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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- Ph.D., Political Science 2006
- M.S., Political Science 2001

Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT 1996

- B.A., Politics, minors in Latin American and Caribbean and Peace & Justice studies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

- *Professor*, Department of Political Science 2017 – present
- *Associate Professor*, Department of Political Science 2011 - 2017
- *Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science 2006 - 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Department Chairperson, Political Science Department, 2014 – present

- Provide leadership in the development and maintenance of the department's programs, including oversight of program assessment, annual reports, advising, and curricular issues.
- Represent the department to the administration and serve as the administration's liaison to the department.
- Develop, in consultation with department members, departmental policies and procedures.
- Make recommendations, after proper consultation with department members, for faculty reappointments, tenure and promotion.
- Prepare departmental budget request and oversee budget implementation.
- Coordinate the application and selection processes of several student scholarship programs.
- Secured \$25,000 alumni donation to support the development of the *Ignatian Global Citizenship Program* (\$5,000 per year for five years).
- Manage internal and external communication strategies, including print and social media.

Coordinator, The Ellacuría Initiative 2011 – 2019

- Design, execute, and fund programs that support awareness of our biennial theme, the University's Catholic and Jesuit identity, Northeast Pennsylvania, and current issues.
- Oversee work of a ten-person advisory board, graduate assistant, and JIHAN Fellow.

- Coordinate interdisciplinary faculty-led teach-ins on “Torture,” “Catholic Social Teaching and Northeastern Pennsylvania,” and “Literacy.”
- Re-oriented the office towards community-based research through the Living Wage 2016 initiative, State of Scranton Seminar series, and other projects.
- Manage internal and external communication strategies, including print and social media, website maintenance, and biannual newsletter.
- Manage the office’s transition from the Office of the Provost to The Jesuit Center and name change from Education for Justice to The Ellacuría Initiative.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- “El Salvador: A Far Cry from Peace.” *Revista de Ciencia Política*, 37, 2 (September 2017): 449-469.
- "Why splinter? Parties that split from the FSLN, FMLN, and URNG." *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 48, 4 (November 2016): 707-737.
- “Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit: The Long Collapse.” *Democratization*, 23, 6 (October 2016): 1042-1058.
- “Extended Endogenous Protection and Exogenous Protection in the EU-US Banana Disputes.” with Christina Fattore. *The Latin Americanist*, 57, 2 (June 2013): 111–129.
- “Unity and Disunity in the *Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional* (FMLN)” with Alberto Martín Álvarez. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 54, 4 (Winter 2012): 89-118.
- “The Legacy of Violence on Post-Civil War Elections in Central America: El Salvador.” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 45, 1 (March 2010): 104-124.
- “Territorial Integrity Treaties and Armed Conflict over Territory.” with Paul Hensel and Ahmed Khanani. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 26 (April 2009): 120-143.
- “The Transition from Armed Opposition to Electoral Opposition in Central America.” *Latin American Politics and Society*, 48, 4 (Winter 2006): 137-162.
- “Corrupted Perceptions: The Effect of Corruption on Political Support in Latin American Democracies.” with Damarys Canache. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 47, 3 (Fall 2005): 91-111.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “Guatemala: Breaking Free from the Past?” *Latin American Politics and Development, Ninth Edition*, (CO: Westview Press, 2017), Harvey Kline and Christine Wade, editors.
- "Las relaciones entre Estados Unidos y Centroamérica en el siglo XXI" with Alberto Martín Álvarez. In *La Política Exterior de Estados Unidos*, (Colección Cátedra de Coyuntura Internacional n.º 4, Guatemala, 2014: 103-176).
- "Los partidos políticos en El Salvador: Una vision desde el extranjero." In *Historia y debates sobre el conflicto armado salvadoreño y sus secuelas salvadoreño* (Instituto de Estudios Históricos, Antropológicos y Arqueológicos Universidad de El Salvador / Fundación Friedrich Ebert, El Salvador, 2014: 75-91), Jorge Juarez, coordinator.
- “Grupos armados y partidos políticos; un poco de ayuda por favor.” In *La Izquierda Revolucionaria Latinoamerica*, (Mexico: Universidad de Colima, 2010: 131-156), Alberto

Martín Alvarez, coordinator.

- “Opportunity Lost: The Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (URNG).” In *Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding: Moving from Violence to Sustainable Peace* (London: Routledge, 2009), Bruce W. Dayton and Louis Kriesberg, eds.

Other Scholarly Publications

- Book Review of *The Politics of Modern Central America*, by Frabrice Lehoucq. Published in *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice*, 27, 1 (2015): 111-115.
- Book Review of *Space of Detention: The Making of a Transnational Gang Crisis Between Los Angeles and San Salvador*. by Elana Zilberg. Published in *The Latin Americanist* 57, 3 (September 2013): 116–117.
- Book Review of Elisabeth Jean Wood’s *Insurgent Collective Action in El Salvador*. *Latin American Politics and Society* 46, 3 (Fall 2004): 144-49.
- “Transiciones Guerrilleras al Sistema Político-Electoral.” *Enciclopedia Social y Política de América Latina* by the Instituto Di Tella, supported by the United Nations Development Program denominated *Actores y Coaliciones en la Integración Latinoamericana*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Los vinculos revolucionarios centroamericanos: La Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG)." With Alberto Martín Alvarez.
- “The FMLN as Political Party, 1994-2014.” With Alberto Martín Alvarez.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (URNG): A failed transformation from guerrilla group to political party.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in Baltimore, February 2017.
- "Los vinculos revolucionarios centroamericanos: La Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG)." With Alberto Martin. Presented at the 112th American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, August-September 2016, in Philadelphia, PA. An earlier version of this paper was presented at the XVII Congreso Internacional de AHILA, September 2014, in Berlin Germany.
- “Overcoming state repression: Political participation among historically marginalized groups in post-war Guatemala.” With Kürşad Turan. Presented at the XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 2016, in New York, NY.
- "Los vinculos revolucionarios centroamericanos: La Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG)." With Alberto Martin. Presented at the XVII Congreso Internacional de AHILA, September 2014, in Berlin Germany.
- “Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit: The Long Collapse.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 29 - September 1, 2013, in Chicago, IL. An earlier version was presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2011.
- “The Impact of Resolving Territorial Claims on Bilateral Trade.” With Paul R. Hensel and Christina Fattore. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.

- “The FMLN as Political Party, 1994-2009.” With Alberto Martín Alvarez. Presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 15-17, 2012 in Boston, Massachusetts. An earlier version was presented at the Latin American Studies Association XXIX International Congress in Toronto, Canada, October 2010.
- “Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit: The Long Collapse.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.
- “Extended Endogenous Protection and the EU-US Banana Disputes.” With Christina Fattore. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.
- "Credible Commitments and Negotiations over Territory." With Paul R. Hensel and John Tures. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association – Toronto, Canada, September 2009.
- "Guatemala's 2007 Elections." Presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association - Northeast in Philadelphia, PA, November 2007.
- “Breaking Up Is (Not) Hard to Do: Unity in the Transition from Armed Opposition Group to Political Party.” Presented at the Latin American Studies Association XXVII International Congress in Montreal, Canada, September 2007.
- “The Legacy of Violence on Post-Civil War Elections in Central America: El Salvador.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2005.
- “Leaving the Past Behind? A Study of the URNG and FMLN Transitions to Political Parties.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2005.
- “Where Have All the Guerrillas Gone? A Study of the Transition from Guerrilla Party to Political Party in Central America.” Presented at the Latin American Studies Association XXV International Congress, Las Vegas, NV, October 2004 and at the International Studies Association – South, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2004.
- “The Transition from Armed Opposition to Electoral Opposition in Central America.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2004.
- “Territorial Integrity Treaties, *Uti Possidetis*, and Armed Conflict over Territory.” With Paul Hensel and Ahmed Khanani. Paper presented at the 2006 Shambaugh Conference "Building Synergies: Institutions and Cooperation in World Politics," Iowa City; Iowa. Earlier versions were presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, and the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Ann Arbor, MI.
- “New Party Emergence in Central America.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association-South, Gainesville, Florida, October 2003.
- “Guerrilla Politics in Latin America.” Presented at the Latin American Studies Association XXIV Congress, Dallas, TX, March 2003.
- “Corrupted Perceptions: The Effect of Corruption on Political Support in Latin American Democracies.” with Damarys Canache. Presented at the Latin American Studies Association XXIV Congress, Dallas, TX, March 2003.
- “Guerrillas and Elections: Colombia’s M-19 and Venezuela’s MAS.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Southern Region, October 2002.

- "Who Cares? Domestic Politics and the Management of Territorial Claims." with Paul Hensel. Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2002.
- "Political Corruption and Support for Democracy." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association South, October 2001.

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- "Whatever Happened to Central America?" Presented at the University of Scranton's Faculty Research Seminar, March 1, 2019.
- "The FMLN as Political Party, 1994-2015." With Alberto Martín Alvarez. Presented at the Fourth Dr. Han-Jyun Hou Conference at Binghamton University on *Political Violence: Bargaining Through Coercion*, September 28, 2015.
- "Barack Obama, América Central y el future de las relaciones EE.UU. – América Central." Presented at the Universidad Rafael Landívar in Guatemala City, June 2013.
- "El Impacto de los atentados del 11-S en las relaciones EE.UU. – América Central." Presented at the Universidad Rafael Landívar in Guatemala City, May 2013.
- "Las Relaciones EE.UU. – América Central después de la Guerra Fría." Presented at the Universidad Rafael Landívar in Guatemala City, April 2013.
- "The Causes and Consequences of Schisms on the Electoral performances of Former Rebel Groups." Presented at Challenges of Party-Building in Latin America conference at Harvard University, November 2012.
- "Los partidos políticos en El Salvador: Una vision desde el extranjero." Presented at the "History, Society and Memories: the armed conflict on the 20th anniversary of the Peace Accords" conference sponsored by the Unit of Investigations about the Salvadoran Civil War (UIGCS) of the Universidad de El Salvador (UES) in El Salvador, February 2012.
- "Armed Opposition Groups and Political Parties: A Little Help, Please." Presented at the International Colloquium "*Intelectuales, movimientos radicales y revolucionarios en la América Contemporánea*" in Colima, Mexico, September 2008.
- "Opportunity Lost: The Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (URNG)." Presented at the Workshop on Constructive Transformation: Studying Cases of Political Incorporation at Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY, October 2007.
- "Where Have All the Guerrillas Gone?" Presented at the University of Scranton's Research Seminar Series, March 23, 2007.

INVITED PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- "The Read Crisis at Our Southern Border." Presented at Action Together NEPA's Lackawanna Chapter Member Meeting, February 15, 2019.
- "How US Foreign Policy Helped Create Today's Central American Crisis." Presented at Saint Peter's Preparatory School's Arrupe Week Series on "Refugees," March 16, 2018.
- "The Genocide Trial of Efraín Ríos Montt and the Struggle Against Impunity in Guatemala." Presented at West Virginia University, April 8, 2015.
- "El Salvador." Presented at Fairfield University's Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the UCA Martyrs, November 12, 2014.
- "The Legacy of the Jesuit Martyrs at the University of Central America." Keynote address

delivered at the Marquette University Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the UCA Martyrs, October 24, 2014.

- "What have we learned from previous political transformation processes? Comparative case studies from Latin America." Presented at *The challenge of political transformation of armed and banned groups Workshop* sponsored by the Berghof Foundation and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Naivasha, Kenya, June 2014.
- "Central America on the Precipice." Presented as part of the Clarke Forum on Contemporary Issues at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, February, 2014.
- "Justice Undone in Guatemala." Presented as part of the Louis L. Goldstein '35 Program in Public Affairs at Washington College in Chesterville, Maryland, November 2013.
- "Oscar Romero and the Journey to Canonization." Presented at the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA, March 2010.
- "Democracy in Post-Civil War Central America." Presented at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT, October 2008.

OPINION / ANALYSIS

The Hill

- Losing the fight against corruption and narco-trafficking in Guatemala (January 17, 2019)
- Mexico considering \$30 billion Central American investment to stop migrant crisis — US should, too (December 18, 2018)
- Guatemala asks President Trump to weaken anti-corruption commission (July 15, 2018)
- Guatemala needs help in its battle against corruption (January 25, 2018)
- Citizenship for Salvadorans is right for the US (January 14, 2018)

The Scranton Times-Tribune

- Trump's defective posture on immigration (February 2017)

Briefings for the World Politics Review

- Fixing 'Broken Windows' Policing to Make It Work for Latin America with Michael Jenkins (March 2015)
- U.S. Can't Solve Central America's Problems With Money Alone (February 2015)
- Justice Deferred: Rule of Law in Central America (November 2014)
- Despite U.S. Efforts, Root Causes of Migration Crisis Prevail in Central America (July 2014)
- El Salvador's New President Must Deal With Wreckage of Gang Truce (June 2014)
- To Rebound After Defeat, El Salvador's ARENA Must Move Beyond Fear with Christine Wade (April 2014)
- El Salvador Elections Show FMLN Hitting Its Political Stride Before Runoff (2014)

Opinion pieces for Al Jazeera

- Strengthening El Salvador's rule of law (August 2015)
- An end to impunity in Guatemala? (June 2015)
- Should the US deport unaccompanied minors? (July 2014)
- 2013: A democratic setback in Guatemala (January 2014)
- The myth of the squeaky-clean US (October 2013)

- How to reduce crime in the world's most violent country (August 2013)
- Ending the “ruthless leadership” of the Zetas? (July 2013)
- Ganging up on violence in Honduras (June 2013)
- Guatemala: Rios Montt genocide trial ends with historic verdict (May 2013)
- US President Obama returns to Latin America (May 2013)
- Could the next pope come from Latin America? (March 2013)
- The battle to define Chavez’s legacy (March 2013)
- Predicting the results of El Salvador's next election (February 2013)
- Meet the first head of state to head to trial in the Americas for genocide (January 2013)
- Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina's first year in office (January 2013)
- The United States should grant TPS for Guatemala (December 2012)
- Chipping away at democracy in Nicaragua and Panama (December 2012)
- Mitt Romney, the Republican Party and Latin America (September 2012)
- Peace in Northern Ireland: A model of success? (August 2012)
- A second chance for President Funes in El Salvador (June 2012)
- Vice President Marco Rubio? (May 2012)
- El Salvador gears up for 2014 presidential elections (May 2012)
- El Salvador's gang truce (April 2012)
- El Salvador's FMLN wobbles, but doesn't fall down (March 2012)
- Decriminalising drugs in the Western hemisphere (March 2012)
- El Salvador's brutal civil war: What we still don't know (March 2012)
- How will Montt defend himself? (February 2012)
- Republicans derail US ambassador to El Salvador (January 2012)
- Defending human rights in Latin America (January 2012)
- A forgotten invasion, a forgotten dictator (December 2011)
- Corruption back on the rise in Guatemala (December 2011)
- A changing of the guard in El Salvador (November 2011)

Opinion pieces for Warscapes

- Four Years after El Salvador’s Gang Truce: Time to Know the Truth (March 2016)
- Guatemala: Now What? (October 2015)
- Guatemala: Elections amid Uncertainty (September 2015)
- Guatemala's Fight to End Impunity (September 2015)

TEACHING

University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Fall 2006 - Present

- Courses Taught: Comparative Government, Human Rights in Latin America; September 11, 2001 and Beyond, International Relations, Survey of Latin American Politics, Central America, US – LA Relations, War and Peace in El Salvador, Comparative Civil Wars, Contemporary Issues in World Politics, American National Government I and II, Research Methods, Scranton & the World, and Making Meaning of 9/11.
- Honors Tutorials: Human Rights (2017), American Foreign Policy (2016), Immigration

(2015), Transitional Justice (2012), Latin American Political and Economic Development (Spring), Education and Revolutionary Movements in Latin America (2011), Democratization in Latin America (2008), Political Violence and Terrorism (2008), State Terrorism in Latin America (2008), Media and Politics (2008), Comparative Study of Political Parties and Party Systems (2007), and Islam in Global Studies (2007).

- Honors Theses (Mentor): Crime and Security in El Salvador: How the United States Should Respond to the Surging Violence in El Salvador (2017); United States – Ecuadorian Relations: A Study in Counternarcotics Operations and Policy (2014); "Now I Can Negotiate with my Husband" A Case Study of Indigenous Women’s Empowerment and the Prevention of Gender-based Violence in Puebla, Mexico (2011), Manipulation of Heroic Leaders in Latin America (2010), Turning Away from Terror (2009), Comparing Media Coverage of Terrorism in Madrid and Oklahoma City (2009).
- Honors Theses (Reader): Affirmative Action Practices With Respect to Race on the AJC&U Campuses in Fall 2007 (2009), China and India: A Conflict over Energy on the Horizon (2009), Religion and Politics in Uganda (2007), Can a Muslim Become French? (2008).

GRANTS, AWARDS AND OTHER RECOGNITION

Ignatian Colleagues Program (ICP) 2017-2019

- Nominated by University of Scranton President Kevin P. Quinn to participate in eighteen month Association of Jesuit Colleges & Universities (AJCU) program designed to foster administrative and faculty leaders in the Ignatian tradition.

Fulbright Scholar

- Fulbright Teaching / Research Award to Guatemala 2013
- Fulbright Student Scholar Award to El Salvador 1997

Lilly Fellows Program Summer Seminar 2012

- Nominated by CAS Dean and selected by organizers to participate in three-week “Teaching Peace and Reconciliation: Theory and Practice in Northern Ireland” seminar.

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Intramural Grants

- “Central American Revolutionary Ties: The Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (URNG)” 2015
- “The Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit: The Long Collapse” 2010
- “The Transition of Armed Opposition Groups to Political Parties in Latin America, 1945-2005” 2008
- “Political Party Unity Among Latin America's Former Insurgent Groups” 2007

Awards

- Excellence in Integrating Mission and Justice into the Curriculum 2015 and 2019

Freedom House, New York, New York

2011-2016

- Consultant on Central America for *Freedom in the World*

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY DEVELOPMENT

University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

- Intersession Portfolio and Capstone Assessment Workshop January 2018
- Annual Assessment Conference at Drexel University September 2016
- Talking about Race in the Classroom August 2016
- Ignatian Seminar on “Teaching as Vocation in the Jesuit Tradition” August 2014
- Intersession Assessment Pilot Group January 2014
- CTLE Faculty Advancement Series on Providing Student Feedback January 2014
- CTLE Faculty Advancement Series on Grant Opportunities November 2012
- Ignatian Seminar on “Ignatian Vision and Pedagogy” August 2012
- “Identifying Tools to Bring Jesuit Principles into the Classroom”
hosted by PCPS and the Leahy Community Health and Family Center Fall 2011
- CTLE’s Faculty Advancement Series on “Using Academic Journals
as Models for Student Writing” Fall 2011
- Faculty “Working with the Media” seminar Fall 2010
- Teaching with the case method and problem-based learning Fall 2009
- *Clavius* Workshop on Issues of Peace and War in the 21st Century Fall 2007
- Interdisciplinary Seminar on The Nature of a Catholic and Jesuit
University in the Twenty-First Century Summer 2007
- *Clavius* Workshop on Gender and Development in Latin America Fall 2006

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Summer 2005

- College of Social Sciences workshop on grant writing

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Summer 2002

- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR),
Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- Recipient of a Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship Award granted by the American Political
Science Association Political Methodology Section

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Association Memberships

- Latin American Studies Association Association
- International Studies Association • Guatemalan Scholars Network
- American Political Science Association • El Salvador Studies Working Group
- Northeastern Political Science

Professional Service

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2018

- Discipline Peer Reviewer

Reviewer

- *Studies in Comparative International Development, International Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Latin American Politics & Society, The Latin Americanist, Journal of Peace Research, Party Politics, Politics & Gender, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Political Behavior, American Political Science Review, Delaware Review of Latin American Studies, Conflict, Security & Development.*

Pennsylvania Political Science Association 2018

- Chair and discussant, Comparative Politics
- Discussant, U.S. Politics: Critical Discussions

American Political Science Association 2016

- Chair, Mobilizing Against the “State”
- Discussant, Patterns and Implications of Political Violence

Northern Political Science Association 2012

- Chair and discussant, The Politics of Discontent

University of Scranton Service

Department

- Department of Political Science, Chairperson (2014-present)
- Department of Political Science, Member (2006-present)
- Advisor for 2009, 2012, 2016, 2019 political science majors
- Department representative on the Teacher Education Committee (TEC) (2011-present)
- Department webmaster (2011-present) and social media moderator (2014-present)
- Co-organized department film series in spring 2009 and 2010
- Represented the department at open houses, major fairs, United Nations Day luncheon and events sponsored by the Model UN, College Democrats, and College Republicans
- Co-Moderated “presidential mock debate” in spring 2008

Latin American Studies

- Latin American Studies Steering Committee (2006-present)
- LA/W/S Executive Board (various years)
- Hosted several films as part of LAS’ annual film series
- Trip leader of Bridges to El Salvador faculty, staff and alumni trip in June 2008
- Invited by Father Pilarz to join El Salvador “Martyrs 20” committee
- Worked with students to found the Latino Student Association, Moderator (2007-2010)

Other University Service

- The Ellacuria Initiative (Education for Justice), Coordinator (2011-present)
- Search Committee for Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs (2017)
- Strategic Enrollment Planning (SEP) process Global Education Work Group (2019-present)

- Middle States Standard Five (Educational Effectiveness Assessment) committee member (2017-2018)
- Institutional Mission Priority Examen Self-Study Characteristic Three (A Catholic, Jesuit Campus Culture) committee member (2017-2018)
- Handbook Committee (2015-2017)
- Community Colleagues Advisory Board (2012-present)
- Jesuit Center Advisory Board (2016-2019)
- Academic Calendar Opportunities Exploratory Group (2017-2018)
- Community-Based Learning, Exploratory Research & Review (2015-2016)
- Faculty Research Committee (2012-2013)
- Faculty Development Board alternate (2016-2017)
- Faculty Senate Alternate during the 2008-2009 and 2015-2016 academic years
- Presented Living Wage Report at Catholic Social Teaching and NEPA Teach-In (April 2016)
- “Who is Pope Francis? Panel discussion (November 2013)
- Participant in University’s Poverty Simulation (September 2013)
- Search Committee for Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness 2015 (cancelled)
- Participated in Key Constituency Group interviews for the Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs (2016) and Director of the Cross Cultural Centers (2017)
- Kino Border Initiative (Fall 2014, co-leader Spring 2016 and January 2017)
- Awarded three Education for Justice and one Diversity Initiatives grants to bring speakers to campus on civilians in war, peace processes, Islam, and international service topics
- Participated in a discussion on forming a post-immersion experience course
- Co-facilitated discussion on the Arizona Immigration Bill 1070 for *Real Talk: Culture & Conversation*, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Volunteered for the University of Scranton Programming Board’s “Jail Bail” to support *With Love on Her Arms* (suicide prevention organization)

Community

- Maintain Central American Politics blog and have occasionally contributed to *The Hill*, *World Politics Review*, and *Inter-American Dialogue’s Latin America Newsletter*.
- Provide expert knowledge that appears in local, national and international publications, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *CNN*, *Fox News Latino*, *AP*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *The Aquinas*, *Scranton Times*, *Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal*, *WYOU* and *WNEP*.
- Provide expert witness testimony for asylum cases related to El Salvador and Guatemala
- Ignatian Solidarity Network National Advisory Council, Member (2017-present)
- Jesuit Migration Network (2017-present)
- Kania School of Management Nonprofit Leadership Program Advisory Board (2017-2018)
- Participated in Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Roundtable organized by Senator John Blake
- Foster Parent (2013-present)