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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2012).

Minor in Development Studies and Social Change.

Dissertation: "Access to Justice, Victims' Rights, and Private Prosecution in Latin America: The Cases of Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico."

Committee: Kathryn Sikkink (advisor), Lisa Hilbink (co-advisor), David Samuels, and Elizabeth Boyle.

B.A. in International Relations, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico City, Mexico (2004).

Thesis: "Military cooperation between Mexico and the US in the 1990s" (graduated with Honorable Mention).

Advisor: María Cristina Rosas.

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-Present. Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice-City University of New York.
- 2012-2019. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice-City University of New York.

### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2025-2026. Deputy Chair. Department of Political Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice-City University of New York.
- 2022-2025. Director of the International Criminal Justice BA Program, John Jay College of Criminal Justice-City University of New York.

## WORKSHOPS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- APSA Institute for Civically Engaged Research. 15, 16, 18, 21, 22 of June of 2021. Virtual. American Political Science Association.
- LSA Early Career Workshop. May 2014. Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Minneapolis, MN.
- Qualitative Comparative Analysis Workshop. January 6-9, 2011. Prof. Charles Ragin. Department of Sociology. University of Arizona.
- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research. May 26-June 9, 2009. Syracuse University, New York.

## HONORS AND PRIZES

- Outstanding Book Award 2020. International Section, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. For the book *Prosecutorial Accountability and Victims' Rights in Latin America* (published in 2018).
- Donal E.J. MacNamara Junior Faculty Award 2018. John Jay College-City University of New York. Award given to junior faculty who have made a significant scholarly contribution in the preceding two years to the fields of criminal justice or criminology.
- Best Journal Article Award 2014. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association. For the article "Human Rights Prosecutions and the Participation Rights of Victims in Latin America" (co-authored with K. Sikkink).
- MacArthur Scholar. 2006-2012. Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, University of Minnesota

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

- Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, United States Department of State (2021-2024). "Accusatorial Transition Report: Western Hemisphere Rule of Law Index and Analysis Program." Role: Principal Investigator (PI) (Co-PIs Deborah Koetzle and Jeff Mellow) (\$840,224.52).
- Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, United States Department of State (2021-2024). "Inmate Survey for the Central American Regional

Security Initiative Western Hemisphere Rule of Law Index and Analysis Program.”  
Role: Senior Advisor (Co-PIs Deborah Koetzle and Jeff Mellow) (\$1,684,194.51).

## **INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS**

### **John Jay College and City University of New York (competitive)**

- Open Access Publication Award (2025). Office for the Advancement of Research-John Jay College (2025, \$3,628.80)
- PSC-CUNY 56 Research Award (2025). Research Foundation-CUNY. “A Global Database for Victims’ Rights.” Role: PI (\$6,000).
- Mid-Career Release Award Program (2023, deferred for 2024) Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College. “Victims, Rights, and Justice.” One course of release time to support research and writing.
- PSC-CUNY 51 Research Award (2020). Research Foundation-CUNY. “Tracing the Fate of Homicide Cases in the Criminal Justice System in Mexico.” Role: PI (\$6,000).
- Enhanced Travel Funding Award (cancelled due to 2020 COVID-19 pandemic). Office for the Advancement of Research at John Jay College.
- Seed Funding Grant Award (2019). Office for the Advancement of Research-John Jay College. (2019, \$1,993).
- PSC-CUNY 50 Research Award (2019). Research Foundation-CUNY. “Emergence and Diffusion of Victims’ Rights in Criminal Procedure Law.” Role: PI (\$5, 935).
- Book Publication Award (2017). Office for the Advancement of Research-John Jay College. Book Publication Funding Program (\$1,000).
- PSC-CUNY 45 Research Award (2014). Research Foundation-CUNY. “Prosecutorial Organs, Institutional Design, and Access to Justice in Europe and Latin America” Role: PI (\$5,838).
- Faculty Fellowship Publication Program (Spring 2014). City University of New York. One course of release time to support research/writing in the semester.
- PSC-CUNY 44 Research Award (2013). Research Foundation-CUNY. “Private Justice: Victims’ Rights and Access to Justice in Latin America. The cases of Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico”. Role: PI (\$5,923).

### **John Jay College (non-competitive)**

- Emergency Funding Grant. Office for the Advancement of Research-John Jay College. Funding to support travel related expenses for Research Assistant. Role: PI; amount requested: \$800 (2022)
- Emergency Funding Grant (2022). Office for the Advancement of Research-John Jay College. Funding to support travel and interpreter services (\$2,874.67)
- Emergency Funding Grant (2021). Office for the Advancement of Research-John Jay College. Funding to support home office supplies for Research Assistants (\$1,250).

### **University of Minnesota (competitive)**

- International Thesis Research Grant (2009). Graduate School, University of Minnesota (\$4,870).
- Pre-dissertation Grant (2009). International Center for the Study of Global Change, University of Minnesota (\$3,000).
- Fellowship. Graduate Research Partnership Program (Summer 2009). College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota (\$3,500).
- Fellowship (Spring 2008). Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.
- Fellowship (Fall 1999). University of California, Berkeley / Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Study abroad program.

### **TRAVEL GRANTS**

- American Society of Criminology Child Care Grant (2024). Travel grant awarded to cover expenses related to childcare while attending the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco (\$200)
- Law and Society Association Child Care Grant (2017). Travel grant awarded to cover expenses related childcare while attending the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Mexico City (\$300).
- Enhanced Travel Funding Award (2014). Office for the Advancement of Research at John Jay College. Travel grant to attend the APSA annual meeting in Washington, D.C.
- William Stewart Travel Award (2014). John Jay College. Travel grant to attend the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Chicago (\$500).

- ISA Travel Grant (2014). Travel grant to attend the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada (\$250).
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (September 2010-May 2011). Graduate School, University of Minnesota (\$22,500).

### **PENDING/UNFUNDED PROPOSALS**

- (pending) Law and Society Association Child Care Grant (2026). Travel grant awarded to cover expenses related to childcare while attending the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Boston.
- (pending) “A Rights is Born: The Emergence and Diffusion of Victims’ Rights” PSC-CUNY 57 (2026). Role: PI.
- (unfunded) “Mini-Conference Rethinking the Legal Complex: Judicial Systems at a Crossroads” 2025 Advance Grant Program. Law and Society Association. Role: PI; amount requested: \$16,875.
- (unfunded) “Partnership to Advance Research and Scientific Evidence”. John Jay College with World Justice Project, the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, and University of Alabama. Role: Co-PI (Co-PI: Peter Romaniuk; amount requested: \$2,887,000 (2024)
- (unfunded) Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. “Reducing Unnecessary and Prolonged Pretrial Detention” John Jay College with Urban Institute and Diálogos. Role: Co-PI; amount requested: \$899,997.88 (2023)
- (unfunded) Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs-Guatemala Office. “Comparative Perspectives on Courts and Criminal Justice: Symposia for Guatemalan Judges.” Role: PI; amount requested: \$20,000 (2022)
- (unfunded) Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs-Panama Office. “Symposium on the Consolidation of the Accusatorial System in Panama.” Role: PI (Co-PI: Jeff Mellow); amount requested: \$109,536.12 (2022)
- (unfunded) CUNY Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies Initiative (BRESI). “Decolonizing the ICJ BA Curriculum.” Role: Co-PI (PI: Rosemary Barberet); amount requested: \$15,000 (2022)
- (unfunded) Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, United States Department of State. “Justice Sector Support Project-Peru” Role: Co-PI (PI: Yuliya Zabyelina); amount requested: \$1,298, 581.45 (2021)

- (unfunded) National Science Foundation. “Defining and Explaining Impunity: Tracing the Fate of Homicide Cases in the Criminal Justice System In Mexico.” Role: PI; amount requested: \$ 417,517.00 USD (2020)
- (unfunded) UNOCD-ROPAN. “Propuesta Técnica para la Evaluación del Funcionamiento del Organo Judicial en el Contexto del Sistema Penal Acusatorio en el Tercer Distrito Judicial de Panamá.” Role: PI; amount requested: \$316,150.71 USD (2019)
- (unfunded) PSC-CUNY 47. “Prosecutorial Discretion and Police Accountability: The Case of the United States.” Role: PI; amount requested: \$5,996 USD (2015)
- (unfunded) PSC-CUNY 46. “Accountability in Cases of Police Killings: A Comparative Analysis.” Role: PI; amount requested: \$11,841 USD (2014)

## **CONSULTING**

- 2012-2015. “The Transitional Justice Research Collaborative” PIs: Leigh Payne and Kathryn Sikkink. University of Minnesota and Oxford University. <https://www.transitionaljusticedata.com/people>

## **GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2011-Spring 2012. Graduate Research Assistant. Project: “The Impact of Transitional Justice” (National Science Foundation, Grant No. 0961226). PIs: Leigh Payne and Kathryn Sikkink.
- Fall 2009. Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Lisa Hilbink at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.
- Fall 2007. Graduate Research Assistant. Project: "Judging for Democracy: Spanish Judges in Comparative Perspective". PI: Lisa Hilbink, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***BOOKS***

- (1) Michel, V. (2018) *Prosecutorial Accountability and Victims’ Rights in Latin America* NY: Cambridge University Press.

Reviews of the book:

- Kapiszewski, D. (2020) “Prosecutorial Accountability and Victims’ Rights in Latin America. By Verónica Michel.” *Perspectives on Politics* 18(1): 316-318.
- Duce J. (2020) “Recensión: Michel, Verónica (2018): Prosecutorial accountability and victim’s rights in Latin America (Cambridge University Press)” *Política Criminal* 15(3): 1057-1063.

### **ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS**

- (2) Michel, V. (forthcoming) “Participating in Criminal Proceedings: A Comparative Review of 17 Latin American Countries” *Special Issue The Yale Law Journal*
- (3) Michel, V. & Shannon D. Walsh (2026) “Adaptation and Nongovernmental Organizations: An Ecological Approach for Understanding NGO-State Interactions in the Struggle to End Violence against Women.” *International Studies Quarterly* 70: 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqaf085>
- (4) Michel, V. (2021) “Institutional Design, Prosecutorial Independence, and Accountability: Lessons from the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG)” *Laws* 10(3): 58. <https://doi.org/10.3390/laws10030058>
- (5) Michel, V. (2020) “Judicial Reform and Legal Opportunity Structure: The Emergence of Strategic Litigation Against Femicide in Mexico” *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* 82: 27-54.
- (6) Michel, V. (2017) “The Role of Prosecutorial Independence and Prosecutorial Accountability in Human Rights Trials” *Journal of Human Rights* 16(2): 193-219. (Early online release on 12/2/2015) DOI: 10.1080/14754835.2015.1113864
- (7) Dancy, Geoff and V. Michel (2016) “Human Rights Enforcement from Below: Private Actors and Human Rights Prosecutions in Europe and Latin America” *International Studies Quarterly* 60(1): 173-188. (Early online release on 08/17/2015). DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/isqu.12209>
- (8) Michel, V. and Kathryn Sikkink (2013) “Human Rights Prosecutions and the Participation Rights of Victims in Latin America” *Law and Society Review* 47(4): 873-907. DOI: 10.1111/lasr.12040

### **CHAPTERS FOR EDITED VOLUMES**

- (9) Michel, V. & S. Galleguillos (forthcoming) "A New Institution is Born: The emergence of the Victims' Defense Office in Panama and Chile." In *Research Handbook on*

*Victims, Rights, and Justice*. Role: Co-editor (with Dr. Robyn Holder and Dr. Alice Bosma).

- (10) Michel, V. (2024) “Las fiscalías en América Latina” In: *Manual de Derecho y Sociedad en América Latina*, edited by Rachel Sieder, Karina Ansolabehere, and Tatiana Alfonso (Colombia: Universidad de los Andes).
- (11) Michel, V. (2019) “Human Rights in Post-Transitional Societies” In: *Human Rights Institutions*, edited by Gord DiGiacomo and Susan Kang (Toronto: University of Toronto Press).
- (12) Michel, V. (2019) “Public Prosecutors’ Offices in Latin America” In: *Handbook of Law and Society in Latin America*, edited by Rachel Sieder, Karina Ansolabehere, and Tatiana Alfonso (NJ: Routledge).

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- (13) Michel, V. (2023) “Book Review: Beyond High Courts: The Justice Complex in Latin America by Ingram, C. Mathew & Kapiszewski, Diana (Eds.)” *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 42(3): 474-475. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/blr.13496>
- (14) Michel, V. (2021) “Book Review: Criminalizing Atrocity: The Global Spread of Criminal Laws against International Crimes by Mark S. Berlin” *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* 15(1): 137-140. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5038/1911-9933.15.1.1825>
- (15) Michel, V. (2019) “Book Review: Mexico’s Human Rights Crisis. Edited by Alejandro Anaya-Muñoz and Barbara Frey. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019)” *International Affairs* 95(5): 1204–1205. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ia/iiz149>
- (16) Michel, V. (2009) “Book Review: Judicial Reform as Political Insurance: Argentina, Peru, and Mexico in the 1990s by Jodi S. Finkel (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2008)” *Political Science Quarterly* 124(2): 379-380.

### **REPORTS**

- (17) Michel, V., Koetzle, D., Mellow, J., Capellán, J., Andrade, L., Fanarraga, I., Galleguillos, S., & Kaufman, I. (2024). *Accusatorial Transition and Inmate Survey Findings: Guatemala*. New York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- (18) Michel, V., Koetzle, D., Mellow, J., Capellán, J., Andrade, L., Fanarraga, I., Galleguillos, S. y Kaufman, I. (2024). *Transición al Sistema Penal Acusatorio y Resultados de la Encuesta a Personas Privadas de Libertad: Guatemala*. Nueva York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

- (19) Michel, V., Koetzle, D., Mellow, J., Capellán, J., Andrade, L., Fanarraga, I., Galleguillos, S., & Kaufman, I. (2024). *Accusatorial Transition and Inmate Survey Findings: Panama*. New York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- (20) Michel, V., Koetzle, D., Mellow, J., Capellán, J., Andrade, L., Fanarraga, I., Galleguillos, S. y Kaufman, I. (2024). *Transición al Sistema Penal Acusatorio y Resultados de la Encuesta a Personas Privadas de Libertad: Panamá*. Nueva York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- (21) Koetzle, D., Mellow, Michel, V., Andrade, L., Fanarraga, I., Galleguillos, S., & Kaufman, I. (2024). *Accusatorial Transition and Inmate Survey Findings: Honduras*. New York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- (22) Koetzle, D., Mellow, J., Michel, V., Andrade, L., Fanarraga, I., Galleguillos, S. y Kaufman, I. (2024). *Transición al Sistema Penal Acusatorio y Resultados de la Encuesta a Personas Privadas de Libertad: Honduras*. Nueva York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

### ***PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP***

- (23) (August 31, 2015) “To indict, or not to indict” *OpenDemocracy*. Available at: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/veronica-michel/to-indict-or-not-to-indict>
- (24) (January 20, 2015) “Mexico’s Crisis: Between Accountability and Criminal Responsibility.” *OpenDemocracy*. Available at: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/open-security/veronica-michel/mexico-s-crisis-between-accountability-and-criminal-responsibility>

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

#### ***ARTICLES FOR REFEREED JOURNALS***

- “The Evolution of Non-Governmental Organizations in their Quest to End Femicide in Latin America” co-authored with Shannon Drysdale Walsh. *Revise and Resubmit* (Submitted for review on August 2024).
- “The failed promise of faster procedures: prosecution, plea bargains, and cracked trials in Panama” co-authored with Sebastian Galleguillos. In preparation for review.
- “Provisional Detention: The failure of pretrial detention in Guatemala.” Co-authored with Sebastian Galleguillos. In preparation for review.
- “Public Defense and Perceptions of Procedural Justice in Central America.” Co-authored with Sebastián Galleguillos. In preparation for review.

- “Rethinking Judicial and Prosecutorial Independence: State Capture and Democratic Backsliding” (co-authored with Adriana García). Writing in progress.
- “Survey Design and Methodology: Inmate Perceptions of Procedural Justice and Correctional Standards of Care Survey.” Writing in progress. Co-authored with Deborah Koetzle and Jeff Mellow.

### ***BOOK MANUSCRIPTS***

- *Research Handbook on Victims, Rights, and Justice*. Role: Co-editor (with Dr. Robyn Holder and Dr. Alice Bosma). In contract with Edward Elgar Publishing. Expected submission of complete manuscript by August 2026. Expected publication by 2026.
- “The Emergence and Diffusion of Victims’ Rights”. In preparation for review.
- *Learn to Learn*. I am working on the translation of a very successful book (14 editions) written by Guillermo Michel entitled “Aprende a Aprender” (permission already granted by Editorial Trillas for the translation). This book provides simple advice for students to learn how to study and learn.

### **PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

#### ***PRESENTATIONS***

- (forthcoming 2026) “Rethinking Judicial and Prosecutorial Independence: State Capture and Democratic Backsliding” (co-authored with Adriana García) paper to be presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association* in San Francisco, CA. May, 2026.
- (forthcoming 2026) “Adaptation and Non-Governmental Organizations: NGO Change & Fragile Democracies” (co-authored with Shannon Walsh) paper to be presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association* in Boston, MA. September, 2026.
- (2025) “An Institution is Born: The Victim Defenders Office” (co-authored with Sebastián Galleguillos) paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association* in Chicago, IL. May 22, 2025.
- (2025) “Perceptions of Procedural Justice among Individuals in Prison in Guatemala and Honduras” (co-authored with Deborah Koetzle and Jeff Mellow) paper presented at

the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*. San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 11, 2025.

- (2024) “Guilty plea or coercion to guilt? Experiences with plea bargain in Panama,” (co-authored with Sebastián Galleguillos) paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology* in San Francisco, CA. November 14, 2024.
- (2024) “Overview: Experiences in Prison in Guatemala,” (co-authored with Deborah Koetzle, Jeff Mellow, Irina Fanarraga, Sebastián Galleguillos, Joel Capellan and Laura Andrade) paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology* in San Francisco, CA. November 13, 2024.
- (2024) “Perceptions of Procedural Justice in Prisons in Guatemala,” (co-authored with Deborah Koetzle and Jeff Mellow) paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology* in San Francisco, CA. November 13, 2024.
- (2024) “The failure and success of institutionalizing victims’ rights: the case of the Victim Defender’s Office in Chile and Panama,” (co-authored with Sebastian Galleguillos) paper presented at the at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association* in Denver, CO. June 2024.
- (2024) “Fear and Knowledge among Incarcerated People in Panama and Guatemala about COVID-19” (co-authored with Sebastián Galleguillos, Irina Fanarraga, Deborah Koetzle, Jeff Mellow, Joel Capellán, and Laura Andrade), paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* in Chicago, IL. March 22, 2024.
- (2023) “The Inmate Perceptions of Procedural Justice and Correctional Standards of Care Survey: Results from Panama” (co-authored with Deborah Koetzle, Jeff Mellow, Irina Fanarraga, Joel Capellan, and Laura Andrade), paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology* in Philadelphia, PA. November 16, 2023.
- (2023) “On the Origin of Hybrid NGOs: NGOs, the State, and Femicide in Latin America,” (co-authored with Shannon D. Walsh), paper presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* in Los Angeles, CA (virtual participation). August 31, 2023.
- (2022) “Introducing the Inmate Perceptions of Procedural Justice and Correctional Standards of Care Survey,” (co-authored with Deborah Koetzle, Jeff Mellow, Laura Andrade, and Joel Capellan), paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology* in Atlanta, GA. November 7, 2022.
- (2022) “Institutionalizing Rights: The Emergence of the Victims’ Defense Office in Panama”, paper co-authored with Sebastián Galleguillos presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association* in Lisbon, Portugal. July 13, 2022.

- (2021) “The impact of criminal justice reforms on perceptions of procedural justice in Central America,” (co-authored with Ian Kaufman, Deborah Koetzle, and Jeff Mellow), I-poster presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (virtual participation). September 30, 2021.
- (2021) “Specialized Justice in Plural Societies: NGOs and Violence Against Women Laws,” (co-authored with Shannon Drysdale Walsh), paper presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (virtual participation). October 3, 2021.
- (2021) “The Changing Roles of NGOs and the Crusade to End Femicide: Tales from Two Cities” (co-authored with Shannon Drysdale Walsh), paper presented at the *Virtual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association*. May 28, 2021.
- (2021) “The Emergence and Expansion of Victims’ Rights: Preliminary Evidence from Europe and Latin America,” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association* (virtual congress). May 27, 2021.
- (2019) “Fractured Justice: Federalism and Access to Justice in Mexico,” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*. Washington, DC. June 1, 2019.
- (2018) “Specializing Justice: NGOs and the Rule of Law in Latin America,” co-authored with Shannon Drysdale Walsh, paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association* in Boston, MA. August 1, 2018.
- (2018) “The Emergence and Diffusion of Victims’ Rights in Latin America”, paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, San Francisco, California. April 5, 2018.
- (2017) “Killing Two Birds With One Stone: Fighting Femicide and Improving Prosecutorial Accountability Through Legal Mobilization,” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Mexico City, Mexico. June 21, 2017.
- (2016) “The Public Prosecutor’s Office and Rule of Law in Latin America,” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association*, New York, NY. May 28, 2016.
- (2015) “Sins of Omission or Commission? Impunity, the Public Prosecutor’s Office, and Judicial Responsiveness in Latin America,” paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Seattle, WA. May 28, 2015.
- (2015) “Judicial Reform from Abroad? Exploring the Role of Foreign Aid in the Diffusion of Reforms in Latin America,” paper presented at the *Annual Convention of*

*the International Studies Association*, New Orleans. February 18, 2015.

- (2014) “Explaining Human Rights Accountability Efforts: Lessons from Latin America,” paper presented at the *Eleventh Biennial International Conference on The Rule of Law in an Era of Change: Security, Social Justice and Inclusive Governance*, organized by John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Center for Security Studies at the Greek Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, Athens, Greece. June 14, 2014.
- (2014) “The Impact of Victims’ Rights and Domestic Procedural Law in Human Rights Prosecutions in Europe and Latin America: A Cross-Regional Comparison,” co-authored with Geoff Dancy, paper presented at the *2014 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Minneapolis, MN. May 30, 2014.
- (2014) “Judicial Reform and Access to Justice: The Impact of Institutional Design on Human Rights Prosecutions in Latin America,” paper presented at the *2014 Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association*, Chicago, IL. May 22, 2014.
- (2014) “Exploring the Impact of Prosecutorial Institutional Design in Anti-Corruption Efforts in Europe,” paper co-authored with undergraduate research assistant Michael Segnan, presented at the *2014 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, Woodstock, VT. April 25, 2014.
- (2014) “Gatekeepers to Justice: The Institutional Design of the Public Prosecutor’s Office and Its Effects on Human Rights Prosecutions in Latin America,” paper presented at the *2014 International Studies Association Annual Convention*, Toronto, Canada. March 26, 2014.
- (2013) “Fighting impunity from below: the role of domestic procedural law in human rights prosecutions in Latin America” coauthored with Geoff Dancy, presented at the *2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois. August 30, 2013.
- (2013) “Will by Design? Exploring the Impact of the Institutional Design of the Public Prosecutor’s Office in Human Rights Prosecutions in Latin America” presented at the *2013 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Boston, MA. June 2, 2013.
- (2013) “Institutional Design of the Public Prosecutor’s Office in Latin America” presented at the *2013 Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association*, Washington, DC. May 31, 2013.
- (2012) “Considering Private and Public Prosecutions in Human Rights Trials” coauthored with Kathryn Sikkink, presented at the *2012 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Honolulu, Hawaii. June 7, 2012.

- (2012) “A Chicken and the Egg Dilemma? Understanding the Relationship between the Rule of Law and Transitional Justice Accountability Mechanisms” presented at the *2012 International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Diego, California. April 2, 2012.
- (2011) “Fighting Against Impunity: Law as a Tool for Social Movements in Chihuahua, Mexico” presented at the *2011 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, San Francisco, California. June 4, 2011.
- (2010) “From Witness to Right Bearer: The Idea of the Victim in Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico” presented at the *2010 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Chicago, Illinois. May 30, 2010.
- (2010) “The Role of NGOs in the Private Prosecution of Criminal Offenses in Guatemala” presented at the *68th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, IL. April 22, 2010.
- (2010) “Epistemic Networks and the Diffusion of Legal Institutions: The Case of Private Prosecution in Chile, Guatemala and Mexico” presented at the *2010 International Studies Association Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA. February 18, 2010.
- (2007) “Aid and Judicial Reform in Latin America” presented at the *Conference Responses to Atrocity: International and Domestic Judicial Mechanisms & Transitional Justice Theory Building: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches*, University of Wisconsin Law School. April 21, 2007.

#### **PANELS CHAIRED/ORGANIZED**

- (2025) “Roundtable: Victims, Rights, and Justice.” Chair and organizer. *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association* in Chicago, IL. May 23, 2025.
- (2025) “Authors’ Workshops I and II for Contributors to the Research Handbook on Victims, Rights, and Justice.” Virtual. February 5 and February 6, 2025.
- (2024) “From paper to practice: the rights of victims in comparative perspective.” Organizer. *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association* in Denver, CO. June 6, 2024.
- (2020) “Roundtable: Conceptualizing Impunity.” Chair and organizer. *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Virtual. September 10, 2020.

- (2019) “Author Meets Reader: “Prosecutorial Accountability and Victims’ Rights in Latin America”. Panel organizer. *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Washington, DC. May 31, 2019.
- (2018) “How to Judge Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Violations.” Panel chair. *2018 International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Francisco, CA. April 5, 2018.
- (2015) “Understanding Judicial Responsiveness in Comparative Perspective.” Panel organizer. *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Seattle, WA. May 28, 2015.
- (2015) “Taking Stock with Sikkink’s Theoretical Work: Actors and the Internalization of Norms.” Panel organizer. *2015 International Studies Association Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA. February 18, 2015.
- (2014) “Transitional Justice and Traditional Forms of Accountability: The Transitional Justice Research Collaborative Session I” and “Transitional Justice and Alternative Forms of Accountability: The Transitional Justice Research Collaborative Session II.” Panel organizer. *2014 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Minneapolis, MN. May 30, 2014.
- (2013) “Book Launch: Memory and Transitional Justice in Argentina and Uruguay. Against Impunity by Franscesca Lessa.” Panel chair and panel organizer. John Jay College of Criminal Justice-CUNY. May 23, 2013.
- (2012) “Transitional Justice Data Base Project.” Panel chair. The Oak Foundation, the Oxford University John Fell Fund, the Planethood Foundation, and the AHRC/NSF Collaborative Research Grant. Oxford, UK. June 28-29, 2012.

### **INVITED TALKS**

- “Strategies by NGOs in the struggle against femicide in Central America.” Talk prepared for the *Femicide Roundtable and Performance*, organized by the Anya and Andrew Shiva Gallery at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. New York, NY (October 15, 2025).
- “La lucha por el acceso a la justicia en América Latina.” Talk requested by the Institute for Training and Development for a group of Central American students, delivered at John Jay College, New York, NY (July, 25, 2025).

- “Victim Representation in Latin America.” Talk prepared for the Conference *Juries in the Americas: Variation and Change*, organized by Northeastern Pritzker School of Law and the American Bar Foundation. Chicago, IL (May 21, 2025).
- “Mexico’s Judicial Reform: Reflections on its Impact on Rule of Law.” Talk prepared for the *Virtual Panel on Mexico’s Judicial Reform* hosted by the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies and Mexico Studies Program at Harvard University, Boston, MA (November 12, 2024)
- “Los Derechos Humanos y Acceso a la Justicia en América Latina.” Talk requested by the Institute for Training and Development for a group of Central American students, delivered at John Jay College, New York, NY ( July 26, 2024).
- “From Witness to Participant: The Victim of Crime in Latin America.” Presentation given at the *Conference on Prosecution in the Americas: Emerging studies, policies, and opportunities* at Rutgers University, Newark, NJ (November 2-3, 2023).
- “Los derechos de las víctimas en perspectiva comparada.” Presentation given at the *Seminar on Restorative Justice (Seminario Justicia Restaurativa: Desafíos para el Sistema Penal)* at the Centro de Estudios de Derecho Penal, Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales, Universidad de Talca. Santiago, Chile (December 1, 2022).
- “The Emergence and Evolution of Victims’ Rights: Preliminary Evidence from Europe and Latin America.” Presentation in *Speaker Series Fall 2022* at the American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (October 26, 2022).
- “Tracing the emergence of Victims’ Rights in Europe and Latin America.” Presentation given at the *Political Science Brown Bag Series Fall 2022* at John Jay College (October 14, 2022).
- “Justicia Procedimental y Reforma Procesal Penal.” Presentation given to a visiting group of scholars from the Oral Advocacy Skill-Building Immersion Seminar (OASIS) of the University of San Diego, at John Jay College (December 8, 2021).
- “Requerimientos de una Política Criminal integral frente a los derechos de los procesados y las víctimas.” Conferencia Magistral (virtual format). *Congreso Internacional para la Prevención Social de la Violencia y la Delincuencia* (November 18, 2021).
- “El Diseño de una Política de Persecución Penal Integral.” Presentation given at the Auditorio Harmodio Arias del Colegio Nacional de Abogados, Ciudad de Panamá, Panama (November 11, 2021).

- “Book Talk: Prosecutorial Accountability and Victims’ Rights in Latin America” organized by the Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College (webinar format, available here: <https://youtu.be/HWoXY5X2XPs>) (November 11, 2020).
- “Case Selection: Reflections from my research” invited by Prof. Lynda Dodd to give a talk in her undergraduate class on qualitative methods at the School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (virtual format; October 14, 2020).
- “Criminal Procedure Reform, Public Prosecutor’s Office and Victims’ Rights” presentation given to a delegation from the Organization of American States, John Jay College, New York, NY (December 12, 2018).
- “Specializing Justice: Femicide, NGOs, and Access to Justice in Latin America,” draft manuscript presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, Graduate Center-CUNY (September 12, 2018).
- Course on “Social Prevention, Courts, and Prosecution,” January 8-12, 2018, San Salvador, El Salvador. Academia para el Análisis de Seguridad (USAID) <https://www.aas.jjay.cuny.edu/eng>
- “Diseño Institucional, Rendición de Cuentas, y Derechos Humanos en Ministerios Públicos,” videoconference given at the Centro de Investigación para el Desarrollo (CIDAC), Mexico City, Mexico (virtual; May 12, 2017).
- “Private Justice: Prosecutorial Accountability and Access to Justice in Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico,” presentation at the Columbia Seminar on Law and Politics, Columbia University, New York, NY (April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015).
- “Private Justice: Prosecutorial Accountability and Access to Justice in Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico,” paper presentation at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut (March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015).

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- Press interview regarding our research on the consolidation of the adversarial system in Panama (September 2, 2022): <http://elsiglo.com.pa/panama/defensoria-investiga-sobre-jhon-college-nueva-york/24208566>
- Press interview regarding the progress of the prison survey in Panama ( August 23, 2022): <https://www.panamaamerica.com.pa/judicial/que-impacto-ha-tenido-la-entrada-en-vigencia-del-spa-en-los-centros-penitenciarios-de>

- TV interview in Spanish for Telemundo20 Noticias San Diego on freedom of expression in the US (January 10, 2021): <https://www.telemundo20.com/noticias/local/viola-facebook-y-twitter-el-derecho-de-libre-expresion-del-presidente-trump-al-bloquear-sus-cuentas/2084319/>
- TV interview in Spanish for Telemundo20 Noticias San Diego on the impeachment process (January 11, 2021): <https://www.telemundo20.com/noticias/local/expertos-ven-poco-factible-que-trump-sea-expulsado-de-casa-blanca/2084635/>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Center-CUNY**

- PSC86408 “Rule of Law and Accountability in International Relations”

### **John Jay College of Criminal Justice-CUNY**

- POL259 “Comparative Criminal Justice Systems” (undergraduate)
- POL320 “International Human Rights” (undergraduate)
- POL385/POL386 “Supervised Undergraduate Research Experience” (undergraduate)
- POL409 “Colloquium for Research in Government and Politics” (undergraduate)
- ICJ310 “Foundations of Scholarship in International Criminal Justice” (undergraduate)
- ICJ401 “Capstone Seminar in International Criminal Justice” (undergraduate)
- ICJ715 “Research Methods in International Crime and Justice” (graduate)
- ICJ702 “Comparative Criminal Justice Systems” (graduate)
- HR702 “Human Rights: International and Domestic Legal Frameworks” (graduate)
- ICJ770 “Capstone in International Crime and Justice” (graduate)
- ICJ771: Thesis (graduate)

### ***Teaching Assistant***

- Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota Fall 2006-Spring 2010
- Asistente de Profesor, UNAM, México January 2001-May 2002

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

- External reader (2019-2021). María de Lourdes Velasco Domínguez, “La Incidencia de la Interacción de Actores Societales, Políticos y Operadores en la Procuración de Justicia: El Caso de la Judicialización de Homicidios y Femicidios en México a Nivel Subnacional de 2013 a 2018”. PhD in Social Sciences. FLACSO-México.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- American Political Science Association (member since 2004).
- International Studies Association (member since 2008).
- Law and Society Association (member since 2010).
- Latin American Studies Association (member since 2012).
- Pi Sigma Alpha. The Political Science Honor Society (member since 2014).
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (member in 2019).
- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) (member in 2016).
- International Political Science Association (member in 2009).

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### ***DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE***

- Academic Freedom Committee (Fall 2025-Spring 2026).
- Personnel and Budget Committee (Fall 2025-Spring 2026).
- International Criminal Justice Search Committee. Member (Spring 2024, Fall 2024)
- Comparative Politics/International Relations Search Committee. Member (Fall 2022)
- Grade Appeals Committee. Political Science. Member (Fall 2022-Spring 2023, Fall 2024-Spring 2025).
- Grade Appeals Committee. ICJ MA Program. Member (Fall 2024-Spring 2025).
- Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter Advisor (Fall 2013-Spring 2020).
- Lecturer Search Committee. Member (Fall 2019).
- International Crime and Justice Curriculum Committee (Fall 2019-Spring 2020).
- Law and Society Search Committee. Member (Fall 2018).
- Personnel and Budget Committee. Member (Fall 2019-Spring 2020).
- Law and Society Major Co-coordinator (Fall 2017-Spring 2018).
- Departmental Retreat Committee (Spring 2018).
- Political Science Student Association Club Advisor. (Fall 2015-Spring 2017; Spring 2018-Spring 2020).
- Political Science Brown Bag Series. Organizer (Fall 2015-Spring 2017).
- Curriculum Committee. Member (Fall 2014-Spring 2015). Chair (Fall 2015-Spring 2017).
- Departmental Twitter account editor (Fall 2016-Spring 2017).
- Departmental Facebook webpage editor (Fall 2012-Spring 2017).
- Comparative Politics Search Committee. Member (Fall 2013).

### ***COLLEGE SERVICE***

- Research Advisory Council. Office for the Advancement of Research. Member (Fall 2023-Spring 2026).
- Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee at John Jay College. Member (Fall 2015-Spring 2017; September 2022-May 2025).
- Academic Standards Subcommittee at John Jay College (Fall 2015-Spring 2017).
- International Programs Committee at John Jay College (Fall 2013-Spring 2014).

### ***UNIVERSITY SERVICE***

- Reviewed grant proposals for PSC-CUNY.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Mentor in the Mentoring Program (August 2024-August 2025) of the American Political Science Association.
- Council Member of the Pi Sigma Alpha National Office (August 2020-August 2024).
  - Member of the Committee for the Best Undergraduate Paper, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2019-2020 (September 2021)
  - Chair of Pi Sigma Alpha's McManus Washington Internship Scholarship (2022)
- Member of the Service Award Committee of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2021)
- Member of the *Justice System Journal's* Editorial Board (since 2019)
- Journal reviewer:
  - *Comparative Political Studies*
  - *Law and Society Review*
  - *Law and Society Inquiry*
  - *International Studies Quarterly*
  - *Feminist Criminology*
  - *Política y Gobierno*
  - *Colombia International*
  - *Perspectives on Politics*
  - *International Journal of Human Rights*
- Book manuscript reviewer:
  - Oxford University Press
  - Cambridge University Press
  - SUNY Press
  - FLACSO-México
- Reviewed grant proposals for the National Science Foundation.

### **LANGUAGES**

- **Spanish:** Native.
- **English:** Fluent.

- **French:** Reading proficiency (*Certificat Elementaire de la Langue Française*).
- **Portuguese:** Reading proficiency, limited speaking proficiency.
- **German:** Limited reading proficiency (intensive courses at the Berlitz Institute in Basel, Switzerland, April-July 2002).