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### EDUCATION

- 2020 (expected)      PhD in Political Science, University of North Texas**  
Major Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations  
Dissertation Title: “Risky Business: A Sub-National Analysis of Organized Crime and Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico”  
Committee: Glen Biglaiser (Chair), John Ishiyama, David Mason, and Lee Walker
- 2010                      Master of International Affairs, Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University**  
Major Fields: International Political Economy and International Relations  
Capstone: “Estimating the Economic Cost of Espionage”
- 2005                      Bachelor of Arts in Government with Honors, University of Texas**  
Focus: Latin American Studies and Spanish

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-Present            Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas
- 2014-Present            Director of Global Partnerships and Engagement, Division of International Affairs, University of North Texas
- 2017                      Interim Director of Study Abroad, Division of International Affairs, University of North Texas
- 2014                      Fulbright Scholar, International Education Administrators Program to Japan
- 2011-2014                Assistant Director of Global Engagement, Division of International Affairs, University of North Texas
- 2010-2011                Analyst, Office of Asian Pacific, Latin American, and African Analysis, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- 2009                      Intern, Department of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Panama
- 2008-2010                Graduate Assistant, Division of Research & Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University
- 2005-2008                International Program Coordinator and Chief of Staff to the Executive Director, Office for Latin American Programs & Center in Mexico, Texas A&M University

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Spring 2019 Introduction to International Relations, University of North Texas

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

Bennett, Amanda. "Boom or Bust—the Effects of Organized Crime Violence on Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico" *Under Review*

## **CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR/EDITOR, NON-PEER REVIEWED**

2010. "Estimating the Costs of Economic Espionage." *Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University*.

2007. "U.S.-Mexico Border Region's Growing Role in Global Economy." *Border Governors Conference, Science and Technology Committee*.

## **COMMENTARY AND ENGAGEMENT**

December 2008. "A Valley Vying for Victory: Institutionalizing the Rule of Law" *McAllen Monitor*

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2019 "Risky Business: A Sub-National Analysis of Organized Crime and Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico" at ISA Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

2019 "Risky Business: Organized Crime and Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico" at Texas Comparative Politics Circle, College Station, Texas, USA

2016 "Conditioning Violence: A Study on Mexico's Drug-Related Homicides" at The Scope of the Rule of Law in Societies with Conflict International Symposium, Toluca, State of Mexico, Mexico

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

2014 "UNT's Institutional Data Collection Process" at NSF International Research Metrics Workshop, Orlando, Florida, USA

2010-11 U.S. National Security and Intelligence Community Briefings

## **GRANT PROPOSALS**

### ***PI***

2014 Fulbright Scholar, International Education Administrators Program to Japan, Sponsored by Fulbright (Award Amount: travel and grant stipend)

### ***Proposal Development Officer/Grant Writer***

2018-19 100,000 Strong in the Americas Grant with the National Autonomous University of Mexico and CIDESI, Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State (Award Amount \$25,000)

2016-17 100,000 Strong in the Americas Grant with the State University of Ponta Grossa, Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State (Award Amount \$25,000)

- 2016-17 Capacity Building Grants for U.S. Undergraduate Study Abroad, Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State (Award Amount: \$36,477)
- 2015-16 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program to Jordan, Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education (Award Amount: \$75,755)
- 2015-16 100,000 Strong in the Americas Grant with Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State (Award Amount \$25,000)
- 2014-15 100,000 Strong in the Americas Grant with CEYTS University, Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State (Award Amount \$25,000)

**ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

- 2019 Stephen M. Gorman Research Award in Recognition of Expertise in Latin American Politics, University of North Texas
- 2009-10 104<sup>th</sup> Congressional Fellow, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University
- 2008-09 Ansary Fellow, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University
- 2002 University of Texas National Champion, American Forensics Association National Speech Competition

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS**

- 2016-17 Star Performer, University of North Texas
- 2014 Professional Development Scholar, National Organization of Research Development Professionals
- 2007 TAMU Staff Merit Award, Texas A&M University

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP**

*University Service*

- 2019-2020 Staff Senator, University of North Texas Staff Senate (elected position)
- 2019-Present Member, Digital Strategy Innovation Advisory Committee, University of North Texas
- 2018-Present Member, International Risk Oversight Committee, University of North Texas
- 2018-Present Member, Institutional Effectiveness Review Committee, University of North Texas
- 2018-Present Member, International Collaborative Academic Degree Programs Review Committee, University of North Texas

2015-Present Fulbright Program Advisor, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, University of North Texas

2015-Present Fulbright Scholar Liaison, Fulbright Scholar and Specialist Programs, University of North Texas

***Grant Review Committees***

2019-Present Graduate Research Experiences Abroad Travel Grant, University of North Texas

2016-Present International Travel Grant for Graduate Students, University of North Texas

2014-Present China Venture Fund, University of North Texas

2014-Present India Venture Fund, University of North Texas

2014-Present Global Engagement Grant, University of North Texas

2012-Present Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund, University of North Texas

***Search Committee Service***

2018 Chair, Search Committee for the Executive Assistant to the Vice Provost and Dean for International Affairs, University of North Texas

2018 Committee Member, Search Committee for the Director of International Student and Scholar Services, University of North Texas

2018 Committee Member, Search Committee for a Senior International Recruiter, University of North Texas

2016-17 Committee Member, Search Committee for the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs, University of North Texas

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- Proficient in Stata
- Experience in curriculum development and creation of degree and certificate programs
- Extensive undergraduate and graduate student mentoring
- Significant experience in grant writing and proposal development
- Advanced Spanish language skills
- Substantial global work experiences spanning Latin America, Asia, and Europe