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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Ph.D., Political Science, December 2014

Sub Fields: Politics of Criminal Justice, Minority and Race Politics,
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Dissertation Title: “The Politics of Punishment in the War on Drugs: Race and Racial Language in Policy Shifts”

Dissertation Abstract: In the 1970s the United States government initiated what we call the “War on Drugs.” Soon after, state governments began to enact legislation imposing mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenders, eliminating judicial discretion. The policies resulted in huge rates of incarceration, and disparate impacts for minority offenders. After several years many citizens, politicians, and judges became disenchanted with the harsh laws and called for change. In arguing for reform many cited the costs of incarceration for state budgets, and some criticized the disproportionate nature of mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent offenses, while still others sought to publicize the harsh impacts of the laws on minorities. Notably, however, most who called for reform failed to cite the disparate impacts the policies had on racial minorities as a reason for reform. Instead, reference to race became implicit, and politicians relied on the budget crisis to engage public support and to successfully amend the laws. This dissertation investigates how race continued to be a factor in state and local government policies of the War on Drugs, even though the rhetoric shifted away from explicit references to race toward the budget crisis imposed by the harsh sentencing policies.

Master of Arts, Political Science, Spring 2009

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington

Juris Doctor, June 2000

University of Denver, Denver Colorado

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Spanish, Communication, Magna Cum Laude,
June 1997

University of Madrid, Spain

Fall Semester, 1995

AWARDS/HONORS

Falknor Regional Appellate Advocacy Competition, Quarter Finalist (Fall, 1999)

Falknor Appellate Advocacy Competition, Finalist, Best Oralist (Spring, 1999)
1L Moot Court Competition, Quarter Finalist (Spring 1998)
Public Interest Law Association, Grant Recipient (Summer, 1999)
SYLAW (Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington), Rule 9 Intern
Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society (Vice President, Treasurer)
University of Denver Honors Scholarship
Palmer Hoyt Scholarship, School of Communication
Dean's Honor Roll (12/12 quarters)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Full Time Lecturer, Law Societies and Justice and Department of Sociology, University of Washington (Autumn 2016 to present)

Full Time Lecturer, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, Division of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, University of Washington Tacoma (Autumn 2014 to Spring 2016)

PPPA Internship Coordinator and Supervisor, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, Division of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, University of Washington Tacoma (Autumn 2014 to Spring 2016)

Curriculum Development, Committee Member for Law & Policy major revisions, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, Division of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, University of Washington Tacoma (Autumn 2014 to Spring 2016)

Instructor, Department of Law, Societies, and Justice, Department of Political Science, University of Washington Seattle (Summer 2011 to Summer 2014)

Teaching Assistant to Professor George Lovell, Introduction to United States Constitutional Law, University of Washington Seattle (Winter 2011, Winter 2012, Autumn 2012)

Teaching Assistant to Instructor Seth Greenfest, Law in Society, University of Washington Seattle (Spring 2012)

Teaching Assistant to Professor George Lovell, United States Courts and Civil Liberty, University of Washington Seattle (Spring 2011, Autumn 2011)

Teaching Assistant to Professor John Wilkerson, United States Congress, University of Washington Seattle (Autumn 2005, Autumn 2010)

Teaching Assistant to Professor Lance Bennett, Media, Society, and Political Identity, University of Washington Seattle (Spring 2006)

Teacher, Law and Justice, Lynnwood High School, Edmonds, Washington (Autumn 2004 to Spring 2010)

SCHOLARSHIP

Fraga, Luis and Ann Frost. "Democratic Institutions, Public Engagement, and Latinos in American Public Schools." In Marion Orr and John Rogers (eds.), **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**. Stanford University Press, 2011, pp. 117-138.

CONFERENCES

"Hypothetical Case Scenarios for Teaching Critical Analysis of Wrongful Convictions." **American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, 2020

"Hypothetical Case Scenarios for Teaching Critical Analysis of Wrongful Convictions." **UW Symposium on Teaching and Learning**, 2020

"The War on Drugs in New York: Race and Drug Policy Shifts." **Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association**, 2013

"Minority and Immigrant Populations and the War on Drugs: A Departure from the Expected." **Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association**, 2009

"State Drug Sentencing Policy and its Impact on Public Opinion: Variations in Support for Police and the Criminal Courts by Race and Gender." **Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association**, 2008

"Michigan's War on Drugs: the Politics of Policy Reversal." **Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association**, 2008

"Race, Gender, and Judicial Discretion in Sentencing." **Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association**, 2008

"Michigan's War on Drugs: Policy Reversal in Drug Sentencing." **Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference**, 2007

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor John Wilkerson, University of Washington Seattle (Spring 2014)

Research Assistant to Professor Luis Fraga, University of Washington Seattle (Autumn 2007 to Spring 2010)

Research Assistant to Professor Gary Segura, University of Washington Seattle (Autumn 2006 to Spring 2007)

Research Assistant to Professor George Lovell, University of Washington Seattle (Winter 2006)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Awards and Community Life Committee: Member, adjudicated various awards for undergraduate and graduate students; Department of Sociology (Spring 2020)

Stromberg Scholarship Committee: Member, adjudicated applications for study abroad scholarship (Winter 2019, Winter 2020)

LSJ Admissions Committee: Member (Winter 2019)

Department of Sociology Undergraduate Programs Committee Member (Autumn 2017 to present)

Department of Sociology Brownbag Presentation: Power and Status Dynamics in the Classroom (April 4, 2018)

Continuing Legal Education Seminars: Helped to plan and put on two full day CLE seminars for Department of Law Societies and Justice (Autumn 2017)

Washington Corrections Center For Women Book Club: Helped plan and coordinate a book club for UW students and female prisoners, faculty facilitator of monthly meetings (Autumn 2018 to present)

Senior Thesis Supervisor: Supervising senior thesis for LSJ student (Autumn 2017 – Spring 2018)

Independent Study Supervisor: Oversaw independent study credits for several students in the Departments Law Societies and Justice and Sociology (Autumn 2017 – present)

Program Director for Study Abroad: Amsterdam LSJ: Program Director for program that took place during Summer 2018, including teaching a Spring 2018 seminar (Spring, Summer 2018)

LSJ Admissions Committee: Member, Autumn 2017

Committee Member, Law & Policy major revisions, University of Washington Tacoma (Autumn 2014 to Spring 2016)

Annual Mock Trial Judge, Street Law, University of Washington School of Law (Spring 2002 to present)

Pro Bono Attorney (helped women become United States Citizens under the Violence Against Women Act), Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (2000 to 2009)

Annual Attorney Volunteer, Law Day, Snohomish County District Court (2000 to 2005)

Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington, President (1999 to 2000)
Governing Board Vice President (1999 to 2000), Vice President in charge of Outreach (1998 to 1999)

Rule 9 Intern, Street Links (provided legal information to homeless youths), Seattle, Washington (1998-2002)

Immigrant Families Advocacy Project (successfully petitioned for client's citizenship), University of Washington School of Law (Winter 1998 to Spring 2000)

Latino Law Students Association, University of Washington School of Law (Autumn 1997 to Spring 2000)

LANGUAGES

Spanish: high fluency

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Judge Pro Tem, Snohomish County District Court (Spring 2006 to Summer 2014))

Attorney, Snohomish County Office of Public Defense (Winter 2006 to Summer 2014)

Attorney, Snohomish County Public Defender Association (Summer 2000 to Autumn 2005)

Rule 9 Intern, The Defender Association (Fall 1999 to Spring 2000)

Rule 9 Intern, The Cowan Law Firm (Fall 1999 to Spring 2000)

Rule 9 Intern, Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington (Summer, Fall 1999)

Summer Law Clerk, Perkins Coie LLP (Summer 1998)

Legal Intern, State of Colorado Office of the Public Defender (Winter 1997)