



## Education

Ph.D., Political Science in American Politics Political Economy Chicano Latino Studies Department Concentration Certificate	University of California, Irvine Irvine, California. September 2015
M.A., Political Science in Comparative Politics International Relations	California State University, Long Beach Long Beach, California. May 2008
B.A., History and Chicano Studies	University of California, Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, California. June 2003

## Research and Teaching Interests

Political Economy; Mexican, Chicano and Latino Politics; Labor and Inequality; Economic Democracy; Urban Racial and Ethnic Politics; Immigration; Social Movements; Postcolonial and Critical Theory; Politics in Entertainment Media.

## Dissertation

Economic Democracy: From Continual Crisis to a People Oriented Economy. University of California, Irvine 2015

## Fellowships and Awards

- Latino Politics Best Book Award, American Political Science Association for *The Latino Question: Politics, Labouring Classes and the Next Left*, Co-Authored with Armando Ibarra and Rodolfo D. Torres. Pluto Press, London: UK. Aug. 2018. 2019 Summer
- CSU Exceptional Levels of Service to Students Assigned Time 2015 Fall
- UC Irvine Associate Dean's Fellowship, School of Social Science 2014 Fall
- University of California President's Dissertation Year Fellowship 2013- 2014
- Q.A. Shaw McKean, Jr. Fellowship, Rutgers University 2013- 2014  
School of Management and Labor Relations
- DECADE Graduate Student Travel Award, UC Irvine 2013- March
- Gilbert G. Gonzalez Graduate Student Research Paper Award 2013- February  
Department of Chicano/Latino Studies, UC Irvine
- Research Grant, Department of Political Science, UC Irvine 2013- February
- DECADE Graduate Student Travel Award, UC Irvine 2013- February
- Travel Award, University of California – Cuba Academic Initiative 2013- November
- Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, University of California, Irvine 2008- 2012
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2009- March
- Research Grant, Department of Political Science, UC Irvine 2009- Summer
- Award of Distinction, University of California, Santa Barbara 2003- June
- 81% of 695 Instructor and TA Effectiveness Evaluations Above Average 2008- Present



## Publications

### Books

- *The Latino Question: Politics, Labouring Classes and the Next Left*, Co-Authored with Armando Ibarra and Rodolfo D. Torres. Pluto Press (Palgrave) London: UK. August 2018.

### Single Authored Journal Articles

- “Mexico “Under Siege”: Drug Cartels or American Imperialism?” *Latin American Perspectives*. October 23, 2013.
- “The Future of the American Economy: Economic Democracy or Bust!” *Publicación Oficial. Eventos Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosóficas (SCIF)*. Havana, Cuba. November 16, 2012.

### Co-Authored Journal Articles

- “Mexican Mass Labor Migration in a Not-So changing Political Economy,” Co-Authored with Armando Ibarra. *Ethnicities Journal*. Volume 15, Issue 2. April 2015.

## Academic and Teaching Experience

### California State University, Long Beach

#### Lecturer in Political Science:

- Racial and Ethnic Politics in the U.S.
- How Democratic is the U.S.?
- The Media and American Politics
- Introduction to American Government
- Politics Through Culture
- California Politics
- Comparative Political Movements

#### Fall 2013 – Present

Fall and Spring, 2013- Present  
 Spring 2015 - Present  
 Fall and Spring, 2013- 2018  
 Spr & Sum 2014, Spring 2015, 2016  
 Fall 2014  
 Fall 2014  
 Fall 15, Summer & Winter 2014 - Present

#### Lecturer in Chicano and Latino Studies:

- Chicana/o and Latina/o Politics in the U.S.
- Wealth and Poverty in Latino Communities
- Asian and Latino Immigration Since World War 2
- Special Topics: Study Abroad in Cuernavaca Mexico w/ Dreamers
- 1492 and Beyond, Study Abroad in Taxco Guerrero/Mexico City
- Introduction to Chicano/a and Latino/a Life
- Special Topics: Chicano Movement
- Introduction to Chicano and Latino Studies

#### Fall 2015 – Present

Spring and Fall 2019 - Present  
 Fall 2019 - Present  
 Fall and Spring, 2015 –2018  
 Summer 2016  
 Summer 2017, 2018, 2019  
 Fall 2017  
 Fall 2017  
 Spring 2017

### California State University, Los Angeles

#### Adjunct/Part-Time Lecturer in Chicano Latino Studies:

- Chicanos and Latinos and the Constitution

#### Fall 2016 – Present

Fall and Spring, 2016 - Present

### University of California, Irvine

#### Teaching Associate/Instructor:

- Comparative Latin American Politics
- Race/Ethnicity
- Current Issues in The Latino Community

#### Fall 2011 – Summer 2013

Summer Session 2, 2013  
 Summer Session 2, 2013  
 Summer Session 2, 2012



- Marxist Social Thought (Graduate Seminar) Spring 2013, Spring 2012
- Political Science and Urban Planning Independent Studies Seminar
  - Political Economic Theory and the Current Economic Crisis Winter 2011

#### **Co-Instructor:**

- Urban Sociology and Politics Winter 2012
- Latino Metropolis Fall 2011, Fall 2010
- Chicano Movement Spring 2011

#### **Teaching Assistant**

**Sept 2009 – 2013**

#### **University of California, Irvine**

- Prepared and taught for four, one-hour discussion sections per week for students to help them understand the course material; assisted faculty with evaluating and grading student work, hold office hours and assist students with assignments.
- Courses: Political Sociology, Current Issues in Chicano Latino Studies, Sociology of Race, Ethnicity and Nationality; Introduction to Chicano Latino Studies; Sociology Undergraduate Seminar, Introduction to Sociology.

#### **Graduate Student Researcher/Leader**

**Summer 2012, 2011**

#### **University of California, Irvine**

- Acted as a mentor for undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds participating in the 2011 and 2012 summer graduate preparations programs. Duties consisted of guiding undergraduate students with graduate type research and writing and providing feedback with Abstracts, Research Proposals and Research Papers.

#### **Lead Researcher**

**June – Sept, 2009**

#### **Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas, Mexico**

- Engaged in participant observation and ethnographic field research on my own project focused on how Mexicans understand, construct and perpetuate the narrative of Mexican Drug violence and crime, as well as its relation to government and politics. The goal is to understand how these narratives differ from the ones constructed in the U.S. I worked closely and was guided by faculty at the Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas.

#### **Research Assistant**

**Nov 2007 – Aug 2008**

#### **California State University, Long Beach**

- Position consisted of assisting Political Science Professor, Dr. Amy Cabrera-Rasmussen research the health effects that the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have on the local population. This included researching local government policy, compiling a database on individuals and groups involved in the debate over the issue, as well as helping her conduct interviews with these individuals. Position also consisted of assisting Dr. Rasmussen in her researching of the current local and national debates over reproductive and sexual health.

#### **Graduate Assistant**

**Jan 2007 – May 2008**

#### **California State University, Long Beach**

- Position consisted of assisting faculty in evaluating the written work of students; maintaining office hours to advise and assist students; preparing and facilitating review sessions for Introduction to American Politics; and assisting the department's staff.



## Conference Papers, Presentations and Participation

- April 18, 2019. Neoliberalism and Laboring Classes: Housing, Food and Radical Thought. Panel Chair at the Western Political Science Association annual conference. San Diego, CA.
- April 18, 2019. 'Specters of Belonging: The Political Life Cycles of Mexican Migrants,' by Adrian Felix, Roundtable Panel Discussant at the Western Political Science Association annual conference. San Diego, CA.
- April 19, 2019. The Past and Future of Organizing in the U.S. Panel Discussant at the Western Political Science Association annual conference. San Diego, CA.
- March 30, 2018. "Globalization in a "Post-Neoliberal" Trump Era. Panel Discussant and Chair at the Western Political Science Association annual conference. San Francisco, CA.
- March 24, 2017. "The Latino Question? Politics, Laboring Classes and the Next Left." Roundtable at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars Annual Conference. Irvine, California.
- June 27, 2016. "Racism, Inequality and the Cooperative Mode of Production." Research Presentation at the Annual Beyster Symposium. Sponsored by the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations and The Foundation for Enterprise Development. La Jolla, CA.
- April 8, 2016. "Latino Labor in Neoliberal Capitalism." Roundtable at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado.
- April 17, 2015. "Democratizing the Discipline: Gramsci, the Academy and a War of Position". Paper Presentation at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars annual conference. San Francisco, CA.
- April 3, 2015. "Hegemony, War of Position and Workplace Democracy". Paper Presentation at the Western Political Science Association annual conference. Las Vegas NV.
- June 24, 2014. "Worker Cooperatives and Action Research". Symposium Presentation at the Annual Beyster Symposium. Sponsored by the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations and The Foundation for Enterprise Development. La Jolla, CA.
- April 12, 2014. " Action Research and Economic Democracy". Paper Presentation at the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars Annual Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.
- January 13, 2014. "Cooperative Development in the Bay Area; A Case Study" Research Update at Louis O. Kelso Mid-year Fellows Symposium. Sponsored by the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations and The Foundation for Enterprise Development. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- June 24, 2013. "Cooperative Development in the Bay Area; A Case Study" Research Update at The Beyster Symposium. Sponsored by the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations and The Foundation for Enterprise Development. La Jolla, CA.
- May 17, 2013. Conference Organizer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UC Comparative Latino Studies Workshop. Sponsored by the UCI Department of Chicano Latino Studies, the UC Berkeley Center for Latino Policy Research and hosted by the UCI Chicano Latino Graduate Student Collective at the University of California Irvine.
- March, 29, 2013. "The Future of the American Economy: Expanding Democracy to the Workplace." Paper presentation at Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. Hollywood, CA.
- February 22, 2013. "“Under Siege”: Drug Violence or U.S. Economic Paternalism in Mexico?" Paper presentation at "Horizons" Global Studies Conference. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA.
- November 15, 2012. "Economic Democracy: The Future of the American Economy." Paper Presentation at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the New Political Science. Sponsored by La Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosóficas and La Universidad de La Habana, Havana, Cuba.
- May 5, 2012. Conference Organizer for the UC Latino Issues Conference and paper presentation of "Mexico Under Siege: Drug Cartels or American Imperialism?" Sponsored by the UC Berkeley Center for Latino Policy Research. Berkeley, CA.
- April 28, 2011. Conference Participant for "Cuba: The State of UC Research" the UC-Cuba Academic Initiative. Irvine, CA.
- April 22, 2011. "Mexico Under Siege: The Drug Narrative About Mexico and U.S. Imperialism." Paper presentation at Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX.
- March 31, 2011. "Theories of Economic Democracy: Constructing New Forms of Social, Political and Economic Organization." National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars Annual Conference. Pasadena, CA.
- March 24, 2009. "Fidel, Che and the Diffusion of Cuban Revolutionary Idealism." Paper presentation at "Intersecting Histories" Graduate Student Conference. Claremont Graduate University, Claremont CA.
- May 21-22, 1999. Conference Organizer. "El Plan and Chicano Studies: Power, Resistance and Social Change, 30 years of Chicano/a Studies". University of California, Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara CA.



## Public Presentations, Talks, Guest Lectures & Media Appearances

- May 14, 2020. Redlining: The Legacy of Housing Segregation. Panel Presentation and Q & A (online webinar). Hosted by California YIMBY.
- April 13, 2020. Latinos, Hegemony and Economic Democracy: From Continual Crisis to a People Oriented Economy. California State University, Channel Islands Chicano Latino Studies Symposium Lecture (online webinar).
- September 18, 2019. Seeking Refuge: Understanding the Central American Migrant Crisis. Panel Presentation. California State University, Long Beach.
- May 21, 2019. Introduction to Worker Cooperatives. Lecture for Long Beach Community Table (501c3).
- April 25, 2019. Latino Question Book Talk, Los Angeles City College.
- April 16, 2019. On the Latino Question, Book talk. California State University, Channel Islands.
- November 7, 2018. The Latino Question Book Talk and Reception. California State University, Long Beach.
- September 30, 2018. USC Public Debate tournament on Social Justice. 1968 East LA Walk Outs. Judge. University of Southern California.
- February, 28, 2018. Pedagogy of the Oppressed and Radical Politics in the Black Power and Chicano Movement. Guest Lecture at University of California Irvine, What is Social Justice course.
- May 5, 2017. Economic Democracy and Community Organizing. El Centro Community Center, Santa Barbara, CA.
- March 25, 2017. Cooperatives and Marginalized Communities. Democracy @ Work Los Angeles. Santa Monica, California.
- March 22, 2017. Discussion on CSU Tuition Hikes. Late Night Long Beach Show. Beach TV. CSU Long Beach.
- December 19, 2016. Divided We Stand. Daily 49er Video series. By Chrystina Schwartz. Long Beach, California. [https://youtu.be/TDA\\_je4WdF4](https://youtu.be/TDA_je4WdF4)
- November 3, 2016. ¿Quiénes son los de la generación Z y por qué son importantes estas elecciones? [Who is generation Z and why are they so important in these elections?]. La Opinion Spanish newspaper. Circulation: 117K <http://laopinion.com/2016/11/03/el-voto-de-la-generacion-z-es-importante-para-estas-elecciones/>
- September 20, 2016. Hispanic Heritage Celebration Address: “Being Latino in the U.S.” Hosted by Long Beach Councilman Roberto Uranga at Long Beach City Hall.
- August 18, 2016. “De aqui y de alla: Dreamers retornan a Los Angeles despues de cumplir su sueño de regresar a Mexico” [From here and from there: Dreamers return to Los Angeles after achieving their dream to return to Mexico] La Opinion Spanish Newspaper. Circulation 117K. <http://laopinion.com/2016/08/17/dreamers-retornan-a-los-angeles-despues-de-cumplir-su-sueno-de-regresar-a-mexico/>
- August 11, 2016. “Dreamers regresan a Mexico para reunirse con las familias que dejaron hace años para emigrar a EEUU.” [Dreamers return to Mexico to reunite with the families they left behind years ago in order to migrate to the U.S.] ] La Opinion Spanish Newspaper. Circulation 117K. <http://laopinion.com/2016/08/10/jovenes-dreamers-viajan-a-mexico-para-reencontrarse-con-sus-familias/>
- May 15, 2016. Grand Marshal and Faculty Address. 2016 and 27<sup>th</sup> annual Chicano Latino Commencement (two ceremonies). California State University, Long Beach.
- April 2, 2016. Keynote Address. Activate U: Helping Students Become Effective Health Advocates. Hosted by the California Health Professional Student Alliance (CaHPSA). University of California, Irvine.
- March 30, 2016. Real Faculty of CSU Fight for Five. Video. By Deric Mendes. Long Beach, California. <https://youtu.be/ECQrSh9Zanc?list=PL9B58F268A0C88358>
- October 20, 2015. “Empire Theory of Migration.” Guest Lecture in Latino Metropolis (Urban Planning 172). University of California, Irvine
- February 19, 2015. “Theories of Immigration.” Guest Lecture in Introduction to Chicano Latino Life (CHLS 101). California State University, Long Beach
- May 18, 2013. “Building Stronger Healthier Communities Through Worker Ownership.” Workshop Presentation. The 11<sup>th</sup> Social Services in the Latina/o Community Conference. Presented by the Social Welfare Latina/o Caucus. UC, Los Angeles.
- October 11, 2012. “The Legacy of Chican@/Latin@ Struggle in the U.S.: Labor Activism in the early 1900’s.” Guest Lecture in Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies (CLS 61). 250 students. University of California, Irvine



- October 31, 2011. "The Law Concerning Diversity in Higher Education" Panel Discussant. Moderated by School of Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky. University of California, Irvine.
- April 22, 2008. "Hispanic voters are the key: Some feel comfortable with Clinton, other young voters leaning to another." The Asahi Shimbun Japanese Newspaper. Circulation: 8 million
- April 15, 2011. "Stagnation and the Economic Crisis" Guest lecture in Introduction to Social Problems (Soc 3) University of California, Irvine
- May 5, 2009. "The Cuban Revolution: Revolutionary Central" Presentation at Chicano/Latino Culture Week. University of California, Santa Barbara
- April 11, 2007. "Social Movements In American Politics" Guest lecture in Introduction to American Politics (POSC 100). Class of 300 students. California State University, Long Beach
- April 22, 2006. "Politics of Identity" Workshop presentation at Raza College Day high school outreach conference. University of California, Santa Barbara

## **Work Experience**

### **Executive Director**

**January 2016 – Present**

#### **The Foundation for Economic Democracy**

- Position consists of organizing and developing the day-to-day operations of the organization as well as advancing the mission of building democratic community projects and worker cooperatives that help bring dignity to working people.

### **Organizer**

**March – June 2012**

#### **UAW2865, Irvine, CA**

- Position consisted of organizing academic student employees to improve their conditions in the workplace. Specifically to lead an affordable housing campaign and membership drive focusing on workload issues.

### **Research Consultant**

**Fall 2011**

#### **Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development, Garden Grove, CA**

- Position consisted of analyzing data from campaign contributions for the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim as well as looking at approval process for development projects in both cities.

### **Los Angeles Outreach and Program Coordinator**

**March 2005 – January 2007**

#### **Incentive Awards Program/Pre-Collegiate Academy, University of California, Berkeley**

- Position consisted of working closely with a group of 44 Academy scholars from 22 low income LAUSD schools, mentoring them and providing academic guidance to them for a period of two years, after which they would have completed the expected requirements to get into UC Berkeley.

### **Norwalk High School Bigs Program Manager**

**August 2004 – February 2005**

#### **Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters**

- Position consisted of managing a mentoring program in which High School Students mentor K-5<sup>th</sup> children at an after-school program based at their school. Duties included, recruiting and screening mentors and mentees, enrolling them into the program and case-managing a caseload of about 80 matches (160 students).

### **Recreation Assistant II**

**May 2004 – June 2005**

#### **Los Angeles Recreation and Parks**

- Position consisted of assisting the Teen Program supervisor, plan and coordinate events and programming for the Teen club. Events and programs were all geared towards helping teens improve self-esteem and teach gang, drug, and alcohol prevention, leadership skills as well as the value of teamwork.



**Program Leader**

**April 2004 – August 2004**

**Richstone Family Center, Hawthorne, CA**

- Position consisted of working effectively and cooperatively with parents, teachers, and community partners to supervise and ensure quality services and safety of all students as well as oversee and direct academic, homework and enrichment/ recreation activities with a cluster of 15 to 20 students

**Union Organizer**

**Nov 2003 – Dec 2003**

**United Farm Workers of America, Oxnard, CA**

- Position consisted of organizing strawberry workers to form a union so that they may improve their conditions in the workplace. Such conditions are better pay, medical plans, respect from management, and pensions plans. Duties included visiting workers at home and informing them of their rights as well as organizing and planning events and actions geared towards improving their quality of life.

**Truancy Case Manager**

**Dec 2002 – June 2003**

**Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Santa Barbara, CA**

- Position consisted of working with youth that were at the last step within the DA's truancy program and were in danger of being placed on probation. Duties included visiting homes and being a resource, visiting youth at schools and providing guidance to in order for them to improve their performance in school.

**Academic Intervention Through Mentoring Program Coordinator**

**January 2001 – June 2002**

**Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara, CA**

- Position consisted of coordinating a mentoring program that consisted of pairing up "at risk" youth with positive role models from UCSB. Tracking youth academic progress by monitoring grades, attendance, and suspensions. Work also included working closely with parents, mentor and youth to encourage youth's personal growth.

**Teaching Responsibility and Independence By Education, Educator/Facilitator**

**Oct 2000 – Jan 2001**

**Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara, CA**

- Position consisted of teaching progressive and alternative curriculum, which attempts to educate teens on issues that are not covered in mainstream schooling as well as organizing recreation activities, such as Sports, Art, Cultural etc. Work also consisted of developing teaching material that sought to get youth to think critically about the world they live in.

**Peer Advisor / Resident Assistant / Team Leader**

**Sep 1999 – March 2000**

**Educational Opportunity Program, University of California, Santa Barbara**

**Summer 99' 01' 02**

- The position consisted of working as a Resident Assistant for a summer transition program for low-income and/or first generation college students. Duties included guiding a team of resident assistants in organizing events and services geared towards acclimatizing incoming students to the university environment for and assisting them with transition issues.



## Service

### School

- Faculty Advisor, Mellon Mays, UROP, McNairs, and Honors undergraduate research 2017- Present
- Faculty Advisor, Latino Student Union 2019- Present
- Dream Success Center Advisory Board Co-Founder, CSU Long Beach 2016- 2018
- Faculty Advisor, La Raza Student Association, CSU Long Beach 2014- 2019
- Political Action Chair, California Faculty Association, Long Beach 2015- 2018
- General Education Governing Council, Academic Senate, CSU Long Beach 2015- 2016
- Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion, UCI 2012- 2014  
Working Group on Constructive Engagement, Policing and Crisis Response: Member
- The Dean of Graduate Division's Advisory Council on Diversity: Member 2011- 2014
- Chicano Latino Graduate Student Collective of UCI: Co-Founder and Officer 2009- 2014

### Departmental

- Chicano and Latino Studies, Committee on Outreach and Recruitment 2017- Present
- Political Science Transfer Student Mentoring Program Coordinator 2015- 2016
- UCI Department of Political Science Doctoral Senior Mentor 2010- 2015
- UAW Local 2865 Active Member and Head Steward 2010- 2015
- UCI Department of Political Science,  
Department and Graduate Committee Representative 2009- 2010
- Chicano Studies Major Representative, UCSB 2000-2001

### Professional

- Western Political Science Association 2014- Present
- National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies  
Labor Caucus Founder and Chair 2016- Present
- National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies  
Southern California Regional Foco Representative 2014- 2016
- Scholarship Application Reviewer, UC Berkeley Incentive Awards Program 2013
- Scholarship Application Reviewer, UC Berkeley Pre-Collegiate Academy 2005 - 2011
- Manuscript Reviewer, Sociologists Without Borders Summer 2012

### Community

- Foundation for Economic Democracy Board of Directors 2015- Present
- Mentor of undergraduates seeking to apply to Graduate School  
(approximately 10 yearly) 2010- Present
- Food Day Long Beach Organizer 2015
- Mentor, Los Angeles Harbor College PUENTE program 2012
- Graduate Mentor, Graduate Division and Campus wide Honors Program's  
THINK program for Honor Transfer Students 2010-2012
- Vice President of the Board of Directors, La Casa De La Raza  
Community Center, Santa Barbara 2002-2003
- Chair of El Congreso, UCSB (Chicano/a Student Union) 2002-2003
- External Co-chair of El Congreso, UCSB 2001-2002
- Board of Directors, Coalition for a Living Wage, Santa Barbara 2001-2002
- Volunteer for Los Compadres, young men program,  
Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara 2000-2002