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Education

Ph.D. (political theory and moral philosophy), University of Chicago, 1986
Masters (theological studies), cum laude, Emory University, 1978
B.A. (double major in Linguistics and Spanish), Indiana University, 1974

Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Harvard Economics Department, Harvard University, 2017- present
Senior Research Fellow, Taubman Center, Harvard Kennedy School, 2007 – 2017
Lecturer, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2002 - 2006
Lecturer, School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 1998
Visiting Professor, Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala, 1998
Adjunct Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 1995 - 1996
Lecturer, Department of Politics, Princeton University, 1989 - 1992
Visiting Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 1986 – 1989

Professional Appointments

Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, 2018 - 2019
Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, 2010 (summer)
Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1999 – present
Program Officer, U.S. Institute of Peace, 1992 – 1994

Other Professional Positions

Board member, Maya Educational Foundation, 2013-2015
Board member, Bay Chamber Music Series and Music School, 2013-2014
Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
Andean Studies Committee, 2005-2006; 2006-2008
Advisory Committee Member, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, 2005-2006; 2006-2007
Member, Election Observation Mission Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, San José, Costa Rica, IIDH/CAPEL Nicaraguan National Elections, October 1996
Member, Election Observation Mission IIDH/CAPEL
Guatemalan National Elections, November 1995 and January 1996
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
As a member of the core group on “Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America,” 1995-1997

Consulting Work

- INCAE Business School, San José, Costa Rica, Feb. – April 2018. Central America and Economic Growth project coordinated through the Inter-American Development Bank.
- Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA., Oct. 1999 – Feb. 2000. Andean Competitiveness Project. Coordinated the research team and the drafting of the overview report for the client. Authored a background chapter for the report, “Governance in the Andean Countries,” January 2000 for the client, Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF).
- Asociación de Azucareros, S.A., Guatemala City, Guatemala. Sept. - Nov. 1998
Developed and organized seminars on the changing global economy, the effects of the Asian financial crisis on global markets, and the implications for Central American economic activity and Guatemala in specific.
- Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C. and Guatemala. March – December 1997. Consultant and coordinator of a project on Private Sector Initiative in a Post-Conflict Setting. A grant from the Inter-American Development Bank to the Government of Guatemala for the development of Guatemala private sector leaders in all sectors of the economy.
- Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Central America Project, August-September 1997. Researched and wrote a document analyzing the current state of publications on Central America on the topic of governance.
- Inversiones y Desarrollo, Corporación, Guatemala City, Guatemala. March, May-June 1996. Researched and wrote a document on the role of think tanks in influencing and formulating national policy.
- The Ford Foundation, Santiago, Chile. Fall 1991. Wrote the initial position paper on sustainable development issues to be addressed by the Director and staff of the Andean Region and Southern Cone Office.

Books

- Religion and Economy*, (with Robert J. Barro), Princeton University Press, 2018.
- Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, editor, Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Global Compassion: Private Voluntary Organizations and U.S. Foreign Policy since 1939*, Oxford University Press, 2009 (Winner of the 2010 Skystone Ryan Research Prize, Association of Fundraising Professionals).
- Dictating Democracy: Guatemalan Elites and the End of Violent Revolution*, University Press of Florida, 1999.
- Imponiendo la Democracia: Las Elites Guatemaltecas y el Fin del Conflicto Armado*. (Spanish version) Casa Editorial Artemis-Edinter, Guatemala, 1999.

Seeking Justice: Ethics and International Affairs, Westview Press, 1992.

Journal Articles

“The Coming Deluge: The Rise of Guatemalan Pentecostalism,” article manuscript under review, *Journal of Religion*.

“Pentecostals, Kinship, and Moral Economy in Guatemala,” *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Spring 2018.

“Saints Marching In, 1590-2012,” *Economica*, 83 (331): 385–415, July 2016 (with Robert Barro).

“Religious Conversion in 40 Countries,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 49 (1):15–36, 2010 (with Robert Barro and Jason Hwang).

“The Market Approach to the Rise of the Geluk School in Tibet, 1419-1642,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 69, 1, 2010 (with Leonard van der Kuijp).

“Private Voluntary Organizations Engaged in International Assistance, 1939-2004,” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 37, 2, 2008 (with Robert Barro).

“Religion and Economic Development: A Two-way Causation,” *Policy Review* 148, April – May 2008.

“Religion and Political Economy,” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, Spring 2007.

“Salvation, Damnation, and Economic Incentives,” *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, January 2007.

“Religion and Political Economy in an International Panel,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, June 2006 (with Robert Barro).

“Religion and Economy,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Spring, 2006 (with Robert Barro).

“Which Countries Have State Religions?” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 2005 (with Robert Barro).

“Religion and Economic Growth,” *Milken Institute Review*, April 2004 (with Robert Barro).

“Religion and Economic Growth Across Countries,” *American Sociological Review*, October 2003 (with Robert Barro).

“Guatemala’s Postwar Prospects,” *Journal of Democracy*, April 1997.

“Guatemala: Jump-Starting a Nation,” *Crosslines*, January 1997.

“Peace of Change?” *Hemisfile*, January/February 1997.

“Guatemala: Expectations for Peace,” *Current History*, February 1996.

“Guatemala: Negotiating Peace to Foster Democracy,” *Boletín Electoral Latinoamericano*, January-June 1995.

“The International Community’s Claim to Rights in Brazilian Amazonia,” *Political Studies*, 1991.

“*Conscientia* and Christian Collective Acts,” *Quarterly Review*, Fall 1985.

Book Chapters and other Publications

“Religion and Human Capital,” Sriya Iyer, Jared Rubin, Jean-Paul Carvahlo (eds.), *Advances in the Economics of Religion*, Brill Publishers, forthcoming 2018 (with Robert Barro).

“Measuring the Presence of Protestants in Guatemala, 1882–2011.” Brian J. Grim, Vegard Skirbekk, Gina A. Zurlo, (eds.), *Yearbook of International Religious Demography 2017*, Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill, 2017, Chapter Four (with Robert Barro).

“Protestant Innovative Evangelizing to Oral Cultures in Guatemala.” Susan Fitzpatrick Behrens and Father David Orique (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Latin American Christianity*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017 (digital) and 2018 (print).

“Protestantism and Human Capital in Guatemala and the Republic of Korea.” Asian Development Bank Working Paper Series, No. 332, January 2013.

“Economics of Sainthood.” in Rachel McCleary, ed., *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, Oxford University Press, 2010. (with Robert Barro).

“Political Economy and Religion in the Spirit of Max Weber,” in Victor Nee and Richard Swedberg (eds.), *Spirit of Global Capitalism*, Stanford University Press, 2006 (with Robert Barro).

“Religion and Economy,” *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, Oxford, Blackwell, 2005.

“Governance in the Andean Countries,” January 2000. Background paper prepared for the Andean Competitiveness Project, Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID),

Harvard University.

“Reconciling Democracy and Peace in Guatemala,” in A. Ackermann, ed., *Reconciliation in Global Perspective: Theory and Practice*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000.

“Post-Conflict Economy in Central America,” in Cynthia Arnson, ed., *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America*, Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Stanford University Press, 1999.

“Guatemalan Indigenous non-Governmental Organizations and their Capacity for Early Warning,” in R. Rotberg, ed., *Vigilance and Vengeance: NGOs Preventing Ethnic Conflict in Divided Societies*, Brookings Institution, 1996.

“Ecopolitics and the Failure of Rawlsian Approaches to International Distributive Justice,” in N. Reynolds, C. Murphy, and R. Moffat, eds., *Liberalism and Community*, Mellen Press, 1996.

The Constitutional Crisis in Guatemala: The Responses of the International Community and Guatemalan Society, U.S. Institute of Peace, January 1994.

Guatemala: Negotiating Peace to Foster Democracy, American University School of International Service, 1994.

“The International Community’s Claim to Rights in Brazilian Amazonia,” in M. Charlton and E. Riddell-Dixon, eds., *Crosscurrent: International Relations in the Post-Cold War Era*, Nelson-Canada, 1993.

“Justice as a Kind of Proportionate: The Case of Rice Agricultural Practices in Costa Rica,” in C. Blatz, ed., *Ethics and Agriculture, an Anthology on Current Issues in World Context*, University of Idaho Press, 1991.

Preserving the Amazonian Rain Forest, Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 1991.

Just Cause? The 1989 United States Invasion of Panama, Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training, Georgetown University, 1990 (with Christopher Tatham).

Development Strategies in Conflict: Brazil and the Future of the Amazon, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 1989.

The Ethics of Intervention: Nicaragua and the United States, 1978-1979,” Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training, Georgetown University, 1988.

The New International Economic Order, 1974-75, Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training,

Georgetown University, 1988.

Book Reviews (a sampling)

Free Trade and Faithful Globalization: Saving the Market, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Faithful Education: Madrassahs in South Asia. Ali Riaz (Rutgers University Press, 2008) in *Politics and Religion Journal* 3 (2010).

Salvation Goods and the Religious Markets. Theory and Applications. Jörg Solz (ed.). (Bern: Peter Lang, 2008). *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 24, no 1 (January 2009).

Exorcising the Ghosts of Vietnam: Why We Were in Central America. Our Own Backyard: the United States in Central America, 1977-1992. William M. LeoGrande. *SAIS Review Winter/Spring* (1998).

The Thread of Life. Richard Wollheim. *Ethics* 96, no. 4 (July 1986).

Wickedness. Mary Midgley. *Ethics* 96, no. 2 (January 1986).

Visions of Women. Linda Bell; *Too Many Women: The Sex Ratio Question*. Marica Guttentag and Paul F. Secord; *Women and Spirituality*. Carol Ochs. *Ethics* 95, no. 3 (October 1984).

Revisions: Changing Perspectives in Moral Philosophy. Eds. Stanley Hauerwas and Alasdair MacIntyre. *Ethics* 94, no. 3 (April 1984).

Research in Progress

Conscience Explained (under consideration at a university press) book manuscript.

Protestantism and Human Capital in Guatemala (under consideration) book manuscript.

“Anthropologists and the ‘anti-Christ’ in early Twentieth Century Guatemala,” article manuscript.

Data Sets

Protestant denominations, churches, and individual sects in Guatemala since the 1880s (includes all Protestant groups and their individual houses of worship over time by location. The data set currently has over 15,000 individual churches in Guatemala, identified by type, date of establishment; schools by each group as well as clinics and hospitals, radio stations and radio programs, theology/Bible schools.)

Translations of the Bible and Bible portions into indigenous languages of Guatemala by Language, date of translation(s), names of missionary and indigenous translators, Publisher, number of copies printed.

Moreria data set on rentals in Guatemala over time (this data set includes the date of the rental of costumes, the type of dance the costumes belong to, the characters corresponding to the costumes, rental fees, location of the dance for which the costumes are being rented, duration of rental, sometimes the names of the renters are included along with their role in the performance of the dance.)

McCleary PVO Data Set <http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~rmcclea/data.html>

Saints data set (with Robert Barro and Alexander McQuoid)

Religious Adherence Data Set (with Robert Barro)
<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/fs/rmcclea/data.html>

Professional Presentations (abbreviated version)

“Pentecostals, Kinship and Moral Economy in Guatemala,” The Role of Religion in Free Society Symposium, Classical Liberal Institute, New York University, November 10-11, 2017.

International Economic Association Roundtable on The Economics of Religion, Cambridge University, UK, July 10-11, 2017.

Religious Freedom and the Common Good: A Symposium of the Religious Freedom Project, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, November 15, 2017.

“Religious Competition, Protestant Syncretization, and Conversion in Guatemala since the 1880s,” paper presented at the Religion and Political Economy Seminar Series, Harvard University, April 14, 2011.

“Religious Competition, Protestant Syncretization, and Conversion in Guatemala since the 1880s.” Luce Speakers Series on Religion, Democracy, and Conflict, Princeton Institute For International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, April 12, 2011.

Religious Competition, Protestant Syncretization, and Conversion in Guatemala since the 1880s.” Keynote address, Association for the Study of Economics, Religion and Culture (ASREC), Crystal City, VA. April 7-11, 2011.

“Temporal-Spatial Analysis of Guatemala’s Religious Competition and Affiliation.” American Political Association Meetings, Washington,, D.C. September 2-4, 2010.

“Religious Competition and Human Capital in Korea and Guatemala since 1880.” Asian Development Bank Study on Human Capital and Economic Development, London School of Economics, London, England, August 11, 2010.

“U.S.-based Private Voluntary Organizations: Religious and Secular PVOs Engaged in International Relief and Development since 1939.” American Political Science Association Meetings, Toronto, Canada September 3 – 4, 2009.

“Political Economy of Religion: Advances in the Field.” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Il., November 1 – 3, 2008.

“The Political Economy of State Religions.” Department of Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 3, 2008.

“A Market Approach to the Rise of the Geluk School in Tibet,” Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain, April 2, 2008.

“A Market Approach to the Rise of the Geluk School in Tibet Paper presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Tampa, Fla., November 2–4, 2007.

“Private Voluntary Organizations Engaged in International Assistance, 1939-2004.” Paper presentation, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Il. August 30 – September 2, 2007.

“Evangelicals, Foreign Policy and Development,” Paper presentation, Symposium at Georgetown University, March 28, 2007.

“U.S.-based Private and Voluntary Organizations: Religious and Secular PVOs Engaged in International Relief and Development, 1939 – 2004.” Paper presentation, ARNOVA Conference, Chicago, Il. November 16-18, 2006.

“Private and Voluntary Organizations in International Relief and Development: 1939 – 2004.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 31 – September 3, 2006.

“Religious Private and Voluntary Organizations in International Relief and Development: 1939 – 2003.” Paper presentation, ARNOVA Conference, Washington, D.C., November 18- 20, 2005.

“Religious Private and Voluntary Agencies in International Relief and Development” An Overview 1939-2003.” Paper presentation, CCIH - Global Health Council Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 31, 2005.

“Taking God Overseas: Christian Private Voluntary Agencies in International Relief and Development.” Paper presentation, Western Economic Association International, Vancouver, Canada. June 29-July 3, 2004.

“Religion and Economic Growth.” Presentation. The World Bank, Washington, D.C. March 16, 2004.

“Taking God Overseas: Christian Private Voluntary Agencies in International Relief and Development.” Paper presentation, International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec. March 17-21, 2004.

“Taking God Overseas: Christian Private Voluntary Agencies in International Relief and Development.” Paper presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, VA. October 24-26, 2003.

“Salvation, Damnation, and Economic Incentives.” Paper presentation, International Studies Association, Portland, Oregon. February 25 – March 1, 2003.

Honors, Awards, Grants

Book, *Global Compassion*. Winner of the 2010 Skystone Ryan Research Prize, Fulbright Research Scholar, Universidad Rafael Landivar, Guatemala, 1994.

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Secretary/treasurer, Religion and Politics Section (2010-2012)

Member, Executive Committee, Religion and Politics Section (2009-2012)

Chair, Morken Award for Best Publication, Religion and Politics Section

(two terms: the 2007 award, the 2009 award)

Associate Editor, *Politics and Religion*, Cambridge University Press, 2008–2012

Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Chair of the Taskforce on Scholarly Relations with Central America (1995-1997)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

Committee member, International Travel Committee (2009-2010)

Languages

Fluent in Spanish (reading and speaking), Reading ability in French