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EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Trans-Border Institute, University of San Diego, 2015-2018

- Analyzed current events and produced reports and briefs regarding violence, security, and political developments in Mexico
- Monitored trends in drug trafficking and organized criminal activity in Mexico and on the border
- Conducted extensive self-directed research for Institute projects on human rights in Mexico and Central America
- Directed research on violence against women in Mexico, built and analyzed original data set of over 1,500 cases
- Consulted on development of academic programs, provided research on competition and market, presented findings to board members
- Designed and administered extended learning program for a class of 30 adults
- Coordinated programming with outside lecturers and expert practitioners

Lecturer, University of California, San Diego, 2014-2018

- Designed and taught interdisciplinary seminars for courses on Mexican affairs in graduate School of Global Policy and Strategy and undergraduate International Studies Program
- Evaluated student research and writing
- Coordinated participating social science faculty, oversaw teaching and discussions
- Wrote and delivered lectures, developed lesson plans, led classroom discussions

Visiting Scholar, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, 2013-2014

- Participated in interdisciplinary colloquia and writing groups
- Organized and participated in conferences on corruption and journalism with leading experts

Doctoral Candidate, University of California, San Diego, 2006-2014

- Conducted field work in Mexico
- Researched urban politics, authoritarian systems, and political culture in Mexico for dissertation, utilizing government and security archives
- Trained in qualitative research methods
- Published peer-reviewed articles and presented at national conferences

Election Monitor, Mexico, 2006

- Observed voting process, conducted interviews, drafted debriefing report

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego, Ph.D. in Modern Latin American History, **2014**

Bowdoin College, B.A., *cum laude* in History and Spanish, **2005**

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2012-2014, Fellowship at U.C. San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
- 2009-2010, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2009, UCSD Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies Travel Grant
- 2008, UCSD Center for the Humanities Research Grant

PUBLICATIONS

- "Violence Against Women in Mexico: A report on recent trends in femicide in Baja California, Sinaloa and Veracruz," Trans-Border Institute, 2017.
- Editor, with Paul Gillingham and Benjamin Smith, *Journalism and Censorship in Mexico*. University of New Mexico Press, 2018.
- "A Model Dinosaur: Power, Personal Networks, and the Career of Rubén Figueroa," *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* 31:2 (Fall, 2015)
- "Los tentáculos del pulpo: La Alianza de Camioneros y la cultura política del sistema priísta en la formación de la política de transporte, 1934-1958." In *México a la luz de sus revoluciones*, Vol. 2, Eds. Susan Deeds and Laura Rojas, Mexico: El Colegio de México, 2014.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Libertad Bajo Palabra: Censorship, Satire, and the Press in Mexico (UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, May 1-2, 2014)

Transparency, Democracy, and Reform: New Perspectives on Corruption in Mexico (UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, May 16-17, 2013)

SELECT MEDIA CITATIONS

"Periodismo contra memes," Newsweek en español (10/9/17)

"Drug tunnel discovered in Tijuana near US-Mexico border," Fox5 San Diego (5/31/17)

"1994 assassination still resonates in Mexico," U.T. San Diego (3/22/14)

LANGUAGES

Spanish: fluent, spoken and written

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint. Tableau Public data visualization software.

Experience with Eventbrite, Mailchimp, Salesforce, Cascade Content Management System