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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** Cornell University, Department of Government, Ithaca, New York, 2005 (**M.A.** 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

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### *San Francisco State University*

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014-present  
Graduate Coordinator, Department of Political Science, 2016-present  
Sabbatical, Spring 2011, Fall 2015/Spring 2016  
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

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Living Ideology in Cuba: Socialism in Principle and Practice*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2015.

### Reviews and Discussions of book:

Antoni Kapcia, "Los estudios sociológicos sobre Cuba desde 1993," *Temas* 91-92.

Joshua Simon, *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*, Spring 2018

William LeoGrande, "The Ideological Challenges of Cuban Socialism," *Latin American Perspectives*, Summer 2018.

Angélica María Bernal, George Ciccariello-Maher, Joseph de la Torre Dwyer, Antoni Kapcia and Jerefe Karmaley Chevannes, and my reply in *The CLR James Journal* 23:1/2 (2017)

Julie Bunck, *Perspectives on Politics*, 15:4 (December 2017)

Marina Gold, *Anthropological Forum*, 27:2 (2017).

Juan Carlos Medel Toro, *Revista de Historia Ibero-Americana*, 9:1 (2016).

R.E. Hartwig, *Choice*, April, 2016.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- “No Better Way to be Latin American?: European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory.” *Postcolonial Studies* 16:4 (December 2014).
- “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 other Articles (Editor and Peer Reviewed)

- “Situated Political Theory in Latin America,” in Leigh Jenco, Megan Thomas and Mudrad Idris (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- “Strategies of Imperialism and Opposition in Cuba: Reflections on the Purity of Anti-Imperialism,” *Viewpoint Magazine* 6, 2018. <https://www.viewpointmag.com/2018/02/01/strategies-imperialism-opposition-cuba-reflections-purity-anti-imperialism/>
- “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, 2017.
- “Marxian Interpretations of Political Theory: Locating a Tradition,” in Clem Fatovic and Sean Walsh (eds.) *Interpretation in Political Theory*. New York: Routledge, 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 *The Power of Race in Cuba: Racial Ideology and Black Consciousness During the Revolution*, by Danielle Pilar Cleland. In *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming).
- Review of *People and State in Socialist Cuba: Ideas and Practices of Revolution*, by Marina Gold. In *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research* 23:3 (2017)
- Review of *Theorizing Race in the Americas: Douglas, Sarmiento, Du Bois, Vasconcelos*, by Juliet Hooker. In the *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* 8:2 (Fall 2017).
- 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 In progress**

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

“Alternative Genealogies of Revolution: Walterio Carbonell and the Remaking of National Culture.”

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

**CONFERENCES**

2018: “To Work *for Oneself*: State Employees in Post-Socialist Cuba,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA), Barcelona, Spain

“Facts at the Service of the Imaginary,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Francisco, CA

2017: “Alternative Genealogies of Revolution: Walterio Carbonell and the Remaking of National Culture,”

- Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA) Annual Meeting, New York, New York
- WPSA, Vancouver BC

Participant, Author Meets Critics, Juliet Hooker’s *Theorizing Race in the Americas*

- APSA, San Francisco, CA
- CPA, New York, New York

Participant, Author Meets Critics, Keally McBride’s *Mr. Mothercountry*, WPSA, Vancouver, BC

Discussant, “Marx, Imperialism and Empire,” WPSA, Vancouver, BC

Respondent, “Drums, Mines, Coils, Voices: Histories of Media and Materiality” (paper by Alejandra Bronfman), Subversive Sounds: Music and Politics of the Global South, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA (invited)

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

“The Empirical Imaginary and Indigenous Socialism,” 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
- “Theory’s Landscapes: Movements, Memories and Moments,” A Faculty Development Academy, University of Wisconsin, Madison (invited)

- “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
- 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. ROUNDTABLES AND WORKSHOPS**

- 2018: Workshop participant, "Canonization and Decolonization," Taskforce on Knowledge and Place in the Humanities, University of Victoria, British Columbia
- 2017: Roundtable participant, "Cuba After Fidel: Reflections on his Legacy Past, Present, and Future," Stanford University, Stanford
- 2014: "Situated Theory: Radical Political Thought in Latin America," University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2013: Panelist, "Political and Social Developments in Cuba," Cuba and California: Prospects for Change and Opportunity, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley (invited)
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- PLSI 394/LABR 394, Political Theories of Work, Labor and Free Time

*Graduate Courses:*

PLSI 780, Graduate Seminar in Political Theory  
 PLSI 782, Colonialism, Gender and Scientific Racism  
 PLSI 766, State/Society Relations in the non-Western World  
 PLSI 781, Practicum in Teaching Political Science  
 PLSI 786, Great Theorists: Walter Benjamin

**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****Department:**

Graduate Coordinator, 2016-present  
 Comparative Politics Search Committee Co-Chair, Fall '18  
 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle Review co-author, Spring '18  
 Guest Lecturer, "Foreign Policy Toward Cuba Under Trump," PLSI 216, Fall '16

**University:**

Faculty member: Latin American Studies Program, Critical Social Thought  
 Conference Organizer, Guantanamo Bay Naval Base Symposium, SFSU, Fall '09

**Community****Conference Panel Organizer/Chair/Division Chair:**

Co-Chair, Normative Political Theory Division, American Political Science Association, 2019  
 Organizer and Chair, "Critical Reflections on *Theorizing Race in the Americas*," WPSA, Spring '17, CPA '17, APSA '17.  
 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: *Political Theory*  
*American Political Science Review (APSR)*

*Philosophy and Social Criticism*  
*A Contracorriente*  
*Cultural Anthropology*  
*Contexto Internacional*  
*New Political Science*  
*Politics, Groups and Identities*  
*PS: Political Science & Politics*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Journal of Labor and Society*  
*Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict, & World Order*

Presses: Palgrave Macmillan Press  
University of South Carolina 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)

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Politics Department  
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