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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Union College, Schenectady, New York, 2016-

Stephen J. and Diane K. Ciesinski Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, 2016-21

Chief Academic Officer for a highly selective, residential liberal arts college with engineering in upstate New York, founded in 1795. 2200 students and 220 faculty FTE. Managed a budget of approximately \$47m. Eighteen direct reports included the Academic Chief Diversity Officer, Dean of Academic Departments and Programs, Dean of Studies, Director of Academic Planning and Finance, Director of Engineering, Director of the Templeton Institute for Engineering and Computer Science; the offices of Assessment, Athletics, General Education, Grants and Sponsored Programs, Information Technology Services, Institutional Research, International Programs, Library, Lifelong Learning, Registrar, and two administrative assistants. Partnered with the President and others in fundraising, including playing a leading role in securing a \$51 million gift to support engineering. Represented College administration on all academic matters before the Board of Trustees and its Academic Affairs Committee. Helped lead planning and execution of the new \$100m Integrated Science and Engineering Complex, including the securing of Trustees' approval of the project. Co-led strategic planning efforts on academic offerings. Worked with chief diversity officer and others to promote diversity, equity and inclusion among the faculty and College as a whole. Partnered with Student Affairs to research, establish and staff a new Class Deans model of student advising. Oversaw efforts to establish a new General Education curriculum. Served as Accreditation Liaison Officer for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to lead accreditation efforts (successful reaccreditation 2020-21). Core member of leadership planning and decision-making around COVID-19 pandemic and of a steering committee to improve administrative efficiency and effectiveness.

Professor of Political Science (with tenure), 2016-

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1996-2016

Associate Dean of the Faculty, Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, 2010-2015

Responsibilities included faculty recruitment, searches, hiring, appointment, promotion, tenure, midtenure review, mentoring, retention, retirement, budgeting, merit review, research, grant support, sabbaticals, and leaves. Collaborated with partners on strategic planning, curricular development, faculty workload management, alumni relations, development, College governance and management, supervision of

Faculty Affairs staff, and university-wide interdisciplinary initiatives. Responsible for 8 departments and 15 interdisciplinary centers, institutes and programs. Social sciences accounted for 190 full-time, tenured and tenure-track faculty, over 3,600 undergraduate and 800 graduate students and more than \$18m in new grant funding in FY13.

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Professor, Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies, 2014-16
Professor of Political Science, 2010-16
Professor of International Relations, 2009-16
Associate Professor of International Relations (tenured), 2002-09
Assistant Professor of International Relations, 1996-2002
Director, Latin American Studies Program, 2005-09.

UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, 2010
Visiting Fellow, Quality of Governance Institute

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS,
2009-10 *Visiting Scholar*, Department of Political Science

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, 2006, 2009
Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Government

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA, 2002-03
Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellow, Hoover Institution

INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO AUTÓNOMO DE MÉXICO, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, 1993-94,
1995-96 *Assistant Professor*, Department of International Relations, 1995-96
• All classes taught in Spanish
Visiting Fulbright Researcher, Department of International Relations, 1993-94

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- Minor in international economics

M.A. Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- Certificate in Latin American Studies

B.A. *cum laude* International Relations, Pomona College, Claremont, CA

- Phi Beta Kappa.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2010 Visiting Fellow, Quality of Governance Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. 2007
U.S. Speaker, Department of State, Buenos Aires and Mendoza, Argentina 2003- Fellow,
Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University
2002-03 Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellow
2002-03 Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, Member (declined)

2001- Listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Education* 2000 College of Arts and Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence, Boston University 2000- Golden Key International Honor Society, honorary member
1997 APSA roundtable on syllabus development stipend recipient (declined) 1992 Duke-UNC Program in Latin American Studies Working Group on Public Opinion Summer Fellowship

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1991-92 Duke-UNC Program in Latin American Studies Graduate Student Colloquium, Co Coordinator
1988 Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UNION COLLEGE

2020-21 Member, Administrative Excellence Steering Committee
2020 Member, Coronavirus Task Force
2018-19 Member, search committee for VP for Student Affairs
2018-19 Co-Chair, Strategic Plan Academic Offerings Working Group
2018 Co-Chair, search committee for new class deans
2018 Co-Chair, search committee for Dean of Studies
2017-20 Co-Chair, Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self-Study Steering Committee
2017 Co-Chair, search committee for Director of Academic Planning and Finance 2017 Co-Chair, search committee for Dean of Academic Departments and Programs 2016- Member, President's Senior Staff
2016- Member, Planning and Priorities Group
2016- Member (ex-officio), Faculty Review Board
2016- Member (ex-officio), Academic Affairs Council
2016- Member (ex-officio), Council of Chairs and Directors
2016- Member (ex-officio) and Chair, Council of Engineering Chairs and Directors

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

2013-14 Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee for the establishment of the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies
2012- Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science & Engineering, Executive Steering Committee Member
2010- Chair, Social Sciences Council of Chairs and Directors
2010- Faculty Affairs Council, Provost's Office
2008-10 Co-coordinator, interdisciplinary research initiative on public health 2008-09 Faculty speaker, Admissions Office receptions, Miami, FL and San Juan, Puerto Rico 2007-08 Chair, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences 2007-09 Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, College of Arts and Sciences 2005 Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, College of Arts and Sciences 2004-09 Summer Faculty Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences
2003-04 Academic Policy Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
2003-04 Member, two faculty search committees in international economics & in the environment,

Department of International Relations
2001-02 Member, faculty search committee in international economics and the environment,
Department of International Relations
2001 Member, faculty search committee, DAAD visiting professor position
1999-01 Fulbright and DAAD Scholarships Committee
1997-00 Social Sciences Curriculum Committee (Chair, 1999-2000)
1997-98 Faculty Advisor, Taylor Advising Center, College of Arts and Sciences
1997-00 Summer Faculty Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences

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EXTERNAL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2018- Trained as a peer evaluator, Middle States Commission on Higher Education 2017 Institute for Educational Management (IEM), Harvard Graduate School of Education 2016 Development for Deans and Academic Leaders workshop, Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
2011 Faculty participant in simulation on Mexican drug policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
2011 External review committee, School of Economics, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
2010 Chair, American Political Science Association Political Economy Section committee to award the Mancur Olson prize for best dissertation
2008 Faculty participant in simulation on Mexican energy policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
2007 Chair, American Political Science Association Political Economy Section committee to award the prize for best paper
2006-08 Fulbright National Screening Committee for Mexico graduate applications 2006-08 Executive Committee, New England Council of Latin American Studies 2002-03 Chair, Business and Politics Section, Latin American Studies Association 1998- Faculty Affiliate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University

JOURNAL AND BOOK REFEREE

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
British Journal of Political Science
Business and Politics
Comparative Political Studies
Diplomacy and Statecraft
Ecological Economics
Economics and Politics
International Studies Quarterly
Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs/Latin American Politics and Society
Journal of Politics
Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos
Millennium: Journal of International Studies
Review of International Political Economy
Studies in Comparative International Development

World Politics
F.E. Peacock Publishers
Oxford University Press
Pearson/Longman
Penn State University Press
Routledge

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Conference of Academic Deans
American Political Science Association
Council of Social Science Associations (2010-15)

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Latin American Studies Association
Middle States Commission on Higher Education (Accreditation Liaison Officer for Union College)
New England Council of Latin American Studies
New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium (Mellon-funded) Provosts Group
Northeast Deans Group

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Centripetal Theory of Democratic Governance, with John Gerring. New York: Cambridge University Press (2008).
Big Business, the State, and Free Trade: Constructing Coalitions in Mexico. New York: Cambridge University Press (2000).

Articles and book chapters

“When Are Minorities Worse Off? A Systematic Investigation of Size and Status,” with John Gerring, Yuan Lu and Erzen Oncel. *The Journal of Development Studies* vol. 53, no. 12 (2017): 2086-2101.

“Does Diversity Impair Human Development? A Multi-level Test of the Diversity Debit Hypothesis,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang and Yuan Lu. *World Development* 66 (2015): 166-188.

“Assessing Health System Performance: A Model-Based Approach,” with John Gerring, Ruben Enikolopov, Julián Arévalo and Matthew Maguire. *Social Science & Medicine* 93 (2013): 21-28.

“Democracy and Human Development,” with John Gerring and Rodrigo Alfaro. *Journal of Politics* vol. 74, no. 1 (2012): 1-17.

“Big Business, Democracy, and the Politics of Competition in Mexico,” in *Oxford University Handbook on Mexican Politics*, ed. Roderic Ai Camp, pp. 313-334. New York: Oxford University Press (2012).

“Values in Global Health Governance,” with Solomon R. Benatar and Graham Lister, *Global Public Health* vol. 5, no. 2 (2010): 143-153.

“Are Parliamentary Systems Better?” with John Gerring and Carola Moreno, *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 42, no. 3 (2009): 327-359.

“Democracy, Economic Policy, and Political Corruption in Comparative Perspective,” in *Corruption*

and Democracy in Latin America, ed. Charles Blake and Stephen Morris, pp. 25-45. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press (2009).

“Do Neoliberal Policies Kill or Save Lives?” with John Gerring, *Business and Politics* vol. 10, no. 3 (2008): 1-31.

“Centripetal Democratic Governance: A Theory and Global Inquiry,” with John Gerring and Carola Moreno, *American Political Science Review* vol. 99, no. 4 (November 2005): 567-581. “Do Neoliberal Policies Deter Political Corruption?” with John Gerring, *International Organization* vol. 59, no. 1 (2005): 233-54.

“Political Institutions and Corruption: The Role of Unitarism and Parliamentarism,” with John Gerring, *British Journal of Political Science* vol. 34, no. 2 (2004): 295-330.

“Private Sector Trade Politics in Mexico,” *Business and Politics* vol. 2, no. 2 (August 2000): 161-187.

“The High Politics of IMF Lending,” *World Politics* vol. 52, no. 1 (1999): 38-75. “NAFTA Coalitions and the Political Viability of Neoliberalism in Mexico,” *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs* vol. 41, no. 2 (1999): 57-89.

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Mexico’s Mandarins: Crafting a Power Elite for the Twentieth Century*, by Roderic Ai Camp, *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 2, no. 1 (2004): 166-167.

“Democracy? In Iraq?” with Chappell Lawson. *Hoover Digest* (2003): 24-33.

Review of *The Making of NAFTA: How the Deal Was Done*, by Maxwell A. Cameron and Brian W. Tomlin, *Bulletin of Latin American Research* vol. 22, no. 2 (2003): 239-241.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

Adirondack Studies, Presidential Leadership Grant to Union College from the Mellon Foundation (PI) (2017-21)

Interdisciplinary Studies in the Common Curriculum, Presidential Leadership Grant to Union College from the Mellon Foundation (PI 2016-17) (2014-17)

The Politics of Public Health, funded by the World Bank (co-PI) (2007-10)

The Politics of Public Health, funded by the Provost’s office, Boston University (co-PI) (2006-07)

The Politics of Human Development, funded by the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University (co-PI) (2002-06)

Political Institutions and Governance, funded by the Hoover Institution, Stanford University (co-PI) (2002-03)

The Politics of Trade Reform in Mexico, funded by a Fulbright grant (PI) (1993-94)

The Politics of Trade Reform in Mexico, funded by a UNC-CH Off-Campus Dissertation Grant (PI) (1993)

The Political Economy of Economic Reform in Mexico, funded by a Mellon Foundation UNC-CH Institute of Latin American Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (PI) (1992)

The Political Economy of Economic Stabilization in Mexico, funded by a Tinker Foundation UNC-CH Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (PI) (1990)

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Power of Six: Increasing Value through Collaboration,” panel with Suzanne Keen (Hamilton College), Karl Schonberg (St. Lawrence University) and Amy Cronin (New York Six) at the

annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Atlanta, GA, January 2019.

“Diversity, Development and Causal Heterogeneity,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang and Yuan Lu, presentation at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 2012.

“Does Diversity Impair Development? A Multiple-level Analysis,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang, and Yuan Lu, presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

“Does Ethnicity Affect Health and Fertility? An Exploration of the Demographic and Health Survey,” with John Gerring, Wei Huang, Yuan Lu and Varun Gauri, presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010.

“The Politics of Ethnicity, Fertility and Mortality,” with Varun Gauri, John Gerring and Wei-Jie Huang, presented at the Quality of Governance Institute, Gothenburg University, Sweden, May 2010

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“Democracy and Development: A Historical Perspective,” with John Gerring, presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON, Canada, September 4, 2009.

“Does Democracy Promote Development? Health, Environment, and Economic Openness.” Invited presentation made at the Quality of Governance Institute, Gothenburg University, Sweden, May 2010; Middlebury College; Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, April 2009; and Tulane University, Department of Political Science, January 2009.

“A Centripetal Theory of Democratic Governance,” with John Gerring, presented at workshop on Comparative Politics and Political Economy, Boston University, November 18, 2008. “Democracy, Income, and Environmental Quality,” with Kevin Gallagher, paper presented at workshop on Environmental Norms, Institutions and Policy, Barbara and Bowen McCoy Program in Ethics in Society, Stanford University, November 13, 2008, and at conference on Democracy and Development: A Historically Rooted Phenomenon? at Boston University, April 6, 2007.

“Public Health Performance: A Model-Based Approach,” with John Gerring, Ruben Enikolopov and Julián Arévalo, paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30, 2008.

“Democracy and Development in Latin America,” presentation at conference on Latin America and Its Challenges, Boston University, June 29, 2008.

“Democracy and Human Development,” with John Gerring and Rodrigo Alfaro, paper presented at a conference on Democracy and Development: A Historically Rooted Phenomenon? at Boston University, April 6, 2007, and at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2, 2005.

“Does Democracy Promote Economic Openness?” Paper presented at conference on Democracy and Development: A Historically Rooted Phenomenon? at Boston University, April 6, 2007.

“Institutions, Democracy and Development,” presentation given to various NGOs, policy makers, and universities in Buenos Aires and Mendoza, Argentina, March 2007.

“Democracy, Economic Policy, and Political Corruption,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 17, 2006. “Are Unitary Systems Better than Federal Systems?” with John Gerring and Carola Moreno, paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 3, 2004.

“Do Neoliberal Policies Deter Political Corruption?” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, March 24-27, 2002. Later versions presented at the Seminar on U.S. and World Affairs, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, January 2003, and Seminar on Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, February 2003.

“Social Democracy or Neoliberalism? A Global Test of Public Policies and Human Development,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University, January 31, 2002, and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 29, 2002.

“The Politics of Corruption: Latin America in Comparative Perspective,” presentation made at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, October 2, 2001.

“Political Institutions and Human Development,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Universities Development Consortium, Boston, MA, September 28, 2001.

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“Political Institutions and Governance: Pluralism vs. Centralism,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.

“Challenges and Opportunities in Latin America’s Development,” presentation given to multi-university alumni group, March 2001.

“Democracy and Markets in Mexico,” presentation given to multi-university alumni group, March 2001.

“U.S.-Panamanian Relations,” presentation given to multi-university alumni group, March 2001. “Big Business, the State, and Free Trade in Mexico,” presentation made at Seminar on Mexican Political Economy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), February 28, 2001. “Infant Mortality in Crossnational Perspective: The Primacy of Politics,” with John Gerring, paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 20-24, 2001.

“Mexico’s 2000 Elections,” presentation made at College of the Holy Cross, November 16, 2000.

“The Economic Situation in Mexico’s 2000 Elections,” presentation made at the annual meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies, October 14, 2000, Amherst College. “Mexico after the PRI,” presentation made to faculty of the Department of International Relations, Boston University, September 13, 2000.

“Private Sector Trade Politics in Mexico,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, Florida, March 16-18, 2000.

“Constructing Coalitions: Big Business, the State, and Free Trade in Mexico,” presentation made at Suffolk University, April 8, 1999.

“Political and Economic Change in Latin America,” and “Free Trade, Democracy, Drugs and Crime,” presentations made at the 28th Annual Frank Church Symposium on International Affairs, International Affairs Council, Idaho State University, March 4, 1999.

“Political Conditionality in U.S. Bilateral and Multilateral Foreign Assistance,” paper presented at the 40th annual convention of the International Studies Association, Washington, D.C., February 16-20, 1999. (With Timothy J. McKeown and Leona Pallansch.)

“Big Business, the State, and Free Trade in Mexico: Interests, Structure, and Political Access,” paper prepared for the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 1997, and the Latin American Studies Association, September 24-26, 1998.

- “El Impacto del Mercosur en los Actores Sociales de Argentina: El Marco Analítico,” theoretical framework presented to guide collaborative research project between Boston University and the Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina. March 1998.
- “The Politics of Free Trade in Mexico,” presentation in the Department of Political Science Brown Bag seminar series, Boston University, February 5, 1998.
- “Business-Government Relations in the Wake of the Peso Crisis,” presentation at a round table on The 1994 Mexican Peso Crisis at the annual meeting of the New England Council of Latin American Studies, October 18, 1997, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA.
- “The High Politics of IMF Lending,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 1997, Washington, D.C.
- “The Political Economy of Free Trade in Mexico: Business-State Coalitions and International Context,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 18-22, 1997, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- “The Reconstruction of Business-State Alliances and the Politico-Economic Viability of Free Trade in Mexico,” paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, November 14-16, 1996, Boston, MA.

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TEACHING INTERESTS

International Political Economy
 Comparative Political Economy
 Comparative Politics
 International Development
 North-South Relations
 Latin American Political Economy
 Latin American Politics
 Mexican Political Economy
 Mexican Politics
 NAFTA
 Research Methods

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Governance and Political Corruption
 Democracy and Development
 Human Development
 Politics of Public Health
 Politics of foreign aid and international credit flows
 Business-State Relations
 Politics of International Trade
 Politics of Economic Reform in Mexico
 Politics of Economic Policy Making

RESEARCH SKILLS

Elite interviews

Regression analysis, including Time-Series-Cross-Section (TSCS) and Logistic regression

Software: Stata, Excel, SPSS

Archival research

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (fluent)