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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **Cornell University**, Department of Government, Ithaca, New York, 2005
Dissertation: “Between Guiding Light and Blinding Dogma: Navigating the Principles of Cuban Socialism.” Committee: Susan Buck-Morss, Isaac Kramnick, Maria Cristina Garcia
- M.A.** **Cornell University**, Department of Government, 2001
- B.A.** **State University of New York at Albany**, *Magna Cum Laude*, Honors in Political Science, 1993
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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern and Contemporary Political Thought
Theories of Ideology and History
Critical Theory
Comparative Political Theory

Latin American and Caribbean Political Thought
Theories of Political Economy
Cuban Studies
Postcolonial Theory

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

San Francisco State University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014-present
Graduate Coordinator, Department of Political Science, 2016-present
Sabbatical, Fall 2015/Spring 2016
Presidential Leave Award (sabbatical), Spring 2011
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008-2014

Franklin & Marshall College

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, 2006-2008

The New School

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Graduate Program in International Affairs, 2005-2006

The City College of New York

Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Center for Worker Education, 2005-2006

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Living Ideology in Cuba: Socialism in Principle and Practice. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2015.
Reviewed by Juan Carlos Medel, *Revista de Historia Ibero-Americana*, Vol. 9, no. 1: 132-133.

Journal Articles

“No Better Way to be Latin American?: European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory. *Postcolonial Studies* 16:4 (December 2013).

“Rogue Specters: Cuba and North Korea at the Limits of U.S. Hegemony.” Co-author Jee Sun E. Lee. *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 34:3 (Fall 2009).

“Sales + Economy + Efficiency = Revolution?: Dollarization, Consumer Capitalism and Popular Responses in Special Period Cuba.” *Public Culture* 18:2 (Spring 2006).

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

“Strategic Deployments: The Universal/Local Nexus in the Work of José Carlos Mariátegui,” in Daniel Kapust and Helen Kinsala (eds.), *Comparative Political Theory in Time and Place*. Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming 2016.

“Marxist Interpretations of Political Theory: Locating a Tradition,” in Clem Fatovic and Sean Walsh (eds.) *Interpretation in Political Theory*. Routledge, forthcoming 2016.

“Counter-publics,” *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Michael T. Gibbons (ed.), Blackwell, 2014.

“Beside the State: Anarchist Strains in Cuban Revolutionary Thought,” in James Martel and Jimmy Casas Klausen (eds.) *How Not to Be Governed: Readings and Interpretations from a Critical Anarchist Left*. New York: Lexington Press, 2011.

Book and Documentary Reviews

Review of *We Created Chavez: A People's History of the Bolivarian Revolution* by George Ciccariello-Maher. In *Contemporary Political Theory* 14 (2015).

Review of *Maestra*, directed by Catherine Murphy. In *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 72:1 (January 2015)

Review of *The Cuban Revolution as Socialist Human Development* by Henry Veltmeyer and Mark Rushton. In *Contemporary Sociology* 44:2 (March 2015).

Review of *Gender and Democracy in Cuba* by Ilja A. Luciak. In *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 65:3 (January 2009).

Review of *Bloqueo: Looking at the U.S. Embargo Against Cuba*, directed by Heather Haddon and Rachel Dannefer. In *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 64:2 (October 2007).

Works Under Review or in Progress

Empirical Imaginaries: Situated Political Theory in Latin America. Book Manuscript

“Situated Political Theory in Latin America and the Caribbean,” in Leigh Jenco, Megan Thomas and Mudrad Idris (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook in Comparative Political Theory*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

“Empirical Imaginaries and Indigenous Socialism,” in progress.

“To Work for Oneself: State Employment in Contemporary Cuba,” in progress.

“Civil Society or the Corporate State?: Using Cuba for Analytic Clarity.” co-authored with Marina Gold, under preparation for *American Ethnologist*.

CONFERENCES

2016: “Models, Myths and Revolutionary Movements,” Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA) annual meeting, Storrs, CT.

- “The Empirical Imaginary and Indigenous Socialism,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Diego, CA
- Author respondent, Roundtable: *Living Ideology in Cuba: Socialism in Principle and Practice* by Katherine A. Gordy, Author Meets Critics, WPSA, San Diego, CA
- “To Work for Oneself: State Employment in Contemporary Cuba,” La Perruque: de Certeau and Contemporary Practices of Resistance, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 2015: “Empirical Imaginaries in Postcolonial Political Theory,” CPA annual meeting, Riviera Maya, Mexico
- 2014: “Neither Local nor Universal: José Carlos Mariátegui and the Task of Theory,” Diverse Lineages of Existentialism: Africana, Feminist and Continental Philosophy, St. Louis, MO
- “Marxist Interpretations of Political Theory: Locating a Tradition,” WPSA, Seattle, WA
- Participant, Roundtable: *We Created Chávez: A People’s History of the Bolivarian Revolution* by George Ciccariello-Maher, Author Meets Critics, WPSA, Seattle, WA
- 2013: “Situated Political Theory: Method in the Political Thought of Mariátegui and Sarmiento,” American Political Science (APSA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL
- “A Method of Theorizing in the Work of Sarmiento and Mariátegui,” presented at:
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Washington DC
 - Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Hollywood, CA
- 2012: “No Better Way to be Latin American? European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory?” Association for Political Theory (APT) annual conference, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2011: “Between Hegemony and Ideology: Anarchism with a Small “A” in Cuba,” WPSA, San Antonio
- “Beside the State: Anarchist Strains in Cuban Revolutionary Thought,” Cuba Futures: Past and Present, Bildner Center, the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
- Discussant, “Critical Practices After Marx,” WPSA, San Antonio
- 2010: “Gramsci and Mariátegui: Breaking Down the Theory and Experience Organizational Divide,” WPSA, San Francisco
- Chair, “Neoliberalism and Biopolitics,” WPSA, San Francisco
- 2009: “Bring it on Home: Cuban Doctors and Being Abroad,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- “Justifying Economic Policy: Cuban Press Accounts of the SDPE,” “Measure of a Revolution” Conference, Queens University, Kingston, ON.
- “Latin American Political Thought and the Dilemmas of a Comparative Approach,” presented at:
- WPSA, Vancouver (Panel Organizer)
 - Cultures of Democracy in the Americas Conference, UC Irvine (invited)
- Discussant, “Concepts and Contexts: Putting Political Ideas Back in Political Contexts,” WPSA, Vancouver
- 2008: “The Problem of Ideology in U.S. Political Discourse and its Reflection in Political Science,” WPSA, San Diego

- “Does Cuban Socialism Still Travel? Humanitarian and Academic Exchanges with the U.S. and Venezuela,” Conference: “A Changing Cuba in a Changing World,” Bildner Center of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
- 2007: “How Ideologies Travel: The Case of Cuban Socialism,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Montreal
- 2006: “Cuban Studies and Its Paradigms of Transition,” “Cuba in Transition” conference, Bildner Center, CUNY Graduate Center
- “Disciplining Cuban Studies,” LASA, Puerto Rico
- "Insisting on the Inside: Organic Intellectuals and Critical Revolutionary Thought in Cuba," Cuban Research Institute Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, FIU, Miami
- 2005: “Comparative Political Theory and the Return of Theory to Political Science,” presented at:
- American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington D.C.
 - “Critical Theorizing Today: Social and Cultural Theory for the Present Crisis,” McMaster University
- 2004: “Everyday Socialism and Consumer Capitalism During Cuba’s Special Period,” presented at:
- LASA, Las Vegas
 - “Cuba Today: Continuity and Change since the 'Período Especial,’” Bildner Center, CUNY

INVITED TALKS

- 2014: “Situated Theory: Radical Political Thought in Latin America,” University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2013: “No Better Way to be Latin American? European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory?” “Theory’s Landscapes: Movements, Memories and Moments,” A Faculty Development Academy, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Panelist, “Political and Social Developments in Cuba," Cuba and California: Prospects for Change and Opportunity, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley (invited)[Webcast available at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYTiwx6hV33s6mXcMDHawN8S8XPfTFgr&feature=vw_all]
- 2012: “Living the Principles of Cuban Socialism?” UC Berkeley Working Group, Berkeley, CA
- 2010: “Comparative Communisms,” Sonoma County Museum, Santa Rosa, CA
- “Cuba and the World: Does Theory Meet Practice in Cuban Socialism,” DLCL Research Unit working group on Cultural Synchronization and Disjuncture, Stanford University, CA
- 2008: “Speculating on Cuba’s Future,” Quest for Learning Seminar, Lancaster, PA
- 2007: “Human Rights in Cuba,” Symposium “Humanity Interrupted: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Human Rights Issues,” Millersville University, PA
- 2006: “Post-Millennial Havana: Culture, Consumption & Everyday Life,” Brecht Forum, New York
- 2005: “Rogue States: the Hermit Kingdom and Island Fortress,” with Jee Sun Lee at the Williams College International Studies Colloquium

2002: "Between Blinding Dogma and Guiding Light: Navigating the Principles of Cuban Socialism," Latin American Studies Program Seminar Series, Cornell University

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Leave with Pay (sabbatical), SFSU, Fall 2015/Spring 2016

Presidential Award for Professional Development (leave with pay), SFSU, Spring 2011

Mellon Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2000/2001, 1998

Sage Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 1995/1996

Research and Travel Grants, Cornell University, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003

COURSES TAUGHT

San Francisco State University

Undergraduate Courses:

PLSI 275, Introduction to Political Theory

PLSI 387 and 387GW, Non-Western/Comparative Political Theory

PLSI 388, Politics and the Popular: Experience, Common Sense, and Tradition

PLSI 389, Latin American Revolutionary Societies

PLSI 392 and 392GW, Latin American Political Thought

PLSI 353, Political Theory: The 20th Century

PLSI 394/LABR 394, Political Theories of Work, Labor and Free Time

Graduate Courses:

PLSI 730 (780), Graduate Seminar in Political Theory

PLSI 731 (782), Colonialism, Gender and Scientific Racism

PLSI 766, State/Society Relations in the non-Western World

Franklin & Marshall College

GOV 242, Modern Political Theory: Conceptions of the Political

GOV 378, The Politics of Globalization in the Americas

GOV 379, Latin American Revolutionary Societies: Once the War Has Taken Place

GOV 477, Politics and the Popular: Experience, Common Sense, and Tradition

Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

NINT 5001, Global Flows

NINT 5126, Race and Gender in International Relations

The Center for Worker Education, The City College of New York

CWE 10200, Core Social Science I: Work, Family, and Community

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

San Francisco State University

Faculty:

Latin American Studies Program

Critical Social Thought

Conferences:

Conference Organizer, Guantanamo Bay Naval Base Symposium, SFSU, Fall '09

Community

Conference Panel Organizer/Chair:

Organizer, "Theorizing Founding, Freedom and New Orders From Liberatory Praxis," CPA, Spring '16
 Chair, "Theme Panel: Political Transformation and Reason-giving in Non-Western Discourses," APSA, Chicago, Fall '13

Organizer, "The Theoretical in Latin American and Caribbean Political Thought," LASA, Washington DC, Spring '13

Chair, "Neoliberalism and Biopolitics," WPSA, San Francisco, Spring '10

Organizer and Chair, "The Practice of Comparison in Political Theory," WPSA, Vancouver, Spring '09

Chair and Discussant, "Concepts and Contexts: Putting Ideas Back in Political Contexts," WPSA, Vancouver, Spring '09

Organizer, "Movement of the People: Labor Mobility, Neo-liberalism and Counter-Logics," LASA, Rio de Janeiro, Spring '09

Peer Reviewing:

Journals: *Cultural Anthropology*

Social Justice

Politics, Groups and Identities

A Contracorriente

New Political Science

Presses: Palgrave Macmillan Press

Professional Membership:

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA)

Association for Political Theory (APT)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

REFERENCES

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 School of Social Science
 University of California, Irvine
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Dr. Maria Cristina García,
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 Cornell University
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