX)

- "Implementing Globalization at Rural, Public Universities in the United States: Challenges and Effective Practices"
2011 4th International Global Studies Conference
(Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- "Re-Assessing the Rise of the Latin American Left"
2011 68th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference
(Chicago, IL)
- "The Regulation of Boxing"
2009 American Association of Professional Ringside Physicians Annual Medical Seminar
(Uncasville, CT)
- "Sports Metaphors in Political Cartoons"
2007 XIIth International Congress of European Sport History
(Lorient, France)
- "Generals and Goals: Nationalism and Sport in Argentina"
2006 XIth International Congress of European Sport History
(Vienna, Austria)
- "Dale Campeón! Sports in Argentina"
2005 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
(Lawrence, Kansas)
- "Nationalism and Sport in Post-Soviet Ukraine"
2004 University of Helsinki Aleksanteri Conference "Democracy in Russia and the CIS
Concepts, Challenges and Visions"
(Helsinki, Finland)
- "Nationalism and Sport: The Case of the 1978 World Cup"
2003 Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport and Tourism VII International
Scientific Congress "Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All"
(Moscow, Russia)
- 2003 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
(Lawrence, Kansas)
- "Shaking Up the World: Muhammad Ali in the 1960s"
2000 University of Kansas Second Annual American Studies Graduate Student Conference
(Lawrence, Kansas)
- "Western European Immigration to Argentina"
1994 University of California, Irvine Pre-graduate Mentorship Symposium
(Irvine, California)
- "U.S.-South American Relations"
1994 United States Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference
(Annapolis, Maryland)

- “Hispanics in Congress”
1993 University of California, Irvine Summer Academic Enrichment Program
(Irvine, California)

SERVICE

University Committees and Organizations

- ***East Texas A&M University***

- 2025-pres Member, Public Administration **Search Committee**
- 2023-pres Co-Faculty Advisor, **Hispanic/Latinx Student Union**
- 2023-2025 Member, **Welcoming Environment Task Group**
- 2022-2024 Member, Latino Staff and Faculty Association
- 2024-2025 Member, ETAMU **Accountability and Assessment Committee** (“A-Team”)
- 2024-2025 **Chair, Curriculum Committee** to create Latin American & US Latino Studies Major
- 2023-2024 **Member, Dean Search Committee**, College of Humanities Social Sciences and Arts
- 2023 **Chair, Budget Analyst Search Committee**, College of Humanities Social Sciences And Arts
- 2020-2022 **President, Latino Staff & Faculty Association**
- 2020-2022 Member, **Latinx Student Initiatives Committee**
- 2019-2022 **Senator, Faculty Senate**
- 2016-2022 Member, **CHSSA Tenure and Promotion Committee**
- 2017-Pres Member, Political Science Tenure and Promotion and Post Tenure Review Committees
- 2014-2023 **Faculty Representative**, Global Quality Enhancement Plan
- 2019-2020 Member, **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**
- 2020 Member, Committee to Establish Latino Staff & Faculty Association
- 2020 Member, Director of Office of International Programs **Search Committee**
- 2019 **Co-Chair, University Strategic Plan Committee**

2018-2019 **Chair, CHSSA Tenure and Promotion Committee**

2018 Member, CHSSA Dean **Search Committee**

2018 Member, CHSSA Office Manager **Search Committee**

2012-2019 Member, Political Science **Scholarship Awards Committee**

2010-2019 Member, **International Students Committee**

2017 Member, William L. Mayo **Speaker Series Committee**

2017 Member, **Academic Appeals Committee**

2017 Member, Political Science Faculty Search **Committee**

2015 Member, **Campus Carry Committee**

2014-2015 Member, **Strategic Planning Committee**

2015 **Chair, Political Science Faculty Search Committee**

2014-2015 **Chair, Political Science Faculty Search Committee**

2014-2015 Member, Executive Director of Global Programs **Search Committee**

2014 Member, Director of Enrollment Management **Search Committee**

2012 Member, Political Science Faculty **Search Committee**

2012 Member, Faculty Senate Workload Procedure **Committee**

2010, 2011 Nominated students for TAMUC Latino Lion of the Month Award

2010, 2011 Collaborated with TAMUC Council for the Study of Global Learning

- ***University of Kansas***

2006-2008 Member of the KU Committee to Establish the Latino Studies Minor

1998, 1999 **Mentor** in the KU Bridge (TRIO) Program

1998 **Mentor** in the KU Office of **Multicultural Affairs Project Outreach Program**

1998 Member of the planning committee for the inaugural KU ***Symposium on the Recruitment and Retention of Students of Color***

SERVICE

Special Events

- 2025 Organized **Symposium on Texas Government** (featuring ETAMU undergraduate Honors poster presentations)
- 2025 Organized **Symposium on Latin American & U.S. Latino Studies** (featuring ETAMU undergraduate poster presentations)
- 2025 Organized and Hosted **Student Event** featuring Guest Speaker former World Heavyweight Champion **John Ruiz**
- 2024 Organized **Symposium on Latin American Politics** (featuring ETAMU undergraduate poster presentations)
- 2024 Organized **Symposium on Latin American & U.S. Latino Studies** (featuring ETAMU undergraduate poster presentations)
- 2024 Co-Organized and Co-Led **ETAMU Summit on Creating a Welcoming Environment**
- 2024 Organized and Hosted Zoom **Guest Speaker** featuring former World Heavyweight Champion **John Ruiz**
- 2024 Featured Speaker at **ETAMU Political Science Department Presidential Election Watch-Party**
- 2024 Co-Organized Guest Speaker Event featuring Latin Grammy Winner and recording artist **Nestor Torres**
- 2024 Co-Sponsored **Latin American Music Festival**
- 2024 Co-Organized Guest Speaker Event featuring author and former Dallas Morning News Reporter **Alfredo Corchado**
- 2023 Organized and Hosted **Special Campus-Wide Event** featuring **Roberto Duran**: "Five Decades of Glory: A Chat with World Champion Boxer Roberto Durán"
- 2023 Co-Organized and Hosted **Special Event** featuring **Ukrainian University Students** Zoom session between TAMUC and Ukrainian University Students on first anniversary of Russian invasion of Ukraine
- 2023 Organized and Hosted **Guest Speaker** featuring 1952 NCAA Basketball Champion **Bill Heitholt**
- 2023 Organized and Hosted **Symposium on Politics and Sports** (featuring TAMUC undergraduate poster presentations)

- 2023 Organized and Hosted **Symposium on Latin American Democracy** (featuring TAMUC undergraduate poster presentations)
- 2023 Organized and Hosted **Symposium on Latinos in the United States** (featuring TAMUC undergraduate poster presentations)
- 2022 Co-Organized **LALS/Gender Studies Event** featuring David LaFevor on “Boxing and Masculinities in the Age of U.S. Imperialism: African American Prizefighters in Havana and Mexico City”
- 2022 Served as Featured Speaker **Office of Latinx Engagement & Outreach** “Con Confianza” series
- 2022 Organized and Hosted **LALS/CHSSA/TAMUC Event** featuring Internationally Renowned Artist and Human Rights Advocate **Marcelo Brodsky**
- 2022 Organized TAMUC **Teach-in on the War in Ukraine**
- 2022 Organized TAMUC **Symposium on Central and East European Politics**
- 2022 Organized **LALS/African American History Month Event** featuring former world champion boxer Maurice Hooker
- 2022 Co-Organized **LALS/African American History Month Event** featuring Beau Gaitors on “Afro-Mexico: Reconstructing Racial Identity in the Modern Era”
- 2021 Organized TAMUC **Symposium on Latin American Politics**
- 2020 **Co-Host, Virtual Town Hall Meeting** TAMUC Latinx Student Initiatives Committee
- 2020 **Interviewed** (in Spanish) on **Univision television station** (Dallas Channel 23) about racism and discrimination (broadcast 7/19/20)
- 2020 Organized **Latin American & U.S. Latino Studies Event** featuring former world champion boxer Paul Banke
- 2019 **Interviewed** (in Spanish) on **Telemundo television station** (Dallas Channel 39) about TAMUC Latino American Male Mentorship Program (broadcast 3/22/2019)
- 2019 Organized TAMUC **Latin American Politics Symposium**
- 2019 Presented as a panelist on “**Race and Sport**” in HHPS 350 Social Issues in Global Sport Course
- 2018 Presented as a panelist at the TAMUC **International Education Week: Study Abroad Faculty Forum**
- 2018 Presented as a panelist on “**Race and Sport**” in HHPS 350 Social Issues in Global Sport Course

- 2017 Presented as a panelist on “**Race and Sport**” in HHPS 350 Social Issues in Global Sport Course
- 2017 **Keynote Speaker, TAMUC *La Raza* Graduation Ceremony**
- 2017 Organized TAMUC **African American History Month** event featuring ESPN 30 for 30 film director and producer
- 2017, 2019 Judge, TAMUC Annual Global **Multicultural Festival** Competition
- 2017 Presented a lecture on the **2016 Presidential Election** to the Latino American Male Mentorship Program
- 2017 Presented the film “Entre Nos” for the TAMUC **Spanish Film Festival**
- 2016 Presented a lecture on the **2016 Presidential Election** to the **African American Male Mentorship Program**
- 2016 Presented a lecture on the **2016 Presidential Election** to the **Delta Sigma Theta Historically African American Sorority** entitled, “Are You Ready to Vote?”
- 2015 Organized **Hispanic Heritage Month** event featuring former world champion boxer **Paulie Ayala**
- 2014 Organized **event commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall**
- 2014 Organized TAMUC **Hispanic Heritage Month Event** featuring former world boxing champion **John Ruiz**
- 2014 Organized TAMUC **Hispanic Heritage Month Event**
- 2014 Organized and Hosted **Special Campus-Wide Event** featuring world champion boxers **Curtis Cokes, Victor Ortiz, Troy Dorsey, and Errol Spence, Jr.**
- 2012 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Chapter of the **NAACP**
- 2011 **Produced** TAMUC Promotional Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-M43umK2B0>
- 2011 Organized TAMUC **Hispanic Heritage Month Event** featuring former world boxing champion **John Ruiz**
- 2011 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2010 Organized TAMUC **Hispanic Heritage Month Event**
- 2010 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Hispanic Heritage Month Event
- 2010 Gave **presentation** for TAMUC Chapter of **Delta Sigma Theta Historically African American Sorority**

1994 **Secretary General**, University of California-Irvine Model U.N. Conference

SERVICE

Study Abroad Programs

2012-Pres **Organized & Led TAMUC Study Abroad Programs:**

- **Argentina/Uruguay** Winter Mini 2024
- **Poland** May Mini 2023
- **Argentina/Uruguay** Winter Mini 2020
- **South America** (Brazil, Argentina & Uruguay—program planned but canceled)
- **Ukraine** Summer I 2018
- **Ukraine** May Mini 2017
- **Poland** May Mini 2016
- **Poland** Sophomore Year Experience Program 2016
- **Central Europe** (Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia) 2014
- **Argentina/Uruguay** Winter Mini 2012

2024 Assistant Coordinator, **Japan** Study Abroad Program May 2024

Special Activities

2024 **Assisted** with the establishment of the **ETAMU Mariachi Band**

2024 **Organized ETAMU Mock Organization of American States team** for the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Conference in Waco, TX (Participation in this conference was cancelled)

2023 **Organized TAMUC Mock Organization of American States team** for the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Conference in Waco, TX (Participation in this conference was cancelled)

2022 **Organized and Led TAMUC Mock Organization of American States team** for the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Conference in Waco, TX

2017-2020 Serve as **Advisory Board Member** for the TAMUC Latino American Male Mentorship Program

2019 **Organized & Led TAMUC Mock Organization of American States team** at the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Conference in San Antonio, TX

2018 **Organized & Led first TAMUC Mock Organization of American States team** at the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Conference in San Marcos, TX

2017 Led an A&M-Commerce graduate student to **present research in Argentina**

- 2016-2017 Developed the first **International Memorandum of Understanding** between Texas A&M University-Commerce and the Kharkiv National Automobile and Highway University (**Ukraine**)
- 2016 Led a team of A&M-Commerce graduate students to **present research in Argentina**
- 2016 Led a team of A&M-Commerce graduate students to **present research in Ukraine**
- 2016 **Created TWO NEW Low-Cost Textbook Initiative Courses**
- 2013-2017 **Created, Proposed, and Began Implementation of US Latino & Latin American Studies Minor/Major (service prior to being named coordinator)**
- 2010-2015 **Founding Advisor, Phi Iota Alpha (Historically Latino) Fraternity (TAMUC Chapter)**
- 1998-2003 **Founding Advisor, Sigma Lambda Beta (Historically Latino) Fraternity (KU Chapter)**

SERVICE

Graduate Student and Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees; Undergraduate Honors Capstone

- 2025 Chair of East Texas A&M University **Undergraduate Honors Capstone:**
 - Lisbet Ramirez
- 2020-2021 **Chair of Texas A&M University-Commerce Master's Thesis Committee:**
 - Song Wang, Political Science
- 2012-2013 **Member of Texas A&M University-Commerce Master's Thesis committee:**
 - Michael Patterson, Political Science
 - Andrea Potter, History
- 2013-pres **Chair of East Texas A&M University Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee:**
 - Veronica Flores, Music Education
 - Marlena Sandoval, Education
 - Christian Aleman, Political Science
 - Lina Munevar, Political Science
 - Angelo Schildhauer, Political Science
- 2020 **Member of Texas A&M University-Commerce Undergraduate Honors Thesis:**
 - Emily Gruver, Political Science
- 2012-2021 **Chair of Texas A&M University-Commerce Graduate (PSCI 595) Non-thesis committee:**
 - Dovlet Hudayberdiyev, Political Science
 - Jeffrey Leachman, Political Science
 - Tyler Henderson, Political Science

- Egzon Krasniqi, Political Science
- Kristen Lewis, Political Science
- James Owsley, Political Science
- Ashley Cotton, Political Science
- Timothy Houston, Political Science

2012-2018 **Member** of Texas A&M University-Commerce Graduate (PSCI 595) Non-thesis committee:

- Rebecca Lynch, Political Science
- Matthew Markovitch, Political Science
- David Gosbee, Political Science

2009-2010 **Member** of University of Kansas Doctoral Dissertation committees:

- Jeonguk Kim, American Studies
- Simao Henriques, Education

2007-2009 **Member** of University of Kansas Master's Thesis committees:

- Aaron Moulton, Latin American Studies
- Grant Blanchon, Latin American Studies
- Katherine J. Acosta, International Studies
- Nguvitjita Kahiha, International Studies
- Vincent L. Edwards, Journalism & Mass Communications
- Carlos R. Centeno-Lairet, International Studies

Publication Reviewer/Editor

2014-Present **Reviewer, *Lone Star Politics*** textbook
 2017 **Reviewer, *European Scientific Journal***
 2013 **Reviewer, *American Political Science Review***
 2003-2004 **Editor, *MKN Journal: Promoting Educational Opportunities***

Popular Media Publications

- *The Ring Magazine*
 - "Fighting For Ukraine", February 2014
 - "Boxing Fans in the White House", February 2014
 - "Dempsey vs. Firpo 90 Years Later: A Revealing Look Back At One Of The Sport's Classic –And Controversial- Brawls", November 2013
 - "New Faces: Shane Mosley", March 1994
 - "Genaro Hernandez Tech. Draw 1 Raul Perez", September 1993
- *The Ring Magazine Online*
 - "Bombs Away at the Dallas Bomb Factory" November 2015
<http://ringtv.craveonline.com/news/405291-bombs-away-at-the-dallas-bomb-factory>
- *Boxing Digest*
 - "The Regulation of Boxing", September 2009
 - 4 articles, 2009-2010

- *Lawrence Journal-World* (Newspaper)
 - FIFA World Cup Column, June-July 2006
- *Kansas City Sports Page* (Magazine)
 - 3 columns, 2003-2005
- *Kansas City Sports Calendar* (Magazine)
 - 14 columns, 2000-2003
- *Soccer Times ESPN Associate* (Online)
 - 5 articles, 2000
- *USA Boxing News* (Magazine)
 - 17 articles, 1993-1997
- *World Boxing* (Magazine)
 - “No Longer the Top Banana: Has Chiquita Gonzalez Turned Yellow”, February 1994
- *Union Hispana* (Spanish-language Newspaper)
 - 171 articles, 1991-1994
- *Miniondas* (Spanish-language Newspaper)
 - 44 articles, 1992-1993

Community Service

- 2011-2016 Participant, Rockwall ISD Watch D.O.G.S. Program
 2014-2016 Member, Rockwall ISD Diversity Advisory Committee
 2014 Volunteer, Rockwall Library ESL and Citizenship Programs

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)

- McNair Scholars Program
(A federally funded program that prepares low-income, first-generation and underrepresented minority college students for graduate school.)
 - 7/2005-8/2010 Associate Director
 - 7/2001-6/2005 Project Coordinator
 - 8/1998-7/2001 Academic Services Coordinator
- Office of Admissions and Scholarships
 - 8/1997-7/1998 Assistant Director

Grants Funded

- *A Proposal for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program*
(U.S. Department of Education)
 - Submitted 1/26/07. Five Year Award: \$271,392/yr. Co-investigator
 - Submitted 10/30/02. Five Year Award: \$258,469/yr. Co-investigator
 - Submitted 10/02/98. Four Year Award: \$224,130/yr. Co-investigator
- *Kansas Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)*
(National Science Foundation)
 - Submitted 3/18/09. One Year Award: \$20,000
 - Submitted 5/05/08. One Year Award: \$20,000

Professional Presentations

- “The Argentine-Bangladeshi Love Fest at the 2022 FIFA World Cup”
2023 Texas A&M University-Commerce Lion’s Lecture Series (Commerce, TX)
- “Five Decades of Glory: A Chat with World Champion Boxer Roberto Durán”
2023 Texas A&M University-Commerce Special Event Coordinator/Host (Commerce, TX)
- “Latino Diversity in the United States”
2019 Tarrant County College Southeast Campus Hispanic Heritage Month (Arlington, TX)
- “ESPN 30 for 30 Trojan War: Featuring Director Aaron Thomas and Producer Malik Aziz”
2017 Texas A&M University-Commerce African American History Month
- “Latino Boxing History: Featuring Former World Bantamweight Champion Paulie Ayala”
2015 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Latino Diversity in the United States”
2014 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Boxing with the Stars: Featuring Former World Champions Victor Ortiz, Curtis Cokes, Troy Dorsey; Olympian Errol Spence, Jr.; and Referee Laurence Cole”
2014 Texas A&M University-Commerce Special Event Coordinator/Moderator
- “Hispanic Diversity in the United States”
2012 University of Dallas Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Latino Boxing History: Featuring Former World Heavyweight Champion John Ruiz”
2014 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
2013 Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Nebraska) Hispanic Heritage Month
2011 Texas A&M University-Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month
2009 University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS) Hispanic Heritage Month
- “A Heavyweight for the Ages: Featuring George Foreman”
2010 University of Kansas Heavyweight Boxing Symposium (Lawrence, KS)

- “A Historical Overview of US-Latin America Relations”
2009 Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Nebraska) 4th Annual Diversity Matters Film and Lecture Series
- “Keys to Earning a Graduate Degree While Working for TRiO/GEAR-UP”
2007 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
- “Pelé or Maradona: Who Was the Greatest Soccer Player in History”
2005 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Latino Diversity in the 21st Century”
2009 Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, Nebraska) Hispanic Heritage Month
2005 University of Kansas Latino Greek Leadership Conference
2004 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Soccer and Society”
2004 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies *The Other End of the Americas: Argentina, A Teacher’s Workshop*
- “Publishing Your Thoughts”
2005 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (Kansas City, Missouri)
- “Understanding Latino Diversity”
2004 South Junior High School (Lawrence, Kansas) Diversity Workshop Presentation
2002 South Junior High School (Lawrence, Kansas) Hispanic Heritage Month
2002 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference (Kansas City, Missouri)
2001 Johnson County Community College Department of Spanish Brown Bag Series
2001 University of Kansas Libraries Professional Development Lecture
- “Latino USA: An Analysis of Hispanics in Census 2000”
2002 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
2001 Kansas City Kansas Community College Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Diversity of Latinos”
2000 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
2000 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
2000 Kansas City Kansas Community College Hispanic Heritage Month
2000 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
1999 America Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel Programs Conference
1998 Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference
- “Sports Writing 101”
2000 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day
1999 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day

Professional Memberships

- 2019-present Western Political Science Association
- 2018-present World Social Science Association
- 2017-present Latin American Studies Association
- 2017-present North American Society for Sport History

Travel Abroad (Relevant to Teaching, Research Activities and Service)

Argentina	Egypt	Morocco	South Africa
Australia	Estonia	Namibia	South Korea
Austria	Finland	Netherlands	Spain
Belgium	France	New Zealand	Sweden
Brazil	Georgia	Paraguay	Switzerland
Cambodia	Germany	Peru	Thailand
Canada	Greece	Poland	Ukraine
Chile	Hungary	Portugal	United Kingdom
Costa Rica	Ireland	Puerto Rico (US	Uruguay
Croatia	Italy	Territory)	Vietnam
Czech Republic	Japan	Russia	Virgin Islands (US
Dominican Rep.	Mexico	Slovakia	Territory)
Ecuador	Monaco	Slovenia	

Language Skills

- English (native)
- Spanish (native)
- Russian (intermediate)