

## Professional Affiliation and Contact Information

Master of Public Administration Program  
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## Education

*Ph.D. in Public Affairs*, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2007.  
Doctoral Dissertation: “Social Exclusion in America: Informing Public Policy through the Mexican Immigrant Experience.”

*Master of Public Affairs*, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2005.  
Policy Analysis Specialization.

*Baccalaureate in Law*, Universidad de Guanajuato, 2001.

## Professional Experience

*Assistant Professor*, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale  
August 2008 – present.

*Senior Lecturer*, The University of Texas at Dallas  
Spring and Summer semesters 2008.

*Instructor*, The University of Texas at Dallas  
January 2006 – December 2007.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*, The University of Texas at Dallas  
August 2003 – December 2005.

*Department Manager*, Legal Advice and Legislative Support,  
State Water Commission of Guanajuato, Mexico  
January 2002 – July 2003.

*Legal Advisor*, Contracts and Agreements Department,  
State Water Commission of Guanajuato, Mexico  
August – December 2001.

*Legal Advisor*, Hi-Tec/Samsung Engineering  
Salamanca, Guanajuato, Mexico  
January – July 2001.

*Legal Aide*, Health Ministry of Guanajuato  
January – December 2000.

*Legal Aide*, Supreme Tribunal of Justice of Guanajuato  
January – December 1999.

### **Research and Teaching Interests:**

Policy Analysis and Implementation, Leadership and Managerial Decision-making, Human Resources, Organizational Behavior and Methodology.

### **Current Projects:**

“Mexican Immigration: Insiders’ Views on Crime, Risks, and Victimization.” Co-authored with Dr. Kimberly Kempf-Leonard (Southern Illinois University - Carbondale). Paper accepted for publication in the *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*.

“Immigrant Social Networks: Understanding Social Exclusion through the Mexican Immigrant Experience.” Work in progress.

“Scope and Prospects of International Students in American Public Administration Programs.” Work in progress, with Dr. Karabi Bezboruah (University of Texas at Arlington).

“New Public Management in the Balkans: Good Governance or Hurting Legitimacy?” Work in progress, with Dr. Larry D. Terry II (Arizona State University).

“Mexican State Governments and U.S. Community-Oriented Organizations: An Analysis of the Non-Profit Model of Casa Guanajuato.” Work in progress.

“Redes Sociales de los Inmigrantes: Un Estudio acerca de la Exclusión Social de los Mexicanos Residiendo en los Estados Unidos.” Work in progress.

“Career Experience and Leadership Performance.” Work in progress, with Dr. John Hamman (Southern Illinois University - Carbondale).

### **Honors and Awards :**

Graduate Studies Scholarship, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, The University of Texas at Dallas, Academic Year 2006 – 2007 and Fall semester 2007.

Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, 2005-Current.

Graduate Studies Scholarship, School of Social Sciences, The University of Texas at Dallas, Academic Years 2004 – 2005 and 2005 – 2006.

Travel Grant for Mexican Students in Foreign Countries, Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico, 2003.

### **Presentations at Professional Meetings :**

“New Public Management in the Balkans: Good Governance or Hurting Legitimacy?” Paper presented at the 5TAD Fifth Transatlantic Dialogue: The Future of Governance in Europe and the U.S., 11-13 June 2009, Washington, D.C. with Dr. Larry D. Terry II (Arizona State University).

“Mexican Immigration: Insiders’ Views on Crime, Risks, and Victimization.” Paper presented at the Social Theory Forum - Integration, Globalization and Racialization: Theories and Perspectives on Immigration, April 8-9, 2009, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Discussant for panel on Dr. Jesús Silva-Herzog Márquez’s *The Idiocy of Perfection: Contemplations at Politics*. Sponsored by the Office of International Education, The University of Texas at Dallas and the Mexican Consulate in Dallas, TX, September 20, 2007.

Discussant for panel *Mexico After the 2006 Elections, A Historical Perspective for its Present and Future*. Sponsored by the Center for US-Mexico Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas, TX September 21, 2006.

## Teaching Experience

Fall 2009

POLS 503B Data Preparation and Management

POLS 544 Program Analysis and Evaluation

Summer 2009

Study of the US Institute for Student Leaders

Spring 2009

POLS 543 Human Resource Management

POLS 547b Topical Seminar in Public Administration II: Leadership

Fall 2008

POLS 503b Data Preparation and Management

POLS 544 Program Analysis and Evaluation

Summer 2008

PA 3335 Organizational Behavior

PA 4370 Leadership

Spring 2008

PA 3333 Human Resources

PA 3335 Organizational Behavior

PA 4370 Leadership

Fall 2007

PA 3333 Human Resources

PA 4370 Leadership

Summer 2007

PA 3335 Organizational Behavior

Spring 2007

PA 3335 Organizational Behavior

Fall 2006

PA 3335 Organizational Behavior

Spring 2006

PA 3335 Organizational Behavior

## **Current Graduate Faculty Status**

Regular

## **Master's and Ph.D. Committees**

Walters, Rory L. "The Smoking Ban in Illinois: Impact on Non-For-Profit Organizations." MPA Research Paper Defense held October 30, 2008.

Williams, Lance. "Disaster's Edge: Our Nation's Emergency Management Response." MPA Research Paper Defense held October 30, 2008.

Thompson, Hillary M. "Southern Illinois University's Role in Clean Coal Technology." MPA Research Paper Defense held October 31, 2008.

Spomer, Amy. "An Analysis of the Pay for Performance Paradigm and its Potential for Use at Southern Illinois University." MPA Research Paper Defense held on April 30, 2009.

Leibowitz, Shayla. "Human Resource Management for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Case for Reforming Recruitment in the Federal Civil Service." MPA Research Paper Defense held on June 26, 2009.

Van de Laar, Dennis. "Policy Processes in Aviation Administration: An Analysis of Runway Safety Areas and Engineered Materials Arrestor System Regulations." MPA Research Paper Defense held on July 6, 2009.\*

Dubbs, Martin. "Ethnic Conflict in Macedonia." MPA Research Paper Defense held on July 8, 2009.

Romero, Matthew. "A Description of General Aviation Repair Stations." MPA Research Paper Defense held on November 4, 2009.

### *Research Papers in Progress*

Amaya, Kristen. "The Administrative Challenges of Balancing Municipal Budgets." MPA Research Paper Defense Committee\*

Biewer, Leah. "Federal Grants and Safety Standards in Aviation Management: Understanding Resource Allocations of the Airport Improvement Program." MPA Research Paper Defense Committee\*

Brown, Ashley. "The Effects of Faculty Mentoring Programs in the Retention of Minorities." MPA Research Paper Defense Committee\*

Christian, Kimberly. MPA Research Paper Defense Committee.\*

Kulinsky, David."The Evolution of the Air Marshals Program." MPA Research Paper Defense Committee\*

Lake, Katie. "A Critical Analysis of the Proposed Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009." MPA Research Paper Defense Committee.

Tate, Kimberly. "Managed Care and Social Services." MPA Research Paper Defense Committee.

Turner, Nanci. MPA Research Paper Defense Committee.

**\*Denotes acting as Chair of the Committee**

## **University Service**

Coordinator for the establishment of Pi Alpha Alpha's Local Chapter at SIU-Carbondale (Master of Public Administration Program), the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, sponsored by NASPAA.

Committee Member, Recruitment for Diversity. A/P Position, MPA Field Representative Committee Search Member Recruitment for Diversity.

## **Community Service**

Big Brother, Big Brother Big Sisters of Jackson & Perry Counties, Carbondale, Illinois, 2008-2009.

Translator/Interpreter, Human Rights Initiative, Dallas, Texas, 2005-2007.  
Graduate Student Representative, Web Advisory Board, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2004-2005.

Criminal Law student instructor, School of Law and Public Administration, Universidad de Guanajuato, 1998-2000.

Volunteer Firefighter, Salamanca City Firefighters, Salamanca, Guanajuato, Mexico, 1995-1996.

## **Language Skills**

Spanish (native speaker) and English.

## **Professional References**

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Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections  
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