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**EDUCATION**

The University of Texas at Austin  
Ph.D., Government, December 1986  
Thesis: "The State as Banker: The Growth of the Public Sector in Brazil"

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service  
B.S.F.S. (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa), Latin American Regional Studies, 1977

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Professor of Political Science, Grinnell College, 2005-  
Associate Professor of Political Science, Grinnell College, 1997-2005  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Grinnell College, 1991-1997  
Murphy Fellow of Political Economy, Tulane University, 1990-1991  
Assistant Professor, Boston College, 1987-1990  
Lecturer, Boston College, 1984-1987

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND GOVERNANCE POSITIONS**

***Grinnell College***

Chair of the Faculty, Grinnell College, 2006-2008  
Chair, Political Science, Grinnell College, 200-2002, 2004-2006, S' 2009-2011  
At-Large Member, Executive Council, Grinnell College, 2004-2006  
Chair, Diversity Steering Committee, Grinnell College, 2004-2006  
Division Representative, Grinnell College, Personnel Committee, 1997-99, 2013-  
Chair, Global Development Studies, Grinnell College, 1995-2000, 2001-2002  
Chair, Latin American Studies, Grinnell College, 1997-1999; 2013-

***National and Regional Associations***

Director, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Costa Rica, 2002-2004  
Section Chair, Decentralization and Sub-national Studies, Latin American Studies  
Association, 2003-2004  
Section Co-chair and co-founder, Decentralization and Sub-national Studies, Latin American  
Studies Association, 2001-2003

## **COURSES TAUGHT SINCE 2004**

### ***Grinnell College***

Introduction to Political Science (POL 101)

State and Society in Latin America (POL 261)

International Political Economy (POL 251)

Political Economy of Developing Countries (POL 354)

First-year tutorials on Just and Unjust Wars (2004), Development as Freedom (2007), and Making a Difference in the Fight Against Global Poverty (2010 and 2013)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Referred Publications***

"A Brazilian Pocket of Effectiveness: The Early History of The National Bank for Social and Economic Development" in Michael Roll, ed. *Pockets of Effectiveness: Selective State Performance and Reform in Patrimonial States*. London: Routledge, forthcoming December 2013.

"The CAFTA Conflict and Costa Rica's Democracy: Assessing the 2007 Referendum," co-authored with Janet Seiz, *Latin American Politics and Society*, Vol. 54, No. 3 (Fall 2012): 123-156.

"A Political Theory of Decentralization with Latin American Cases," co-authored with Christopher da C.B. Garman and Stephan Haggard, *World Politics*, Vol. 53, No. 2, (January 2001): 205-236

"The Politics of Decentralization in Latin America," co-authored with Christopher Garman and Stephan Haggard, *Latin American Research Review*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (1999): 7-56

"Influencing Industrial Location in Federal States: Some Lessons," *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, Vol. 62, No. 3 (September 1996): 401-411

"Explaining Bureaucratic Independence in Brazil: The Experience of the National Economic Development Bank," *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 3 (October 1995): 625-661

### ***Works in Progress***

"From Negotiation to Referendum: The Contentious Politics of CAFTA in Costa Rica," book manuscript, co-authored with Janet Seiz

"Voting on Globalization: Competing Preferences in the CAFTA-DR Referendum in Costa Rica," article manuscript under review, co-authored with Janet Seiz.

"Parties in the CAFTA Referendum: Did They Really Matter?" article manuscript, co-authored with Janet Seiz.

## **Book Reviews**

*Governance in the Americas: Decentralization, Democracy, and Subnational Government in Brazil, Mexico, and the USA*, edited by Robert H. Wilson, Peter M. Ward, Peter K. Spink and Victoria E. Rodríguez, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 41 Issue 3 (August 2009)

*Federalism and Democracy in Latin America*, edited by Edward Gibson, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 37 Issue 3 (August 2005)

*Inventing Local Democracy: Grassroots Politics in Brazil* by Rebecca Neaera Abers, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 36 Issue 2 (May 2004).

*Audacious Reforms: Institutional Invention and Democracy in Latin America* by Merilee S. Grindle, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 36 Issue 2 (May 2004).

*Econômicas, Decisões Políticas: Desenvolvimento, Estabilidade e Populismo* by Lourdes Sola, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 33 Issue 2 (May 2001).

*Corruption and Political Reform in Brazil: The Impact of Collor's Impeachment* edited by Keith S. Rosenn and Richard Downes, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 33 Issue 3 (August 2001).

"Reviving Local Government in Latin America," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 8 No. 1 (January 1997): 173-177.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS SINCE 2005**

"Voting on Globalization: Competing Preferences in the CAFTA-DR Referendum in Costa Rica," paper co-authored with Janet Seiz, submitted for presentation at the XXVX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association to be held on May 2012, San Francisco

"The CAFTA Conflict and Democracy in Costa Rica: An Assessment of the 2007 Referendum," paper co-authored with Janet Seiz and presented at the XXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association held on June 11-14, 2009, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"From Negotiation to Referendum: The Contentious Politics of CAFTA and the Quality of Democracy in Costa Rica," co-authored with Janet Seiz, presented at the 2007 International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, September 5-9, 2007.

"Bargaining over CAFTA," co-authored with Janet Seiz, presented at the 2006 International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006.

## **COMMITTEES AND OTHER SERVICE AT GRINNELL COLLEGE SINCE 2004**

Member, Grinnell Social Justice Prize Award Selection Committee, 2010-2013

Chair, Grinnell Social Justice Prize Award Selection Committee, 2012-2013

Member, Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Fall 2011

Member, Off-Campus Study Board, 2010-2011

Chair of Faculty (2006-2008): Curriculum Committee, Personnel Committee, Executive Council, Faculty Budget Committee (Chair), College Budget Committee, Academic Budget Subcommittee, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Honorary Degree Committee (Chair), President's Staff, and Search Committees for Vice-President of Student Affairs and Vice-President for Admissions and Financial Aid

Member, Standing Committee on Diversity, 2004-2006

Honorary Degree Committee, 2004-2006

Member, Global Development Studies Concentration Committee, 2004-present

Member, Latin American Studies Concentration Committee, 2004-present

Member, Environmental Studies Concentration Committee, 2004-2011