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EDUCATION

- PHD** Political Science, University of California, San Diego (expected 2007).
Focus: Comparative Politics (political development), American Politics
- MA** Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2003
- BA** Political Science and International Relations, Center for Economic Teaching and Research, CIDE, Mexico, 2000

ACADEMIC HONORS

- Third prize - National Contest Research on the Mexican Senate, August, 2000
- Special distinction for thesis research, Center for Economic Teaching and Research, CIDE, April 4th 2000

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Research Fellowship, Center for US-Mexican Studies UCSD, September 2006 – December 2007
- The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States, UCMexus, Fellowship September, 2004 – August, 2006
- Mexican Ministry of Education (SEP) scholarship, September, 2002 – September, 2005
- Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (Conacyt) Fellowship, September 2001- August, 2005
- Fulbright – Conacyt – García Robles fellowship for PhD studies, 2001-2003
- North American Student Mobility Program Scholarship (PROMESAN). Center for Economic Teaching and Research, CIDE (Mexico) and York University (Canada). (Mexican and Canadian Ministries of Education), Sept, 1998 – Dec, 1998.

GRANTS

- Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies (IICAS) Travel Grant, May 2007
- The Dean's Social Science Research Travel Fund, UCSD, March 2006
- Pacific Rim Research Program Minigrant, November 2005

PUBLICATIONS

1. Alejandra Rios-Cazares and David A. Shirk (eds). *Evaluating Transparency and Accountability in Mexico: National, Local and Comparative Perspectives*. San Diego: University of San Diego. *Forthcoming*.
2. "Introduction" (with David A. Shirk.). Alejandra Rios-Cazares and David A. Shirk (eds) *Evaluating Transparency and Accountability in Mexico: National, Local and Comparative Perspectives*. San Diego: University of San Diego. *Forthcoming*
3. "The General Accountability Office of the United States" ("Oficina de Rendición de Cuentas del Gobierno, Estados Unidos de América") in Figueroa, Aimee (coord). 2007. *The Supreme Audit Institution of Mexico in the International Context of Supreme Auditing (La Auditoría Superior de México en el entorno internacional de la fiscalización superior)*. México: Auditoría Superior de la Federación.
4. "Introduction" (with David A. Shirk). Wayne Cornelius and David A. Shirk (eds) *Reforming the Administration of Justice in Mexico*. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press. 2007.
5. "The Senate versus President Madero: The XXVI Legislatura (El Senado frente al Presidente Madero: La XXVI Legislatura)" in Maria Luna Argudín and Alejandra Rios Cazares *The Senate: Historical Review, Rafael Donde Competition (El Senado de la República: Revisión Histórica, Premio Rafael Dondé)*. México: Senado de la República. 2000
6. "Social Capital and Democracy: A Critical Assessment of Robert Putnam" ("Capital Social y Democracia: Una revisión crítica de Robert Putnam") (with Julio Ríos Figueroa). *Política y Gobierno*, vol. VI, núm.2, 2nd semestre.1999
7. "Anecdotes of a Perennial Debate" ("Testimonios sobre un debate perenne" Book Review: La duda y la Elección by Norberto Bobbio. *Este País*, no.101, August 1999
8. "Strategic Vote and Strategic Coordination" (with Julio Ríos Figueroa). Book review: Making votes count by Gary Cox. *Este País*, no. 97, April, 1999.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

1. "Accountability at Risk: The Influence of Electoral Competition" Accepted for presentation at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, September 5-8, 2007
2. "The Long Road to Democracy: The Political Logic of Bureaucratic Reform in Mexico" (with Jeeyang Baum) Prepared for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April, 2007
3. "Accountability at Risk: The Ability to Sanction Bureaucratic Agencies" Prepared for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April, 2007
4. The Sanctioning Ability of Local Congresses in Mexico: The Bureaucratic Control in the States (El poder de sanción de los congresos locales en México: El Control de la Burocracia en los Estados) Prepared for presentation at the Mexican Parliamentary Studies Association, October 18-19, 2006
5. "Selective Oversight: Controlling the Bureaucracy in New Democracies"
 - o Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 20-23, 2006

- Latin American Studies Association Conference, March 15-18, 2006
- 5. “Bureaucratic Accountability: The Role of Congress in Emerging Democracies” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 7-10, 2005
- 6. With Eric Magar, “The Circuitous Path to Democracy”, Democratic Accountability and the Rule of Law in Mexico” Conference. Conference sponsored by the Rule of Law Program, Stanford Law School and the Center on Democracy, Development and Rule of Law of University of Stanford. October 7-8, 2004

ADDITIONAL WORKS

- Gonzalez, Luis; Layda Negrete and Guillermo Zepeda. 2005. *(Blank Report on the Initiative to Reform the Mexican Justice System (Análisis Técnico de la Propuesta de Reforma al Sistema de Justicia Mexicano)*. Coords. Cuitláhuac Bardán, Alejandra Ríos-Cazares and David A. Shirk. Blank Report by the Instituto de Investigaciones Legislativas del Senado, IILSEN and the Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD. México: M.A. Porrúa

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Coordinator. *Horizontal Accountability in Mexico: An Evaluation of Auditing Institutions in Mexican States*. Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD (Spring 2007 -)
- Researcher. “Auditing of Public Accounts. Comparison and Evaluation of Legislation” (Fiscalización de la Cuentas Públicas. Comparación y Evaluación de su Ordenamiento Jurídico). Division of Public Policy, University of Guadalajara. Research Project coordinated by Dr. Aimee Figueroa (Spring 2007)
- Program Committee Member for The Law, Jurisprudence and Society Program Track, Latin American Studies Association Conference, Montreal (Fall 2006)
- Consultant. Orienta-Agenda Pública (2006 -)
- Coordinator. *Justice in Mexico Project*. Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD and Trans-Border Institute, USD Research Project sponsored by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (US\$150,000) (Sept, 2005 – Sept, 2006)
- Research Assistant Jeeyang Baum, Summer, 2004.
- Assistant. *Project on Reforming the Administration of Justice in Mexico*. Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD (Sept, 2003 – Aug, 2005)
- Analyst, Office of Advisors, Ministry of Governance (Secretaría de Gobernación), México. (Jan, 2001 - Aug, 2001)
- Chief of Research Project. Mexican Senate’s Institute of Legislative Research (Instituto de Investigaciones Legislativas del Senado, IILSEN), México. (Nov, 1999 – Dec, 2000)
- Researcher. Field Research in Tzotzil community of El Chanal, Chiapas, for the project on “Traditions and customs of indigenous communities and electoral processes” (Usos y costumbres en comunidades indígenas y procesos electorales). Executive Office for Electoral Qualification and Civic Education, Federal Institute of Elections, Mexico. Project Coordinators: Dr. Jose Antonio Aguilar and Dr. Guillermo Trejo. (Summer, 1999)

- Research Assistant. Dr. Ignacio Marván Laborde, Dr. Arturo Borja Tamayo and Profesor Jorge Schiavon, Department of Political Studies and Department of International Studies,). Center for Economic Teaching and Research, CIDE, Mexico. (February, 1999 – October, 1999)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Associate-Instructor, *Mexican Politics*, Summer Session, UCSD (July 2007)
- Teacher Assistant. Summer Seminar in US Studies. Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD (Summer, 2003)
- Grader for the following courses: Communities and the Environment (Spring 2002), Middle Eastern Politics (Fall, 2002) US-Latin American Relations (Winter, 2003) and Mexican Politics (Spring, 2005)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

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