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Current Position

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (March 2016-present)

Professor of Political Science, Troy University (Fall 2010-present)

Selected duties

- Provides academic vision and leadership to eight academic departments, which encompass an associate's degree program, twenty-five undergraduate majors, seven master's programs, and one graduate certificate.
- Oversees personnel and operations budgets for the College.
- Responsible for all hiring within the College as well as the certification of the teaching expertise of all faculty.
- Responsible for 117 full-time faculty, 18 full-time staff, and roughly 200 adjuncts (exact faculty numbers vary year-to-year).
- Directly supervises two Associate Deans, the Director of the School of Science and Technology, two campus coordinators, eight Department Chairs, and the Executive Director of the Center for Public Service.
- Oversees the Center for Public Service, the Center for Materials and Manufacturing Sciences, and two ROTC programs (Army and Air Force).
- Responsible for all Arts and Sciences course offerings and programs at all four Alabama campuses, Troy Online, and at teaching sites in Georgia, South Korea, Japan, and Vietnam. This includes delivery on U.S. military bases (Georgia, Japan, and South Korea) as well as with international university partners in Vietnam.
- Oversees College responsibilities as they pertain to SACSCOC Accreditation.
- Oversees grant and contract activity.

Past Positions at Troy

Chair, Department of Political Science, Troy University (December 2012-May 2016)

Associate Professor of Political Science, Troy University (Fall 2004-Spring 2010)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Troy University (Fall 1998-Spring 2004)

Previous Positions

Visiting Lecturer, University of Texas at Austin, 1997-1998 (part-time)

Adjunct Instructor, Austin Community College, 1996-1998 (part-time)

Visiting Professor and Researcher, University of the Andes, 1994-1995 (full-time)

Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Lutheran College, 1993-1994 (part-time)

Education

Ph.D. (Government) University of Texas at Austin, 1990-1996.

Major areas: Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Public Policy

GPA: 3.53

Dissertation: *Rules, Incentives, and Political Parties: Electoral Reform in Post-1991 Colombia*. (Lawrence Graham and Henry Dietz, co-supervisors)

B.A. (Cum Laude with Honors in Political Science) University of California, Irvine, 1986-1990.

GPA: 3.54

Senior Honors Thesis: *Revolutions in Modern Societies: An Inquiry into Potential Patterns of Revolution*. (Harry Eckstein, supervisor)

Publications

Books (University Press)

- Steven L. Taylor, Matthew S. Shugart, Arend Lijphart, and Bernard Grofman. *A Different Democracy: American Government in a Thirty-One-Country Perspective*. New Haven: Yale University Press. (2014)
- *Voting Amid Violence: Electoral Democracy in Colombia*. Boston: Northeastern University Press. (2009)

Books (Popular Press)

- *30 Second Politics* (editor and contributor). Metro Books: New York (2011).

Translations: French *Politique en 30 secondes*. Montréal: Hurtubuse (2011); Spanish *50 Teorías Políticas Apasionantes y Significativas*. Barcelona: Blume (2011); Turkish *30 Saniyede Siyaset*. Istanbul: Caretta (2012); Czech: *30 Vteřn na Politiku*. Fortuna Libre: Prague (2012); Slovak: *30 Sekúnd Politiky*. Fortuna Libre: Bratislava (2012); Russian *Политика за 30 секунд* (2014); Portuguese (2017)

Book Chapters (University Press)

- “Electoral Systems in Context: Colombia.” in Erik Herron, Robert Pekkanen, and Matthew Shugart, eds. (2018). *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Co-authored with Matthew S. Shugart).
- “Electoral Systems in Context: The United States.” in Erik Herron, Robert Pekkanen, and Matthew Shugart, eds. (2018). *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- “Pre-Candidates, Candidates, and Presidents: Paths to the Colombian Presidency.” in Peter Siavelis and Scott Morgenstern, eds. (2008). *Pathways to Power: Political Recruitment and Candidate Selection in Latin America*. University Park, PA: Penn State Press (Coauthored with Felipe Botero and Brian Crisp)
- “Colombia: Democracy Under Duress.” in William J. Crotty, ed. (2005) *Democratic Development and Political Terrorism: The Global Perspectives*, Boston: Northeastern University Press

Book Chapters (Popular Press)

- Entries (brief essays) in *30 Second Politics* (2010): Introduction, Democracy, Authoritarianism, Fascism, Nazism, Theocracy, Representative Democracy, Proportional Representation, Parliamentary Democracy, Federalism, Marxism, Maoism, Neoconservatism, Constructivism.

Articles/Essays

- “Colombia: Using Elections and Electoral Institutions to Promote Peace.” *SAIS Review of International Affairs*.38,1 (Winter-Spring 2018): 93-104.
- “Colombia: On the Brink of Peace with the FARC?” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*. 10,1 (October 2016). Online at <https://origins.osu.edu/article/colombia-brink-peace-farc>

Translation: Spanish (by Gisel Valladares): Colombia: Al Borde de la Paz con las FARC? Online at:

<http://origins.osu.edu/connectinghistory/colombia-al-borde-de-la-paz-con-las-farc>

- “The State of Democracy in Colombia: More Voting, Less Violence?” *The Latin Americanist*. (June 2016): 169–190.
- “Colombian Voters and Ballot Structure: Error, Confusion, and/or None of the Above.” *The Latin Americanist*. (December 2012): 111-130.
- “When Wars Collide: The War on Drugs and the Global War on Terror.” *Strategic Insights*, Volume IV, Issue 6 (June 2005).
- “Democratization in Latin America.” (Review Essay). *Latin American Research Review*. 37, 3 (Fall 2002): 162-175.
- “Alabama: Lack of Competition and Election Skepticism Down South” part of the *50 Takes on Democracy* essay series published by the Pulaski Institution. Online at: <https://www.pulaskiinstitution.org/50-takes-ondemocracy/ksvxf8o63tsn8izyxxw4jpd7gm26b1> (July 14, 2022)
- “Why the US House of Representatives has 435 seats – and how that could change.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/why-the-ushouse-of-representatives-has-435-seats-and-how-that-could-change191629> (October 17, 2022)

Educational Materials

- “Our System Encourages Large Parties.” in Krasner, Barbara., ed. *The Two-Party System in the United States*. Greenhaven Publishing, New York (2019).
- “Constitutional Engineering: How Many Veto Gates?” in Ansolabehere, Stephen, et al., *American Government: Power and Purpose.*, 14th ed. New York: W.W. Norton. (2017). (Co-authored with Matthew S. Shugart).

Entries in Reference Works (alphabetical)

- “Ballot Reform.” in David Schultz, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, New York: Facts on File, (2003).
- “Barco, Virgilio.” in *The Encyclopedia of US-Latin American Relations*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press (2012).

- “Blogging.” in Roger Chapman, ed. *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Voices, and Viewpoint* Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe. (2009).
- “*Buckley v. Valeo*.” in David Schultz, ed. *The Encyclopedia of American Law*. New York: Facts on File, (2002).
- “Campaign Finance.” in David Schultz, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, New York: Facts on File, (2003).
- “Colombia.” in Blum, Edward J., ed. *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*, 1st ed. Charles Scribner’s Sons, (2016).
- “Colombia.” in Tracy Raye North, ed. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 71. Austin, TX.: University of Texas Press. (2016).
- “Colombia.” in Tracy Raye North, ed. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 69. Austin, TX.: University of Texas Press. (2014).
- “Colombia.” in Tracy Raye North, ed. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 67. Austin, TX.: University of Texas Press. (2012).
- “Colombia.” in Tracy Raye North, ed. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 65. Austin, TX.: University of Texas Press. (2010).
- “Colombia.” in Tracy Raye North, ed. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 63. Austin, TX.: University of Texas Press. (2008).
- “Colombia.” in Lawrence Boudon, ed. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 61. Austin, TX.: University of Texas Press. (2006).
- “Colombia.” in Lawrence Boudon, ed. *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 59. Austin, TX.: University of Texas Press. (2003).
- “Drudge Report.” in Roger Chapman, ed. *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Voices, and Viewpoint* Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe. (2009).
- “Drug Enforcement Administration.” in David Schultz, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, New York: Facts on File, (2003).
- “Drug Policy.” in David Schultz, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, New York: Facts on File, (2003).
- “Election 2000.” in Roger Chapman, ed. *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Voices, and Viewpoint* Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe. (2009).

- “Gaviria, César.” in *The Encyclopedia of US-Latin American Relations*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press (2012).
- “Lehder, Carlos.” in *The Encyclopedia of US-Latin American Relations*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press (2012).
- “*United States v. Alabama*.” in *The Encyclopedia of Alabama*. (2016). Online at <http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-3746>

Book Reviews (Alphabetically by reviewed title)

- “Blood and Fire: La Violencia in Antioquia, 1946-1953.” *The South Eastern Latin Americanist*. 47: 1,2 (Summer/Fall 2003).
- “Chronicle of a Failure Foretold: The Peace Process of Colombia President Andrés Pastrana.” *The Latin Americanist*. 51,1 (September 2007).
- “Coca’s Gone.” *Bulletin of Latin American Research*. 30, 3 (2011). Conservative Parties, The Right and Democracy in Latin America. *Party Politics*. 8,2 (2002): 237-249.
- “Democracy for Busy People.” *Perspectives on Politics*. (Forthcoming).
- “Elusive Reform: Democracy and the Rule of Law in Latin America.” (Book Review). *Journal of Politics*. 65,4 (2003): 1290-1291.
- “Mexico’s Political Awakening.” *Comparative Political Studies*. 35, 9 (November 2002): 1081-1084.
- “Peace, Democracy, and Human Rights in Colombia.” *The Americas*. 64,4 (April 2008): 647-648.
- “Peace, Democracy, and Human Rights in Colombia.” *Perspectives on Politics*. 7,4 (2009): 998-999.
- “Political Cleavages: Issues, Parties and the Consolidation of Democracy.” *Latin American Politics and Society*. 43, 1 (Spring 2001): 168-171.
- “Transforming Labor-Based Parties in Latin America.” *Comparative Political Studies*. 37 (November 2004): 1104-1107.
- “Violent Democracies in Latin America.” *Perspectives on Politics*. 9, 4 (2011): 892-893.

Professional Presentations (reverse chronological order)

- “Candidate Selection Processes and Party System Dynamics: Lessons from Colombia and the United States.” Presented at the 2023 Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Antigua, Guatemala.

- “Latin American Presidentialism in a Time of Turmoil.” Presented at the 2020 Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Austin, TX.
- “Previewing Colombia 2018: Elections in the Aftermath of Peace.” Presented at the 2018 Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Nashville, TN.
- “The Party Politics of Peace in Colombia.” Presented at the 2017 Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Chapel Hill, NC.
- “Hidden Institutions: Parties, Ballots, and Newspapers in Twentieth Century Colombia.” Presented at the 2015 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- “Research Notes: Colombia’s 2014 Legislative Elections.” Presented at the 2014 Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- “Latin American Primaries in Comparative Perspective: Conceptualizing Primary Elections.” Presented at the 2013 Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Panama City, Panama.
- “Colombian Voters and Ballot Structure: Error, Confusion, and “None of the Above.”” Presented at the 2012 Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies. Gainesville, FL.
- “The Politics of the Ballot in Colombia: Access, Production, Distribution, and Design.” Presented at the 2011 Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (March 31-April 3).
- “Dead Party Walking? The Case of the Colombian Conservatives.” Presented at the 2009 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 8-10).
- “Ballot Tales: Colombian Parties and the Evolution of the Ballot.” Presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, Mobile, Alabama (March 21-22).
- “The Evolution of the Ballot in Colombia.” Presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 9-12).
- “Electoral Reform and the 2006 Colombian Elections.” Presented at the 2007 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 3-7).

- “Blogs! What are They Good for? Politics, Political Science, and Blogging.”
Presented at the 2006 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia (January 5-7). (Co-written with Mark Griffith).
- “When Wars Collide: The War on Drugs and the Global War on Terror.”
Presented at the 2005 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 6-8).
- “Pre-Candidates, Candidates, and Presidents: Paths to the Colombian Presidency.” Presented at the XXV International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, Nevada (7-9 October 2004), coauthored with Felipe Botero and Brian Crisp.
- “The Rhetoric of the War on Terror and the War on Drugs in Colombia.”
Presented at the 2004 Meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, Auburn, Alabama (16-17 April).
- “Pathways to Presidential Nominations in Colombia.” Presented at Pathways to Power: Political Recruitment and Democracy in Latin America at Wake Forest University (2-4 April 2004), co-authored with Felipe Botero and Brian Crisp.
- “Colombia in the Post-9/11 Context.” Presented at the 2004 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (8-11 January).
- “US-Latin American Relations Post-9/11.” Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, Troy, Alabama (11-12 April).
- “Electoral Reform and Party Adaptation: The Case of the Colombian Senate.” Presented at the XXIV Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, TX (27-29 March).
- “Rethinking the Colombian Party System.” Presented at the 2002 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA (7-9 November).
- “Personal List-PR and A Single National District: The Political Effects of the 1991 Constitutional Reform on Senate Elections in Colombia.”
Presented at the 2002 Meeting of the Public Choice Society, San Diego, CA (22-24 March).

- “A Framework for Studying Candidate Selection Processes.” Presented at the XXIII International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, D.C. (13-15 September 2001).
- “In Advocacy of Closed Primaries: A Theoretical Discussion.” Presented at the 2001 Alabama Political Science Association Meeting, Talladega, Alabama (6-7 April).
- “Towards a Detailed Discussion of Candidate Selection in Latin America.” Presented at the XXII International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, Florida (March 16-18, 2000).
- “Electoral Reform and Political Effects in the Post-1991 Colombian Senate.” Presented at the XX International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Guadalajara, Mexico (17-19 April 1997).
- “Third Party Activity in Colombia.” Presented at the XIX International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, D.C. (28-30 September 1995).
- “Traditional Parties and Political Change: Evaluating the Impact of Reform on the Colombian Party System.” Presented at the XVIII International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (10-13 March 1994).

Roundtable/Workshop Participation

“New Media and Politics: A Roundtable on Political Scientists as Bloggers.” at the 2008 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 9-12).

“Roundtable on Blogging.” at the 2005 meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, Jacksonville, AL (1-2 April).

“Roundtable on Alabama Politics.” at the 2005 meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, Jacksonville, AL (1-2 April).

Invited Talks/Workshops

“Multiparty Congress Convening” American Enterprise Institute/Protect Democracy, May 15, 2024.

“The Electoral College in Comparative Perspective.” Constitution Day talk at Berry College, September 17, 2018.

“The United States Constitution in Comparative Perspective.” Constitution Day talk at Berry College, September 17, 2012.

Participant in “Media Now: Truth or Deception, A New Look at Integrity, Bias, and Persuasion” UAB Department of Communication. August 19, 2006.

Newspaper Columns (Published between February 2003 and August of 2009)

- *Mobile Press-Register* (58)
- *Birmingham News* (25)
- *Birmingham Press-Herald* (1)
- *Huntsville Times* (1)

Language

Spanish (Conversational)

Field Research

Electoral observation, Bogotá, Colombia, May 2014. Acted as an international electoral observer with the Misión de Observación Electoral (MOE).

Electoral observation, Bogotá, Colombia, March 2010. Acted as an international electoral observer with the Misión de Observación Electoral (MOE).

Visiting Professor and Researcher, University of the Andes, Department of Political Science, Bogotá, Colombia, September 1994-July 1995 (Dissertation research). Funded by a Fulbright Grant.

Pre-dissertation research trip to Bogotá, Colombia, May 25, 1992 - June 20, 1992.

Awards

Chancellor’s Fellow, 2015

Editorial Positions

Contributing Editor on Colombia, [*Handbook of Latin American Studies*](#), 2001-2016.

Associate Editor, [*Politics and Policy*](#). 2003-2004.

Professional Organizations

Alabama Political Science Association (inactive)

- Immediate Past President, 2004-2005.
- President, 2003-2004
- Vice President and Program Chair, 2002-2003
- At-Large Board Member, 2001-2002.

American Political Science Association (inactive)

Council of Colleges of Arts and Science (active)

Latin American Studies Association (inactive)

Southern Political Science Association (inactive)

Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (active)

- At-large member, Executive Council, 2016-2019.
- Alfred B. Thomas Book Award Committee, 2014-2016.
- Program Chair, History/Social Science, 2016 Annual Meeting.

University Service

Committees

- Legal Studies Program Task Force (2013)
- Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Task Force, Chair (2013)
- Arts and Sciences Advisory Panel (ad hoc committee on college reorganization) (2012)
- College Review Committee (Tenure and Promotion) (2011-2013) ○ Arts and Sciences Representative to the University Review Committee (2011) ○ Arts and Sciences Representative to the University Review Committee (2012) ○ Arts and Sciences Representative to the University Review Committee (2013)
- Search committee, departmental secretary (2011)
- Faculty Senate (2002-2005, 2005-2008, 2011-2014) ○ Immediate Past President (2007-2008) ○ President (2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 terms) ○ Vice-Chair (2003-2004 term) ○ Chair, Faculty Welfare Sub-Committee (2003-2004, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014 terms) ○ Chair, ad hoc constitution committee (2004-2005)
- Search Committee Chair, International Relations/Comparative Politics Professor (2008)
- Search Committee, American Politics/Public Administration Professor (2008)
- Search Committee for Political Science Professor/MPA Director (2003)

- Chancellor's Fellowship Committee (2002-2005)
- General Studies Council (2002-2005)
- Search Committee for Political Science Professor (2002)
- Council of Honor Societies (2001-2004)
- Search Committee for Criminal Justice Professor (2000)
- Distance Learning Committee (1999-2000)
- Search Committee for Geomatics Professor (1999)

Sponsorships

- Political Science Club (1998-2009)
- Pi Sigma Alpha sponsor (2000-2005)

Courses Taught

Professor/Associate/ Assistant Professor (Troy University)

- American National Government
- American National Government (honors version)
- Colombia in World Affairs (graduate course)
- Comparative Government
- Comparative Government (graduate version)
- Comparative Public Administration (graduate course)
- Comparative Public Policy
- Contemporary Political Thought
- Drug War Politics in the Americas (graduate course)
- Foundations of International Relations
- Government and Politics of Developing Nations (graduate course)
- Inter-American Relations
- Introduction to Social Science Inquiry
- Latin America in World Affairs (graduate course)
- Latin American Politics
- Latin American Security (graduate course)
- Political Theory
- Politics of the Developing World
- Public Policy-Making
- State and Local Government
- Theory and Ideology in International Relations (graduate course)
- Traditions, Revolutions and Change (graduate course)
- US Government: Executive Branch
- US Government: Legislative Branch
- World Politics

Visiting Professor (University of the Andes, Bogotá, Colombia)

- Proceso Político Colombiano, (Taught in Spanish).

Lecturer (University of Texas at Austin)

- Introduction to Latin American Politics
- Social Policy Formation in Latin America
- South American Politics (team-taught with Lawrence Graham)

Adjunct Instructor (Concordia Lutheran College and Austin Community College)

- Introduction to American Government (CLC and ACC)
- Introduction to Texas and Local Government (ACC only)

Administrative Committees, Selected List (as Dean)

- Academic Steering Committee (2016-present)
- CAS Leadership Council, Chair (2016-present)
- Chancellor's Cabinet (2018-present)
- College Review Committee (Tenure and Promotion), Chair (2016-present)
- Coronavirus Task Force (2020-present)
- Deans Council (2016-present)
- Institutional Effectiveness Committee (2016-2022)
- Sponsored Programs Advisory Committee (2022-present)
- University Review Committee (Tenure and Promotion) (2016-present)
- Workload Policy Working Group, Chair (2019-2023)