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**Education:**

- *PhD in Political Science, January 2010*, New School for Social Research, New York, NY  
Major Field: American Politics Minor Field: Comparative Politics
- *M.A. in Political Science, May 2005*, New School for Social Research, New York, NY
- *B.A., Political Science and American Studies, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa May 2002*, Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts

**Academic Positions Held:**

- Chair, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, 2019-Present  
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
- Associate Professor of Political Science, 2018-Present  
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2012-18  
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2011-12  
Siena College, Loudonville, New York
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics, 2010-11  
Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2009-10  
Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois

**Books:**

- *Texas Government*. OER Textbook being prepared with Brenda Norton.
- *Republican Presidents and the Safety Net: From Moderation to Backlash*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2019).
- *Undeserving: SNAP Reform and Conceptions of the Deserving Poor*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2018).

- *The Policy and Politics of Food Stamps and SNAP*. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).
- *Mexican Inclusion: The Origins of Anti-Discrimination Policy in Texas and the Southwest*. (College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2012).

#### Articles, Chapters, Entries and Book Reviews:

- “Fair Employment Practices Committee.” *Handbook of Texas*. (forthcoming 2021)
- “Mexicans as a Distinct Class of People” and “The Cabinet Committee on Mexican American Affairs.” *The Chicana and Chicano Movement: From Aztlán to Zapatistas*, Adelaida Del Castillo and Norma Iglesias-Prieto, eds. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, forthcoming, 2022).
- “Hernandez vs. Texas,” “Douglas Wilder,” and “War on Poverty.” *Encyclopedia of Race, Crime and Justice*. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, forthcoming 2021).
- “Election of Shirley Chisholm to Congress, 1968” and “Freedom Riders, 1947 and 1961.” *50 Events That Shaped African American History: An Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic*, Jamie J. Wilson, ed. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2019).
- “The Kerr-Mills Act and the Puzzles of Health Care Reform.” *Social Science Quarterly*. August 20, 2019.
- “History of Race and Racism in New Mexico.” and “History of Race and Racism in Tennessee.” *Racism in the United States: A State by State Encyclopedia*, Patricia Reid Merritt, ed. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2018).
- “Diplomatic Pressure.” in *The Cultural Fabric of the Americas*, Joshua Hyles, ed. (Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge University Scholars, 2018).
- “Brazil,” “Drug Testing,” “Security, Civil Liberties, and the Law” and “Voting.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Surveillance, Security, and Privacy*, Bruce A. Arrigo, Joseph Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2018).
- “From FDR’s food stamps to Trump’s harvest boxes: The history of helping the poor get enough to eat.” [www.theconversation.com](http://www.theconversation.com). February 15, 2018.
- “Elite Leadership and Racial Liberalism: Dennis Chavez, New Mexico and Anti-discrimination Politics and Policy.” *Congress & The Presidency*. Vol. 44, No. 1 (Spring 2017).
- “Big Government Conservatism: George W. Bush, Welfare Reform and Food Stamps.” *The George W. Bush Presidency: Domestic and Economic Policy*, Meena Bose and Richard Himmelfarb, eds. (Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science, 2016).

- “Borderlands.” (with Carlos Figueroa). *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today*. Kofi Lomotey, Pamela Braboy Jackson, Muna Adem, Paulina X. Ruf, Valire Carr Copeland, Alvaro Huerta, Norma Iglesias-Prieto, and Donathan L. Brown, eds. (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2016).
- “Taxation and Social Policy” and “Military Service and Immigrant Legal Status” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*, Frederick Wherry, ed. (New York: Sage Publications, 2015).
- “Nixon’s War on Cancer.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Cancer and Society*, Graham Colditz, ed. (New York: Sage Publications, 2015).
- “Gerald Ford (administration).” *The Sage Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, Mehmet Odkeon, ed. (New York: Sage Publications, 2015).
- “Food Deserts” and “Medicaid.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Linhood H. Cousins and J. Jeffrey Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2014).
- “Presidential Policy Directive 20.” *The Sage Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics*. Kerric Harvey, J. Jeffrey Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2014).
- “Executive Order 8802,” “Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986,” “League of United Latin American Citizens,” “*Plyler v. Doe*,” “Tomas Rivera Policy Institute” and “U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.” *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Carlos Cortes, J. Jeffrey Golson, eds. (New York: Sage Publications, 2013).
- Book Review of *Working the Boundaries. International Labor and Working Class History*. (Spring 2007).
- “The Two Directions of American Democracy.” *Canon*. (Fall 2004).

#### **Community Involvement and Presentations:**

- Interview, Fox News West Texas, Local Elections, April 2021
- Interview, Fox News West Texas, Immigration, April 2021
- Black History Month Panel, Angelo State University, February 2021
- Interview, Fox News West Texas, Corporate Contributions, January 2021
- Constitution Day, Angelo State University, September 2020

- Interview, KLST/KSAN, Proposition 4 Issues, November 2019
- Participant, Hispanic Heritage Event, September 2019
- Participant, Humanities Month/War Stories, Angelo State University, October 2018
- Participant, Latino Heritage Event, Angelo State University, September 2018
- Poster Presentation, AAUW Conference, Angelo State University, April 2018
- Interview, The Attitude Radio Show, SNAP Issues, February 2018
- Interview, KCBS Radio, SNAP Issues, February 2018
- Interview, *Austin American-Statesman*, Russia Hearings, April 2017
- Interview, KIDY TV, Immigration Issues, January 2017
- Interview, KIDY TV, Election Day, November 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Write In Vote Issues, October 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Presidential Debate Issues, September 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Election 2016 Issues, May 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Immigration Issues, April 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Local Election Issues, April 2016
- Presenter, Gender and the Patriarchy, Angelo State University Philosophy Club, February 2016
- Interviews, KIDY TV, Election 2016 Issues, January-March 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Immigration Issues, January 2016
- Interview, KIDY TV, Syrian Refugee Issue, November 2015
- Participant, *Miss Representation* Panel Discussion, March 2015
- Speaker, 1 Billion Rising Event, Sponsored by Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center, February 2015.

- CONNECT! Faculty Development Presentation, CONNECT! Showcase, Angelo State University, November 24, 2014.
- “Big Lake Disincorporation Template.” Co-authored with Jack Barbour. Prepared November 2013.
- Participant, Graduate School Panel, Angelo State University, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, November 2013.
- Interview, KLST TV, Angelo State University Civil War Lecture Series, October 2013.
- Guest Speaker on Immigration, San Angelo Rotary Club, October 2013.
- Participant, Civil War Lecture Series, Angelo State University, October 2013.
- Participant, 8! Performance, Angelo State University, April 2013.
- Participant, America In Decline? Panel, Siena College, April 2012.

**Papers Presented:**

- “One Size Fits All.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, January 7, 2021.
- “From *Hombres Aqui* to Contemporary Problems.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 30, 2018.
- “Diplomatic Pressure.” Presented at the Eugene Scassa Model Organization of American States Academic Conference. November 11, 2017.
- “Reforming SNAP and the Deserving Poor.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, January 12, 2017.
- “People of Mexican Origin, Fair Employment and the Southwest 1944-1964.” Presented at the Policy History Conference, June 1, 2016.
- “SNAP Reform: Punitive Policies, Moral Failings and the Creation of Social Policy” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 26, 2016.
- “Borders and Boundaries.” Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association, June 4, 2015.
- “Challenging Plyler: Child Migrants and Public Schools” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 4, 2015.

- “Big Government Conservatism, Expanding and Reframing Food Stamps.” Presented at George W. Bush Presidential Conference, Hofstra University, March 25, 2015.
- “The Enduring Stamp of *Plyler*: MALDEF, *Plyler v. Doe* and Undocumented Immigrants.” Presented at the American Political Science Association, August 28, 2014.
- “Blockages and Boundaries: Racial Orders, Immigration Restriction and Criminal Justice.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 18, 2014.
- “Moral Entrepreneurs, Colorblindness and Immigration Restriction.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3, 2014.
- “SNAP Reform.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association. November 15, 2013.
- “Fighting Juan Crow,” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 30, 2013.
- “No Rights and No Revolution” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, March 22, 2012.
- “Degrees of Opportunity” Presented at the American Political Science Association, September 1, 2011.
- “Laboratories of Democracy: State Level Fair Employment in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 21, 2011.
- “Post-War Endurance: Anti-Discrimination Policy in the Southwest 1945-1951.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22, 2010.
- “A New Day for the Heartland: Latino Political Incorporation in the Midwest.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22, 2010.
- “Bridges and Boundaries: Transnational Issue Networks and the FEPC.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, April 1, 2010.
- “Building Incorporation Through Small Scale State-building: People of Mexican Origin and the FEPC, 1942-45.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association, May 8, 2009.
- “Building Incorporation: The Mexican Government, Mexican Americans, and the FEPC 1942-1945.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 14, 2008.

- “Shaping Discourse and Policy: People of Mexican Origin and the FEPC.” Presented at the American Political Science Association, August 31, 2007
- “Beyond Ethnic Solutions to Racial Problems” Presented at the New School for Social Research Department of Political Science Conference, Dialogues on Power, April 26, 2007
- “Democracy at Home: The Incorporation of People of Mexican Origin into Anti-Discrimination Policy, 1941-1948.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12, 2007
- “Unfulfilled Promise: The Ambiguous Place of Mexican Americans in the Origins of Anti-Discrimination Policy 1941-1964.” Presented at the National Conference on Race and US Political Development, May 12, 2006.
- “Ten Years Later: Affirmative Action and the University of California.” Presented at the Georgia Political Science Association, November 11, 2005.

**Courses Taught:**

- Model Organization of American States, Angelo State University (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)
- Internship in Political Science, Angelo State University (Summer 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
- Graduate Seminar in Foreign Policy, Angelo State University (Spring 2017)
- Texas Government, Angelo State University (Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Summer 2021)
- Federal Government, Angelo State University (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
- International Relations and the Western Hemisphere, Angelo State University (Fall 2016, Fall 2021)
- Graduate Seminar in Public Policy, Angelo State University (Fall 2015)
- Nonprofit Management, Angelo State University (Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)
- United States Foreign Policy, Angelo State University (Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2020)

- Independent Study, Angelo State University (Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2020)
- Urban Problems and Public Policy, Angelo State University (Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019)
- Federal and State Government Online Version, Angelo State University (Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
- Federal and State Government, Angelo State University (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016)
- Scope and Methods of Political Science, Angelo State University (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)
- World Politics, Siena College (Spring 2012)
- Refugee and Migration Studies, Siena College (Spring 2012)
- United States Foreign Policy, Siena College (Fall 2011)
- European Politics, Siena College (Fall 2011)
- American Political Thought, Oberlin College (Spring 2011)
- Gender, Sexuality and the Law, Oberlin College (Spring 2011)
- Seminar on Immigration, Oberlin College (Spring 2011)
- Race, Ethnicity and the American Political System, Oberlin College (Fall 2010)
- American Political Development, Oberlin College (Fall 2010)
- The American Presidency, Monmouth College (Spring 2010)
- Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration, Monmouth College (Spring 2010)
- Introduction to American Politics, Monmouth College (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)
- Political Philosophy, Monmouth College (Fall 2009)
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (Spring 2008)



- Teaching Assistant, The U.S. Constitution in Historical Perspective, The New School University Lectures (Spring 2007)
- World Civilizations II, Pratt Institute (Spring 2006)

**Professional and Service Experience:**

- Reviewer, *State Policy & Politics Quarterly*, Spring 2021
- Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Escala Institute, Spring 2021
- Participant, Values Summit, Angelo State University, February 2021
- Member, Search Committee, 20th Century US History, Angelo State University, 2020-21
- Member, Strategic Planning Council, Angelo State University, 2020-Present
- Member, SACSCOC Policy Committee, Angelo State University, 2019-Present
- Co-Principal Investigator, Greatest Generation Oral History Project, Angelo State University, Fall 2019-Present
- Reviewer, *Social Forces*, Fall 2019
- Advisor, Student Government Association, Angelo State University, 2019-21
- Reviewer, Oxford University Press, Summer 2019
- Member, Davidson Chair in Physical Therapy Selection Committee, Angelo State University, June 2019
- Chairman, Selection Committee, Rodgers Faculty Award, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Member, Selection Committee, Rodgers Administrator Award, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Reviewer, *Social Problems*, 2019-Present
- Assistant Director, UIL Current Issues & Events, Angelo State University, 2019-2021
- Dual Credit Liaison, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, 2019-Present
- Reviewer, Open Educational Resources, Angelo State University, Spring 2019

- Member, Honors Thesis Committee, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Member, Dean of Arts and Humanities Search Committee, Angelo State University, Spring 2019
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluations, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Master Plan Committee, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Second Year Retention, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- President, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Chairman, Departmental Peer Review Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Fall 2018
- Member, Student Service Fee Committee, Angelo State University, 2018-19
- Vice President, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2017-18
- Member, ORP Committee, Angelo State University, 2017-19
- Chair, Committee on Committees, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2017-18
- Member, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Spring 2017
- Member, Academic Integrity Committee, Angelo State University, 2016-2017
- Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2016-2017
- Member, College of Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, Angelo State University, 2016-17, 2019-Present
- Faculty Steering Committee, Eugene Scassa Model Organization of American States, 2016-Present
- College of Graduate Studies Representative, Master's Thesis Committees, Angelo State University, 2016-Present
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee, Gary Rodgers Administrator Award, Angelo State University, May 2016

- Member, Graduate Faculty, Angelo State University, April 2016-Present
- Member, Tenure Track Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Spring 2016
- Chair, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, Spring 2016
- Model Organization of American States Advisor, Angelo State University, 2016-Present
- Member, Academic Assessment Committee, Angelo State University, 2015-2018
- Political Science and Philosophy Senator, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, 2015-18
- Chair, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Angelo State University, 2014-15
- Member, Western Political Science Association Dissertation Award Committee, 2014-15
- Member, Honors Thesis Committee, Angelo State University, Spring 2014
- Reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2013-14
- Completed QM Online Course Training, Angelo State University, Fall 2013
- Member, Research Enhancement Program Committee, Angelo State University, 2013-14
- Member, College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Angelo State University, 2013-16
- Assisting with Angelo State Department of Political Science and Philosophy Assessment Efforts, Spring 2013-Present
- Angelo State Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Government and Public Service Internship Program Selection Sub-Committee, 2013-2018
- Reviewer, Cengage Learning, Spring 2013; Spring 2017
- Reviewer, Routledge, Fall 2012
- Member, Talking About Teaching Reading Group, Siena College, Spring 2012
- Reviewer, *Journal of Church and State*, 2011-12

- Member, Interdisciplinary Empire Reading Group, Oberlin College, 2010-11
- Co-Advisor, Pre-Law Society, Monmouth College, 2009-10
- Facilitator, *Great Decisions*, Monmouth College, Spring 2010
- Co-Organizer, Interpreting Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference, New School for Social Research, May 2009
- Coordinator of Student Advising, New School for Social Research, August 2007-July 2009
- Political Science Student Advisor, New School for Social Research May 2007-July 2007
- Participant, Pedagogy Workshop, New School for Social Research, Spring 2007
- Student Representative, New School for Social Research Committee on Student Academic Affairs, September 2006-May 2007
- Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, New School for Social Research, January 2006-May 2008
- Representative, New School for Social Research Dean's Advisory Committee, February 2005-May 2009
- Treasurer/Fee Board Representative, Union of Political Science Students, New School for Social Research, March 2004-May 2007

**Grants and Awards Received:**

- Co-recipient, OER Grant (\$21,474), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Faculty Excellence Award in Research/Creative Endeavor (\$500), Angelo State University, 2018
- Recipient, Research Enhancement Grant (\$6,300), Angelo State University, 2013-14
- Recipient, CONNECT! Grant (\$10,000), Angelo State University, 2013-2015
- Recipient, Lee H. Benton Fund Award for Faculty Support, Oberlin College, April 2011
- Recipient, Janey Program in Latin American Studies (\$1,400), New School for Social Research Field Research Grant, May 2007

**Professional Association Memberships:**

- American Political Science Association: History and Politics Subsection
- Southern Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

**Language Skills:**

- Advanced proficiency in French and Spanish

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