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Educational History

PhD. Political Science, August 2014

University of Colorado Boulder
Boulder, CO 80309

Fields: Comparative Politics, Research Methodology, and Public Policy
Dissertation: "Citizens, Government and NGOs: Is Three a Crowd?"
Dissertation Committee: Carew Boulding (Chair), David S. Brown, Krister Andersson, Andy Baker, and Karl Linden

M.A. Political Science, May 2009

University of Colorado Boulder
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B.A. International Affairs, *magna cum laude*, December 1999

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Employment History Part I

University of New Mexico, Political Science, Assistant Professor (August 2015-)
One Earth Future Foundation, Research and Development, Research Associate (2015)
One Earth Future Foundation, Research and Development, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2014)
One Earth Future Foundation, Research and Development, Research Fellow (2013-2014)
University of Colorado Boulder, Office of International Education, Special Projects (2007-2014)
University of Colorado, Latin American Studies Center, Graduate Assistant (2012-2013)
University of Colorado Boulder, Research Assistant for ACE Internationalization Laboratory (2009)
University of Colorado Boulder, Study Abroad Programs, Program Manager (2003- 2007)
University of Colorado Boulder, Study Abroad Programs, Lead Advisor (1999-2003)

Employment History Part II

University of New Mexico, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, Senior
Fellow (2015-Present)

CONAPAC in Iquitos Peru, Program Consultant (2014- 2015)

Research, Teaching and Service Interests

Research Interests

My research focuses on the politics of service delivery and public goods provision in developing countries. My original interests engage an extensive and contradictory literature as to whether NGOs are promoting more representative, accountable governments. To investigate the impact of NGOs, I explore how interactions with NGOs shape citizens' attitudes toward government and their behavior in seeking support from government. In other work, I investigate interactions between governments and NGOs to understand the political and contextual factors that can lead to NGO-government collaboration and conflict. In addition to my research on actors in public goods provision, I further study service provision in sectors that are critical in addressing poverty, such as water, sanitation and energy. These services are easiest to provide in cities and in contexts of stability and a moderate level of development or wealth. Thus, I look at service provision in contexts where progress lags: rural areas, where there are few economies of scale and often weak political incentives for ongoing services; informal peri-urban communities where formal incorporation into city zoning is politically contentious; and conflict-affected areas where both governments and markets are weakened by threats to stability.

Teaching Interests

My own interest in political science and the core of my courses revolve around three intellectual interests: the development of institutions to increase representation and accountability, the challenge of increasing individual and community engagement to resolve social and political problems, and the identification of factors that stimulate human and economic development. I have developed five courses that all tie into different facets of these lines of inquiry: The Politics of Development, which engages competing theories about variation in human and economic development across countries, The Politics of Poverty and Inequality, which analyzes the causes and consequences of these issues at local levels, the Politics of Making a Difference, which assesses the factors that make individual and group efforts successful in social change, Comparative Political Economy of Development, a graduate course that reviews foundational scholarly work on economic development, and Water and Health in Latin America, which uses the problems of water, sanitation and health to analyze the politics of service delivery.

Service Interests

I hope to engage at UNM in activities that support internationalization of the university. To this end, I have served on three LAII committees. I have also worked to organize a group of scholars to discuss collaboration on global health research at UNM. Further, I have given guest lectures for LAII, CNM, and the School of Public Administration on my research on global health and human development. I am also actively engaged in service both in the policy field of water, sanitation and hygiene, helping to organize panels and events, and in the profession of political science, serving as chair of the sub-field of comparative politics in developing countries for the Midwest Political Science Association.

Scholarly Achievements

- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami. "Substitution or Facilitation: Service-Delivery NGOs and Political Engagement in the Peruvian Amazon." *Forthcoming in Comparative Political Studies* (January 23, 2018).
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Kate Cartwright. 2018. "Getting along or going alone: Understanding collaboration between local governments and NGOs in Bolivia," *Latin American Politics and Society*. Vol. 60 (2), 76-101.
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Elise Pizzi. 2018. "Governance and Water Progress for the Rural Poor." *Forthcoming at Global Governance*, Vol. 24 (4).
- Cartwright, Kate, Nicholas Edwardson, & Jami Nelson-Nuñez. "Comparative Health Systems Analysis: Insights from a Comparison of US and Peruvian Health Systems and Reforms." In B. Perlman and M. Rivera (Eds.), *Comparative Analysis in Hemispheric Perspective*.
- Boulding, Carew and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2014. "Civil Society and Support for the Political System in Times of Crisis," *Latin American Research Review*. Vol. 49 (1), 128-154.
- Andersson, Krister and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2013. "Rural Development," in *The Oxford Companion to Comparative Politics*, eds. Craig Murphy, Margaret Crahan and Joel Krieger. New York: Oxford University Press, 332-334.

Other Scholarly Works

- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami. 2015. "Powering Progress: The Potential of Renewable Energy in Somalia." Research Report for the One Earth Future Foundation.

Works in Progress

- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Christopher Cyr. "Women's Work after the War: Evidence from a Firm-Level Dataset in Somaliland."
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami, Ryan Mahoney, Simon Mostafa, and Karl Linden. "If you build it, will they come? Use of Rural Water Resources."
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Anna Calasanti. "Gender Inequality and Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Water and Sanitation."

Invited or Refereed Abstracts and/or Presentations at Professional Meetings

- 2017 “Gender Inequality and Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Water and Sanitation” (with Anna Calasanti) presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in San Francisco, CA
- 2017 “Getting along or going alone: Understanding collaboration between local governments and NGOs in Bolivia” (with Kate Cartwright) presented at the Latin American Studies Association in Lima, Peru
- 2017 “Water Progress for the Poor” (with Elise Pizzi) presented at the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL
- 2016 “Local Governance of Water and Sanitation: Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals.” Presented at UNM for International Education Week, Invited by the Department of Public Administration
- 2016 “The Politics of Rural Water,” LAII-sponsored talk at CNM
- 2016 “Measuring Progress: How Alternative Measures to the JMP Estimates Change Perspectives on WaSH Progress” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2016 “Getting along or going alone: Understanding collaboration between local governments and NGOs in Bolivia.” presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 “Service-Delivery NGOs and Political Participation in the Peruvian Amazon.” Southwest Mixed Methods Research Workshop in Albuquerque, NM
- 2015 “The Politics of Rural Water.” Invited by Duke University, October 2015
- 2015 “The Effect of Conflict on WASH Outcomes” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2015 “Cozy or Crowded? The Effect of NGOs on Citizens' Contact with Government” Invited by LAII, University of New Mexico
- 2015 “NGOs and Political Participation in the Peruvian Amazon” presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in San Francisco, CA
- 2014 “Meeting the MDGs in Access to Water: Why do some flourish while others lag behind?” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2014 “Responding to Health Epidemics: Determinates of State Response to HIV and AIDS” (with Ray Foxworth), presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “The Effect of NGOs on the Citizen-Government Relationship,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL
- 2013 “Citizens, governments and NGOs: Is Three a Crowd?” presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL

- 2013 “Getting Local Government Involved in Rural Water Services,” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2013 “The Effect of NGOs on Attitudes toward Local Government,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington D.C.
- 2012 “If you build it, will they come? Individual Use of Rural Water Resources” (with Ryan Mahoney, Simon Mostafa, and Karl Linden), presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 “The Promise and Pitfalls of Household Ecological Sanitation” (with Josh Armstrong and Karl Linden), presented to the UNC Water and Health Conference in Chapel Hill, NC
- 2011 “Governance Conditions for Access to Water in Latin America,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL
- 2010 “Civil Society and Support for the Political System” (with Carew Boulding), presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL

Research

Research Funding

“NGO-Government Collaboration in Service Delivery in Peru and Bolivia”
Women in Stem Research Seed Grant, UNM Advance Program
May 2017 – August 2018, \$6340

“Sustainability of Water and Sanitation Infrastructure in Peru”
PI: Karl Linden, University of Colorado
National Science Foundation IRES Grant
May 2011 – August 2014

“NGOs, Citizens and Governments: Is Three a Crowd?”
Dissertation Field Research, Bev Sears Graduate Research Grant
Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder
Summer 2013

“Evaluating sustainability of rural water services in the Amazon”
Engineering Excellence Fund
College of Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder
2012

“Evaluating functionality of ecological sanitation in Iquitos, Peru”
Engineering Excellence Fund
College of Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder
2011

Teaching

Doctoral Committee Advisement

Fiorella Vera Adrianzen, Dissertation committee member, AY 2017-2018
Carlos Contreras, Second Year Paper, AY 2017-2018
Mahtab Shafiei, Second Year Paper, AY 2017-2018
Melanie Sontag, Second Year Paper, AY 2017-2018
Colin Henry, Second Year Paper, AY 2016-2017
Eric Griego, Conference Ready Paper, AY 2015-2016

Undergraduate Honors Advisement

Tre Graves, Junior Honors and Mellon Mays Advisement
Kaski Suzuki, Senior Honor’s Thesis, Spring 2018
Ranjavola Andriamanana, Senior Honor’s Thesis, Spring 2017
Mark Niederhaus, Senior Honor’s Thesis, Spring 2016

Graduate Student Independent Study

Carlos Contreras, Independent Study, Summer 2017
Eric Griego, Independent Study, Spring 2017
Tim Green, Directed Readings, Fall 2016
Alicia Gomez, Independent Study, Summer 2016

Undergraduate Student Independent Study

Eliza Boulding, Independent Study, Spring 2017
Alexandria Lyons, Independent Study, Fall 2016

Classroom Teaching

2017; Fall; Water and Health in Latin America; POLS 400.003; 24 students
2017; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 320.001; 42 students
2017; Spring; Politics of Development; POLS 320.001; 43 students
2016; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 320.005; 45 students
2016; Fall; Politics of Making a Difference; POLS 320.001; 41 students
2016; Spring; Comparative Political Economy of Development; POLS 521.002; 6 students
2016; Spring; Politics of Development; POLS 320.002; 24 students
2015; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 300.009; 43 students
2012; Spring; CU-Boulder, PSCI 4012: Global Development
2011; Spring; CU-Boulder, PSCI 4012: Global Development
2011; Fall; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 7095: Advanced Political Data Analysis
2010; Spring; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics
2009; Spring; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics
2008; Fall; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics
2008; Spring; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics
2007; Fall; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics

Teaching Grants

LAI Course Development Grant, Fall 2016

Service

- 2018 Chair of the Midwest Political Science Association Subfield of Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
- 2017-2018 Executive Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
- 2017-2018 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
- 2017-2018 Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
- 2016-2017 Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
- 2016-2017 Grants and Awards Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
- 2015-2016 Grants and Awards Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
- 2015-2016 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
- 2014 Coordinator of Annual Colorado Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Symposia, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2013 Coordinator and creator of Annual Colorado Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Symposia, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2011 Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2008-2009 Graduate Mentor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder