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### **Education**

- 2007            Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago.  
Dissertation: “*Latinos in Chicago: A Strategy Towards Political Empowerment (1975-2003)*.”  
Committee: Dick Simpson (Chair), Louis DeSipio (UCI), Michael Dawson (University of Chicago), Dennis Judd (UIC).
- 1991            B.A., *Political Science*. University of California at San Diego.

### **Grants and Awards**

- 2015-2016      URAP Fellowship, Office of Undergraduate Research Grants, Office of the Provost, Northwestern University
- 2012-2013      NU Public Voices Fellowship, The Op-Ed Project, Northwestern University
- 2013-2014      URAP Fellowship, Office of Undergraduate Research Grants, Office of the Provost, Northwestern University
- 2010-2011      ASG Faculty-Administrator Honor Roll, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University
- 2007-2008      ASG Faculty-Administrator Honor Roll, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University
- 2001-2004      The Joyce Foundation (with Principal Investigator-Michael Dawson), “*The Chicago Democracy Project*” \$148,000 to design twenty-five year (1975-2005) longitudinal political database on the City of Chicago. Grant ID#22133.

### **Professional Experience**

- 2010-present    *Faculty Director*, Posner Undergraduate Research Program, Weinberg College, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2010-present    *Faculty Associate*, Latino/a Studies Program, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2009-2013      *Research Associate*, Building Resilient Regions: The Immigrant Challenge-Case Study of Immigration in the Chicago Region, UC Berkeley and CUNY The Graduate Center.
- 2007-present    *College Adviser and Lecturer*, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

- 2005-2006 *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science, DePaul University, Chicago, IL. Taught American Government, State and Local Politics, Urban Politics Seminar (Honors Program), Latino Politics.
- 2002-2004 *Research Fellow*, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, University of Chicago. Analyzed preliminary CDP data, presented scholarly paper at the Race Center Colloquium, and managed the CDP research team.
- 2000-2001 *Project Developer*, The Chicago Democracy Project (CDP), Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, University of Chicago. Developed the CDP concept, wrote the grant proposal for the CDP and performed data collection and data entry duties.

## Publications

“Machine Matters: The Politics of Immigrant Integration in the Chicago Metro Area” in John Mollenkopf and Manuel Pastor Jr., *Unsettled Americans: Metropolitan Context and Civic Leadership for Immigrant Integration*, Cornell University Press, 2016.

*Op-ed*, Rauner’s State of the State Address Gets a “meh” from these two prof’s, Crains Business Chicago, January 29, 2016.

*Op-ed*, Latino High School Grads Entering College At Record Rate, Alternet.org, June 6, 2013

*Op-ed*, Latino voices missing in US media: It's time to weigh in, Al Jazeera USA, April 2, 2013

*Op-ed*, Sleeping Giant No Longer, Huffington Post, Latino Voices, November 12, 2012.

“Illinois Latinos in the 2004 Election: The Waiting Game Continues,” in Louis DeSipio and Rodolfo De la Garza, *Beyond the Barrio: Latinos and the 2004 Elections*. South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press (2010).

## Professional Presentations

*Chair and Discussant*, It’s Where You’re From That Matters: Geography Informing the Political, Race and Ethnic Politics Division, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

*Chair and Discussant*, Diversities in American Cities, Urban Politics Division, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA.

*The Illinois 2008 Presidential Elections: Unscrambling the Latino Vote*, Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 6-9, 2013.

*Discussant*, Racial Politics and Coalitions in Cities, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2012, New Orleans, LA.

*Chair*, Who Counts? Race and the Politics of Classification, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

*The Transformation of Immigrant Politics in the Chicago Metro Area: Institutional Building and Cooperation*, Paper delivered at the American Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 30-September 1, 2012.

*Discussant*, Immigrant Politics in States and Cities (25-6), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011.

*Discussant*, Immigrant Rights, Felons Rights and the Politics of Inclusion (32-3), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011.

*“Neither Here nor There: The Rise and Fall of Chi-City's Hispanic Democratic Organization.”* Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, September 3, 2010.

*“Illinois Latinos and Obama: A Comparative Analysis of the 2004 and 2008 Elections.”* Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, September 3, 2009.

*“Latinos and Obama: An Electorate in Transition in the 2008 Elections.”* Paper presented at the Latinos and the 2008 Elections conference at the University of Texas, Department of Political Science, April 24-25, Austin, TX.

*“No Longer Black and White: The New Racial Politics in Chicago.”* Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA August 28, 2008.

*“Redefining the Urban Paradigm: Inter-Minority Relations in the Windy City.”* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2008.

*“Illinois Latinos in the 2004 Elections: The Waiting Game Continues.”* Paper presented at the Latinos in the 2004 Elections conference at the University of Texas Law School, February 2005.

### **Other Presentations/Media Appearances**

*Panelist*, WBEZ Morning Shift, Will Tim Kaine's fluency in Spanish resonate with Latino/a voters? WBEZ Studios, July 28, 2016.

*Panelist*, The Future of Latinos in the U.S.: Law, Opportunity and Mobility, American Bar Foundation, Northwestern University, June 5-6, 2016.

*Panelist*, Chicago Tonight, 2016 Presidential Primary Election Analysis, PBS Studios, Chicago, IL, February 10, 2016.

*Panelist*, WBEZ Afternoon Shift, Gov. Rauner's State of the State Address, WBEZ Studios, January 29, 2015.

*Panelist*, Chicago Latino Voters and the 2015 Mayoral Runoff, Univision Studios, March 23, 2015.

*Panelist, Fox Sunday Show, 2015 Chicago Mayoral Election, Chicago, IL, March 27, 2015.*

*Panelist, Fox News Chicago, 2014 Election Night Coverage, Chicago, IL, April 8, 2015.*

*Panelist, WBEZ Afternoon Shift, Will the Latino Vote Decide the Mayor's Race? WBEZ Studios, March 25, 2015.*

*Panelist, Chicago Tonight, 2014 Midterm Election Analysis, PBS Studios, Chicago, IL, November 14, 2014.*

*Panelist, Fox News Chicago, 2014 Election Night Coverage, Chicago, IL, November 14, 2014.*

*Panelist, Zocalo Public Square.org, What Would Immigration Reform Mean for Chicago, Chicago Cultural Center, June 18, 2013.*

*Panelist, In the Loop, WYCC Studios, March 14, 2013.*

*Panelist, Chicago Tonight, 2012 Congressional and National Election Analysis, PBS Studios, Chicago, IL, November 7, 2012.*

*Panelist, PBS Post Election 2012 Analysis, WYCC Studios, November 8, 2012, Chicago, IL,*

*Panelist, WBEZ Afternoon Shift, A Conversation on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, WBEZ Studios, October 19, 2012.*

*Moderator, Latino Politics and Immigration, April 13, 2012, Latin@Chicago 2011-2012 Speaker Series, Northwestern University, Latino/a Studies Program.*

*Moderator, YO VOTO! The Importance of the Latino Vote in 2012, Latin@Chicago 2011-2012 Speaker Series, Northwestern University, October 26, 2012.*

*Interview, "Chicago, Latinos and the NATO Summit," Telemundo's 10pm news telecast, Chicago, IL, April 2012,*

*Presenter, "The Politics of Immigrant Integration Efforts in Metro Chicago." Department of Political Science, Faculty Seminar Speaker Series (INPUT), Evanston, IL, April 26, 2012.*

*Presenter, "Emerging from the Shadows: The Rise and Fall of the Hispanic Democratic Organization." Multicultural Student Affairs Faculty Speaker Series, Evanston, IL, October 23, 2011.*

*Panel Discussant, "Obama and Latinos," WBEZ's Best Game in Town conversation series, WBEZ Studios, Chicago, IL, February 7, 2011.*

*Presenter*, “Immerse Yourself: A College Symposium.” Taught a seminar entitled Racial Politics in the Windy City, Weinberg College, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

*Discussant*, A Panel on the Obama Presidency.” Sponsored by the Graduate School at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April 2009.

*Chair*: “Race, Representations, and Political Communication.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2007.

*Discussant*: “Latino Representation in State Legislatures” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2005, Chicago, IL.

*Panelist*, “Black and Latino Relations in Chicago: Conflict or Partnership?” the National-Louis University, Chicago, Illinois. Lecture series on Chicago: The Global City, cosponsored by Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University Chicago, and DePaul University, February 21, 2005.

#### **University and Departmental Service**

2016 Farrell Fellowship, Chicago Democracy Project 2.0, Dept. of Political Science  
2015-2016 Change Makers Diversity Initiative, NU Women’s Center, Northwestern University  
2015-2016 Chicago Politics Speaker Series Workshop  
2013-2015 NU Undergraduate Research Grants Review Committee, Office of the Provost  
2016-present 1<sup>st</sup> Year Committee  
2014-present Study Abroad Committee  
2014-present Assessment Committee  
2014-present Weinberg First-Year Assessment Committee  
2012-2016 LLSP Faculty Governing Committee  
2010-present Faculty Director, Posner Research Fellows Program (WCAS)  
2007-present Associate Faculty Master, Cultural and Community Studies Residential Hall  
2007-present NU Faculty Governing Board Latino/a Studies Program  
2007-present Academic Mentoring Project  
2007-2008 WCAS Davee Fellows Program

#### **Courses Taught**

Latino Politics Seminar (Northwestern University)  
Civic Integration and Leadership: Windy City Style (Chicago Field Studies)  
Redefining the Urban Paradigm (Northwestern University)  
Latino Politics in the U.S. (University of Illinois at Chicago)  
Introduction to American Government (DePaul University)  
State and Local Politics (DePaul University)  
The Urban Experience (Honors Program, DePaul University)  
Introduction to Latino Studies (Northwestern University)  
Latino Politics in the U.S. (University of Chicago)

#### **Research Interests**

Minority and Ethnic Politics  
Latino and Urban Politics & Immigrant Integration

Race and Citizenship

**Memberships**

Urban Affairs Association

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association