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## Education

- University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
  - **Doctor of Philosophy** – Political Science, August 2005  
Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics-Latin America, American Studies  
*Dissertation: A Comparative State Analysis of Professional Boxing Regulations*
  - **Master of Arts** - Political Science, May 1996
- University of California, Irvine, CA.
  - **Bachelor of Arts** - Political Science, June 1994

## Courses Taught

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS), 1994-Present  
Political Science & Latin American Studies

### *General*

- Introduction to U.S. Politics
- Latin American Politics and Society
- Political Dynamics of Latin America
- International Studies

### *Specialized*

- Interest Group Politics
- Latin America-U.S. Relations
- Argentine Politics and Society
- Sports & Politics in Latin America
- Leftist Politics in Latin America

## Scholarly Publications

### *Books*

- The Regulation of Boxing: A History and Comparative Analysis Among American States (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) 2009
- Politics & Sports: Boxing in Latin America and the U.S. Latino Community (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.) Under Contract. Forthcoming, 2010

### *Articles*

- “Sports Metaphors in Political Cartoons” in Proceedings of the XIIIth International Congress of European Sport History (Lorient, France) Forthcoming, 2009
- “Generals and Goals: Nationalism and Sports in Argentina” in Sport and The Construction of Identities (Vienna, Austria: Verlag Turia & Kant) 2007

- “The Chicano Movement Literature: A Book Review Essay” in *MKN Journal: Promoting Educational Opportunities* (Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska) Volume 2, Issue 1, 2004
- “Nationalism and Sport: The Case of the 1978 World Cup” in VII International Scientific Congress: Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All Conference Proceedings (Moscow, Russia) Volume 1, 2003 195-196
- “Newspaper Media Representations of the Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney Heavyweight Championship Boxing Match” in VII International Scientific Congress: Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All Conference Proceedings (Moscow, Russia) Volume 1, 2003 196-197
- “Reading Muhammad Ali: Sports, Athletes and Personality in the Transitional Epoch” *Slobozhansky Science and Sport Journal* (Kharkiv, Ukraine) Volume 2, 1999

### **Academic Conference Presentations**

- “Sports Metaphors in Political Cartoons”  
2007 XIIth International Congress of European Sport History (Lorient, France)  
Co-Author Allyson Flaster
- “Generals and Goals: Nationalism and Sport in Argentina”  
2006 XIth International Congress of European Sport History (Vienna, Austria)
- “Dale Campeón! Sports in Argentina”  
2005 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
- “Nationalism and Sport in Post-Soviet Ukraine”  
2004 University of Helsinki Aleksanteri Conference "Democracy in Russia and the CIS Concepts, Challenges and Visions" (Helsinki, Finland)
- “Nationalism and Sport: The Case of the 1978 World Cup”  
2003 Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport and Tourism (Moscow, Russia) VII International Scientific Congress “Modern Olympic Sport and Sport for All”  
2003 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series
- “Shaking Up the World: Muhammad Ali in the 1960s”  
2000 University of Kansas Second Annual American Studies Graduate Student Conference
- “Western European Immigration to Argentina”  
1994 University of California, Irvine Pre-graduate Mentorship Symposium
- “U.S.-South American Relations”  
1994 United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, Maryland) Foreign Affairs Conference

- “Hispanics in Congress”  
1993 University of California, Irvine Summer Academic Enrichment Program

### **Service**

- 2007, 2008 Member of University of Kansas Master’s Thesis committees:
  - Grant Blanchon, Latin American Studies
  - Katherine J. Acosta, International Studies
  - Nguvitjita Kahiha, International Studies
  - Vincent L. Edwards, Journalism & Mass Communications
  - Carlos R. Centeno-Lairet, International Studies
- 2006-2008 Member of the KU Latino Studies Minor Committee
- 2003-2004 Editor, *MKN Journal: Promoting Educational Opportunities*
- 1998-2003 Advisor to Sigma Lambda Beta (Latino) Fraternity (KU Chapter)
- 1998, 1999 Mentor in the KU Bridge (TRIO) Program
- 1998 Member of the planning committee for the inaugural KU *Symposium on the Recruitment and Retention of Students of Color*
- 1998 Mentor in the KU Office of Multicultural Affairs Project Outreach Program
- 1994 Served as Secretary General of the UC Irvine Model United Nations Conference

### **Assistantships and Honors**

- 2003-2008 Awarded University of Kansas Language Across the Curriculum (KULAC) Teaching Grant
- 2003, 2004 Awarded University of Kansas Graduate School Paper Presenter Travel Grant
- 2003 Awarded University of Kansas Political Science Department Thompson Fund Conference Travel Grant
- 1996 Inducted to Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)
- 1995 Selected for KU Study Abroad Summer Language Institute at Kanagawa University (Hiratsuka, Japan)
- 1994-1996 Awarded University of Kansas Minority Graduate Teaching Assistantship

### **Professional Experience**

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)

- *McNair Scholars Program*  
(A federally funded program that prepares low-income, first-generation and underrepresented minority college students for graduate school.)
  - 7/05-present Associate Director
  - 7/01-6/05 Project Coordinator
  - 8/98-7/01 Academic Services Coordinator
- *Office of Admissions and Scholarships*  
8/97-7/98 Assistant Director

## **Grants Funded**

- *A Proposal for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program*  
(U.S. Department of Education)
  - Submitted 1/26/07. Four Year Award: \$271,392/yr. Co-investigator
  - Submitted 10/30/02. Four Year Award: \$258,469/yr. Co-investigator
  - Submitted 10/02/98. Four Year Award: \$224,130/yr. Co-investigator
- *Kansas Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)*  
(National Science Foundation)
  - Submitted 5/05/08. Three Year Award: \$20,000/yr.

## **Popular Media Publications**

- *Lawrence Journal-World* (Newspaper)
  - FIFA World Cup Column, June-July 2006
- *Kansas City Sports Page* (Magazine)
  - 3 columns, 2003-2005
- *Kansas City Sports Calendar* (Magazine)
  - 14 columns, 2000-2003
- *Soccer Times ESPN Associate* (Website)
  - 5 articles, 2000
- *USA Boxing News* (Magazine)
  - 17 articles, 1993-1997
- *World Boxing* (Magazine)
  - "No Longer the Top Banana: Has Chiquita Gonzalez Turned Yellow", February 1994
- *The Ring* (Magazine)
  - "New Faces: Shane Mosley", March 1994
  - "Genaro Hernandez Tech. Draw 1 Raul Perez", September 1993
- *Union Hispana* (Spanish-language Newspaper)
  - 171 articles, 1991-1994
- *Miniondas* (Spanish-language Newspaper)
  - 44 articles, 1992-1993

## **Professional Conference Presentations**

- "Keys to Earning a Graduate Degree While Working for TRiO/GEAR-UP"  
2007 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
- "Pelé or Maradona: Who Was the Greatest Soccer Player in History"  
2005 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month
- "Latino Diversity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"  
2005 University of Kansas Latino Greek Leadership Conference  
2004 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month

- “Soccer and Society”  
2004 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies The Other End of the Americas: Argentina, A Teacher’s Workshop
- “Publishing Your Thoughts”  
2005 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (Kansas City, Missouri)
- “Understanding Latino Diversity”  
2004 South Junior High School (Lawrence, Kansas) Diversity Workshop Presentation  
2002 South Junior High School (Lawrence, Kansas) Hispanic Heritage Month  
MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference (Kansas City, Missouri)  
2001 Johnson County Community College Department of Spanish Brown Bag Series  
2001 University of Kansas Libraries Professional Development Lecture  
2001 Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity Guest Lecture
- “Latino USA: An Analysis of Hispanics in Census 2000”  
2002 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month  
2001 Kansas City Kansas Community College Hispanic Heritage Month
- “Diversity of Latinos”  
2000 MO-KAN-NE Chapter Conference of Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel  
2000 University of Kansas Hispanic Heritage Month  
2000 Kansas City Kansas Community College Hispanic Heritage Month  
2000 University of Kansas Center for Latin American Studies Merienda Series  
1999 America Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel Programs Conference  
1998 Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference
- “Sports Writing 101”  
2000 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day  
1999 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day  
1998 University of Kansas Educational Talent Search College and Career Day

### **Language Skills**

- English (native)
- Spanish (native)
- Russian (intermediate)

## Travel Abroad

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- England
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Holland
- Hungary
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Monaco
- New Zealand
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Poland
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico (US)
- Russia
- Slovakia
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Ukraine
- Uruguay
- Virgin Islands (US)

## References

- Dr. Mark Joslyn  
(Dissertation Chairman)  
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(Dissertation Committee Member)  
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