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Languages: English (native); French (fluent); Spanish (fluent); Portuguese (fair); Galego (fair)

Education

BSFS, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

MA, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

PhD, McGill University, Montreal, QC

Employment

1975-77, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College of MUN, Corner Brook, NF

1977-, Assistant Professor to Professor, Political Science, MUN, St. John's, NF.

1979-80, Visiting Professor, Political Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Research and Teaching Interests

Research: 1) Central America, Nicaragua and Costa Rica: political institutions and parties, social policy, political economy; 2) Civil society and the state: Canada, Chile, Spain; 3) Legislatures and parties in democratizing settings; 4) Coastal Zone Management Policy and Regional Development in general: Canada, Spain and Latin America;

Teaching: Developing Areas, Latin America; Political Economy; Canadian Government and Politics; International Relations and International Political Economy

Current Research Projects

International Relations of Fisheries and Oceans

Fisheries and Coastal Zone Management Policy in Chile, Spain, and Canada

Newfoundland Strategic Social Plan: State-Voluntary Sector Relations

The Role of Opposition in Democratization

Books: Author, Co-author, or Editor

Forthcoming (2004), co-editor and contributor, Close and Deonandan, (eds.), Undoing Democracy: The Politics of Electoral Caudillismo. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books

Forthcoming, (2004) Los Años Chamorro. Managua: Lea Editorial (Spanish edition of Nicaragua: The Chamorro Years, with new introduction and epilogue)

Forthcoming (2004), Mintz, Close, and Croci: To Seek the Common Good: An Introduction to Politics. Toronto: Pearson; three chapters.

1999, Nicaragua: The Chamorro Years. Boulder: Lynne Rienner

1995, editor and contributor, Legislatures and Latin America's New Democracies. Boulder: Lynne Rienner

1988, Nicaragua: Politics, Economics, Society. London: Frances Pinter

Articles, Reports, and Chapters

2003 Rosa Garcia Orellan & David Close, El Estai y la postguerra del Fletán. Monografía n° 1, Instituto Universitario de Estudios Marítimos, Universidade da Coruña, Coruña, Galicia, España

Two currently under review

- 2002 Rosa Garcia Orellan & David Close, "Que aprendimos de la guerra del fletan?", Industrias Pesqueras. 1815-1816 (Diciembre de 2002), 88-90.
- 2000 "The State of Democratic Consolidation: A Review Article," Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies. 25:50, 267-275.
- 1997 \_\_\_\_\_, Andres Franco and Andres Talero, Strengthening Democracy in Latin America Through Electoral Reform. Report submitted to the Canadian Foundation for the Americas.
- Services Available to Private Members and Opposition Parties in Contemporary Legislatures. Report submitted the Office of International Programs, State University of New York.
- \_\_\_\_\_, and Marc Cassidy, Petitions in Modern Democratic Legislatures. Report submitted to the Office of International Programs, State University of New York.
- 1995 "Introduction," 1-15, and "Nicaragua: The Legislature as Seedbed of Conflict," 49-69, in David Close, ed., Legislatures and Latin America's New Democracies. Boulder: Lynne Rienner
- 1993 "Aid and peace in Central America," in R. Miller (ed.) Aid as Peacemaker. Ottawa: Carleton University Press, 17-32.
- 1992 "US imperialism and Nicaragua," in D. Broad and L. Foster (eds.), The New World Order and the Third World. Montreal: Black Rose, 95-116.
- 1991 "1989-90 Central American Elections: El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama," Electoral Studies, 10:1, 60-76.
- 1990 "Counterinsurgency in Nicaragua," New Political Science, 18/19, 5-19
- "Nicaragua's 1990 elections," Communist Studies, 6:3, 104-108
- "Nicaragua," Encyclopedia Americana.
- 1988 "Learning to be Canadian: Political Socialization in Canada," Michigan Social Studies Journal, 2:2, 95-99.
- 1987 "A case for teaching world affairs in Canadian schools," in L. Stewin and S.J.H. McCann (eds.) Contemporary Educational Issues. Toronto: Copp, Clark, 392-402.
- 1985 "Federal-provincial politics and constitutional reform in Canada," Publius, 15:1, 161-176.
- "The Nicaraguan elections of 1984," Electoral Studies, 5:2, 152-158.
- 1984 "Canadian students and world affairs," Canadian Journal of Education, 9:3, 331-342.
- 1983 "Children's views of world conflict," Peace Research, 15:1, 9-14.
- 1982 "Unconventional militance: union organized fish sales in Newfoundland," Journal of Canadian Studies, 17:3, 3-11.
- "Canadian youth and the Cold War: political education and perspectives on global conflict," in A. Bodnar and W. Gohring (eds.), Perspectives on Political Education in the 1980s. Warsaw: Research Committee on Political Education, 373-402.

- 1981 "Notes on the 1980 Round-table," International Journal of Political Education, 4:4, 388-89.
- "Canadian scholars carrying on research in political education," Bulletin of the Research Committee on Political Education of the International Political Science Association, 4:3, 11-16.
- 1979 (and D. Bartels) "The socializing effects of regime supportive social studies texts: first results and second thoughts." Socialist Studies, 1, 85-116.

#### Conference Papers and Public Lectures

- 2003 "Parties and Democracy in Nicaragua: Not Yet, Maybe Someday," paper presented to the Workshop on Political Parties and Democracy in Latin America, European Consortium for Political Research, Edinburgh, Scotland, March.
- "Anti-Corruption Politics and Crisis: Lessons from Nicaragua," presented to the International Congress of Americanists, Santiago, Chile, July.
- "Canada en los mediados de 2003: un balance de la situacion politica," public lecture presented on behalf of the Centro de Estudios Argentino-Canadiense, San Juan, Neuquen, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, August.
- La poltiica extranjera canadiense: el futuro incierto de las potencias medianas en un mundo unipolar y el futuro incierto de Canada como potencia mediana," public lecture presented on behalf of the Centro de Estudios Argentino-Canadiense, Mendoza, Cordoba, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, August.
- \_\_\_ and Carla Wheaton, "The premier's Council on Social Development and the Strategic Social Plan," presented to the Atlantic Provinces Political Studies Association Conference, St. John's, NL, September.
- \_\_\_, Penelope Rowe, and Carla Wheaton, "Engaging Citizens in the Policy-making Process: the Premier's Council on Social Development in Newfoundland and Labrador," presented to the Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organzations and Voluntary Sector, Denver, CO, November.
- 2002 "Poder y la periferia: Ciencia politica y el problema de marginalizacion regional," paper presented to the Segundo Encuentro sobre Identidades, Poder y Espacios en los Limites de Dos Continentes en el Atlantico, Santiago de Compstela, Galicia, Spain.
- 2001 "From Revolutionaries to Representatives: What Happens to Guerrilla Movements When They Become Parties and Enter Electoral Politics?," paper presented to the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS, La Antigua, Guatemala.
- "La transformacion de frentes guerrilleros en partidos politicos" paper presented to La Facultad de Ciencia Politica, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain
- "Movimientos ambientalistas y el estado en Canada," paper presented to las Facultades de Ciencias Sociales y Biologia Miarina, Universidad Austral de Chile, Valdivia, Chile.
- "Contemporary Nicaraguan Foreign Policy: A Small Country in a Big World," paper presented to the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Washington, D. C.
- "The Politics of Democratic Decomposition," paper presented to LASA, Washington, D. C.

- and Eric Mintz, "The Atlantic Canada Action Project," paper presented to the Association of Canadian Studies in the United States, San Antonio, TX.
- 2000 "Our Imperial Executives, Their Delegative Democrats, and the Politics of Unaccountability," paper presented to LASA, Miami, FL
- "Opposition and Democracy," paper presented to LASA, Miami, FL
- "The Bloc Quebecois as Official Opposition," paper presented to the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Quebec, QC.
- 1999 "Delegative Democracy in Nicaragua," paper presented to CALACS, Ottawa, ON.
- 1998 "Temas y enfoques actuales de la Ciencia Politica," a series of seminars presented to the joint PhD programme in the social sciences at the Universidad Nacional de San Juan, San Juan, Argentina, and the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina.
- Las raices politicas de la crisis de la pesca en Terra Nova," paper presented to the annual meeting of the Asociacion Argentina de Estudios Canadienses , Rosario, Argentina, 2 July 1998.
- 1997 "Why Electoral Reform Still Matters in Latin America," paper presented to CALACS, St. John's, NF.
- 1996 "Legislatures and Democracy in Latin America," paper presented to the International Conference on Legislative Modernization, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- 1995 "The Newest Nicaragua," presented to the CPSA, Montreal, QC.
- "Political Opportunity Structures, Democracy, and Structural Adjustment," presented to the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development, Montreal, QC.
- "Is Resistance Futile? Popular Opposition to Structural Adjustment in Costa Rica and Nicaragua," presented to LASA, Washington, D.C.
- 1994 "Las reformas constitucionales de 1993: un paso hacia la estabilidad politica en Nicaragua," presented to the Jornada de Reflecion, Quinze Anos de Cambio Politico en Centroamerica, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Bellaterra, Spain
- "Conflict in the Nicaraguan Legislature," presented to LASA, Atlanta, GA.
- "What Difference Did the Revolutions Make?", presented to CALACS, Ottawa, ON.
- (and B. McGrath) "Legislatures and Democratic Consolidation in Nicaragua and Russia," presented to the Atlantic Provinces Political Studies Association ( APPSA), Halifax, NS.
- 1992 "The Nicaraguan National Assembly," presented to the LASA, Los Angeles, CA.
- "Dona Violeta's first two years," presented to the CPSA, Charlottetown, PEI.
- 1991 "Nicaragua's transition: A progress report," presented to CALACS., Quebec, QC.
- 1990 Counter-revolution, imperialism and Nicaragua: Did the Contras lose the war but win the election?" presented to the Society for Socialist Studies, Winnipeg, MN.

- 1989 "Aid and development in the face of protracted conflict: Canadian bilateral assistance to El Salvador," presented to the Exploratory Workshop on Aid and Peacemaking, Parliamentary Centre for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Ottawa, ON.
- "Political opposition in Nicaragua since Esquipulas II," presented to CPSA, Quebec, QC.
- "Responding to Low-Intensity Conflict: Counterinsurgency in Nicaragua," presented to Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Miami, FL.
- "Aid as peacemaker: Canada's role in El Salvador and Nicaragua," presented to the Second Workshop on Aid and Peacemaking, Parliamentary Centre for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Ottawa, ON.
- 1988 "The Central American Crisis," series of four public lectures presented for Memorial University Extension.
- "Politics and Development," lecture presented to the World University Service of Canada, MUN branch.
- "Canada, Central America and the United States," presented to the House of Commons Special Committee on Central America, Ottawa, ON
- "Canada and Contadora: the role of a peripheral player," presented to the International Congress of Americanists, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1987 "Political opposition in revolutionary Nicaragua," paper presented to CALACS, Toronto, ON.
- 1986 "Liberal institutions and radical politics: Nicaragua, 1979-84," presented to CPSA, Toronto, ON..
- "The Cost Rican Election of 1986," presented to APPSA, Sydney, NS.
- "Assessing the impact of a civic education programme: Democracy 2102," presented to MUN Institute for Educational Research and Development.
- 1985 "Costa Rica's resurgent right," presented to APPSA, Wolfville, NS.
- 1980 "An assessment of the NFFAWU's direct sales venture," presented to the Political Science Graduate-Faculty Seminar, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- "Intergovernmental disputes and working class political initiatives," presented to the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Spokane, WA.
- "Learning about peace, war, and international affairs," presented to the Canadian Peace Research and Education Association, Toronto, ON.
- "Canadian youth and the Cold War," presented to the International Political Science Association Round-table on Political Education, Katowice, Poland.
- 1979 "The Quebec National Assembly and language legislation," presented to CPSA, Saskatoon, SK.
- 1977 (and D. Bartels) "The role of social studies texts in the political socialization of high school students," presented to the Atlantic Association of Sociologists and Anthropologists, Antigonish, NS.
- "Newfoundland's agricultural policy," presented to APPSA, Moncton, NB.

Grants

- 2001 CURA, MUN-CSC, voluntary sector and social services; \$600,000; co-investigator
- 2001 CURA, MUN-CSC, leadership gap, \$35,000, co-investigator
- 1999 MUN internal; \$3000; parties and civil society
- 1997 SSHRC, internal; \$5000; Central American political parties
- 1996 FOCAL; \$6000; elections in Latin America; joint
- 1990 SSHRC, SSHRC general; \$9500; Nicaraguan politics

Professional Service

- Co-ordinator, Political Science, MUN Regional College, 1975-77.
- Junior Division Co-ordinator, 1981-84
- Vice-president, MUN Faculty Association (MUNFA), 1978-80.
- Executive Committee member, MUNFA, 1982-83
- Secretary-Treasurer, Atlantic Provinces Political Studies Association, 1985-89.
- Graduate Co-ordinator, Political Science, 1989-1997; 1998-
- Internship Director, Political Science, 1998-
- Board member, Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS), 1991-92
- SSHRC Grants Evaluation Committee, 1992-94
- President, CALACS, 1994-1996
- Past-president, CALACS, 1996-98.
- Co-Vice-President, Canadian Council of Area Studies Learned Societies, 1994-1996
- Member, Board of Directors, FOCAL (Fondacion Canada-America Latina)-Atlantic, 1995-
- Editorial Board Member Journal of Conflict Studies, 1994-
- Editorial Board Member, North-South, 1996-1998
- Consultant, legislative reforms, National Democratic Institute, Washington, DC
- Consultant, legislative reforms and Latin American issues, Office of International Programs, State University of New York, Albany, NY
- Public affairs commentator, Radio Canada, 1993-
- Member, Latin American Studies Association, Central America Section, Standing Committee, 1998-
- Public affairs commentator, Spanish language, Radio Canada International, 2000-