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### EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota  
**Ph.D. in Political Science** 2006- 2012  
Department of Political Science  
Graduate Minor in Development Studies and Social Change  
Thesis: “Access to Justice: Victims’ Rights and Private Prosecution in Latin America: The Cases of Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico”  
Advisor: Kathryn Sikkink  
Co-Advisor: Lisa Hilbink
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico  
**BA in International Relations** 2004  
Thesis: “Military cooperation between Mexico and the US in the 1990s”  
Advisor: Maria Cristina Rosas González

### HONORS/PRIZES/AWARDS

- Best Journal Article Award of 2014 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).
- LSA Early Career Workshop May 2014  
Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association  
Minneapolis, MN. Included a travel grant for \$250.
- MacArthur Scholar 2006-2012  
Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change,  
University of Minnesota

## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Book Publication Award 2017  
Office for the Advancement of Research-John Jay College  
Book Publication Funding Program  
Award to support costs related to book publication (\$1,000).
- Law and Society Association Child Care Grant 2017  
Travel grant awarded to cover expenses related to the care of my child while attending the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Mexico City (\$300).
- PSC-CUNY 45 Research Award July 2014-June 2015  
Research Foundation-CUNY  
“Prosecutorial Organs, Institutional Design, and Access to Justice in Europe and Latin America” Role: PI. Purpose: explore the impact of institutional design on access to justice in Europe and Latin America (\$5,838).
- Enhanced Travel Funding Award August 2014  
Office for the Advancement of Research at John Jay College  
Award to support travel costs related to my attendance to the 2014 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C. to accept the Law and Courts Section Best Journal Article Award 2014.
- William Stewart Travel Award May 2014  
Travel grant awarded for travel to present a conference paper at the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Chicago in May 21-24, 2014 (\$500).
- ISA Travel Grant March 2014  
Travel grant awarded for travel to present a conference paper at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada in March 26-29, 2014 (\$250).
- Faculty Fellowship Publication Program Spring 2014  
City University of New York  
One course released from teaching for research/writing in the semester.
- PSC-CUNY 44 Research Award July 2013-June 2014  
Research Foundation-CUNY  
“Private Justice: Victims’ Rights and Access to Justice in Latin America. The cases of Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico”. Role: PI. Purpose: explore the impact of private prosecution to access to justice (\$5,923).
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship September 2010-May 2011  
Graduate School, University of Minnesota

Given for dissertation research and writing (\$22,500).

International Thesis Research Grant Fall 2009  
Graduate School, University of Minnesota  
Given for fieldwork research (\$4,870).

Pre-dissertation Grant Summer 2009  
International Center for the Study of Global Change,  
University of Minnesota  
Given for pre-dissertation fieldwork research (\$3,000).

Fellowship Summer 2009  
Graduate Research Partnership Program  
College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota  
Given for summer research (\$3,500).

Fellowship Spring 2008  
Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota  
Covered tuition and stipend for the spring semester

Honorific Mention 2004  
Granted for the BA's Senior Thesis on  
"Military Cooperation between Mexico and the US during the 1990's",  
UNAM, Mexico

Fellowship 1999  
University of California, Berkeley / UNAM.  
Covered tuition and stipend for one semester of undergraduate  
studies at UC-Berkeley

### **ADDITIONAL METHODS TRAINING**

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

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Prosecutorial organs and prosecutorial accountability. Police accountability in democratic settings.
- Victims' rights. Comparative criminal justice. Transitional justice.

- Rule of law and access to justice in developing countries, with a regional focus on Latin America.
- Legal mobilization and judicialization of politics. Cause lawyering.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***BOOKS***

- “Prosecutorial Accountability and Victims’ Rights in Latin America” (forthcoming in 2018). NY: Cambridge University Press.

### ***ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS***

- Michel, Verónica (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
- Dancy, Geoff and Verónica 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>
- Michel, Verónica 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***

- “Public Prosecutors’ Offices in Latin America” (forthcoming in 2018) In: *Handbook of Law and Society in Latin America*, edited by Karina Ansolabehere and Rachel Sieder (NJ: Routledge)

### ***BOOK REVIEWS***

- (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.

### ***ARTICLES IN NON-SCHOLARLY PRINT***

- (August 31, 2015) “To indict, or not to indict” *OpenDemocracy*. Available at: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/veronica-michel/to-indict-or-not-to-indict>
- (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***

- “Judicial Reform and Legal Opportunity Structure: The Emergence of Cause Lawyering in Mexico”. Revising to submit for review to a special issue of the *Law and Society Inquiry*.
- “Sectorializing Justice: NGOs and the Rule of Law in Latin America” co-authored with Shannon Drysdale Walsh.
- “The Emergence and Diffusion of Victims’ Rights”.
- “Democracy and Human Rights in Mexico”.

#### **CHAPTERS FOR EDITED VOLUMES**

- “Human Rights and Post-Transitional Societies” (forthcoming) In: *Human Rights Institutions*, edited by Gord DiGiacomo and Susan Kang (under review in University of Toronto Press)

#### **BOOKS**

- *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.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

#### **PRESENTED**

- (2017, June) “Killing Two Birds With One Stone: Fighting Femicide and Improving Prosecutorial Accountability Through Legal Mobilization,” paper to be presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Mexico City, Mexico.
- (2016, May) “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.
- (2015, May) “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.
- (2015, February) “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, LA.
- (2014, June) “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.
- (2014, June) “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.

- (2014, May) “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.
- (2014, April) “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.
- (2014, March) “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.
- (2013, August) “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.
- (2013, May) “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.
- (2013, May) “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.
- (2012, June) “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.
- (2012, April) “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.
- (2011, June) “Fighting Against Impunity: Law as a Tool for Social Movements in Chihuahua, Mexico” presented at the *2011 Annual Meeting of Law and the Law and Society Association*, San Francisco, California.
- (2010, May) “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.
- (2010, April) “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.
- (2010, February) “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.
- (2007, April) “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.

### **PANELS CHAIRED/ORGANIZED**

- (2015, May) “Understanding Judicial Responsiveness in Comparative Perspective.” Panel organizer. *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Seattle, WA.
- (2015, February) “Taking Stock with Sikkink’s Theoretical Work: Actors and the Internalization of Norms.” Panel organizer. *2015 International Studies Association Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA.
- (2014, May) “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.
- (2013, May) “Book Launch: Memory and Transitional Justice in Argentina and Uruguay. Against Impunity by Francesca Lessa.” Panel chair and panel organizer. John Jay College of Criminal Justice-CUNY.
- (2012, June) “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.

### **GUEST LECTURER**

#### **CIDAC-Mexico City**

- (2017, May 12) “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.

#### **Columbia University**

- (2015, April 12<sup>th</sup>) “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.

#### **Fairfield University**

- (2015, March 16<sup>th</sup>) “Private Justice: Prosecutorial Accountability and Access to Justice in Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico,” paper presentation at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Consultant

Fall 2012-today

Project: “The Impact of Transitional Justice”

[www.transitionaljusticedata.com](http://www.transitionaljusticedata.com)

(National Science Foundation, Grant No. 0961226)

PIs: Leigh Payne and Kathryn Sikkink

University of Minnesota and Oxford University

- Create template for coding civil trials

- In charge of all rule of law and judicial systems queries

Researcher Summer 2009-Spring 2011

Dissertation fieldwork in Chile, Guatemala, and Mexico

- Interviewing politicians, lawyers, human rights activists, and victims of crime
- Constructing a database of homicide and rape cases at the judiciaries' archives

Research Assistant Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Project: "The Impact of Transitional Justice"

(National Science Foundation, Grant No. 0961226)

PIs: Leigh Payne and Kathryn Sikkink

University of Minnesota and Oxford University

- Coding of human rights trials
- Developing a rule of law database

Research Assistant Fall 2009

Worked with Prof. Lisa Hilbink

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- Wrote a literature review on judicial behavior
- Wrote a literature review on socialization and role conceptualization

Research Assistant Fall 2007

Project: "Judging for Democracy: Spanish Judges in Comparative Perspective"

PI: Lisa Hilbink

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- Read Spanish judicial sentences and summarized them.
- Constructed a "Judges for Democracy" database for Spain

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Criminal Justice, Transitional Justice, Human Rights, Judicial Politics, Latin American Politics, Democracy and Democratization, International Norms and Institutions Comparative Politics, International Relations.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *TRAINING*

#### **Academia para el Análisis de Seguridad (USAID)**

<https://www.aas.jjay.cuny.edu/eng>

- Course on "Social Prevention, Courts, and Prosecution"
- Training judicial actors on best practices on social prevention and data analysis.
- Forthcoming in January 2018 (one week seminar) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.



## ***ASSISTANT PROFESSOR***

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

- POL259 “Comparative Criminal Justice Systems”
  - Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2017
  - Introduction to criminal justice systems around the world
  - Undergraduate level course
- POL320 “International Human Rights”
  - Spring 2016, Fall 2017
  - Introduction to international human rights law and practice
  - Upper-level undergraduate level course
- POL385/POL386 “Supervised Undergraduate Research Experience”
  - Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016
  - Upper-level undergraduate directed studies course
- ICJ310 “Foundations of Scholarship in International Criminal Justice”
  - Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016
  - Introduction to research methods for the B.A. in International Criminal Justice
  - Undergraduate level course
- ICJ715 “Research Methods in International Crime and Justice”
  - Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2015
  - Introduction to research methods for the M.A. in International Criminal Justice program
  - Graduate level course
- ICJ702 “Comparative Criminal Justice Systems”
  - Fall 2016
  - Introduction to criminal justice systems around the world
  - Graduate level course

## ***TEACHING ASSISTANT***

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

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- American Political Science Association (member since 2004)
- International Studies Association (member since 2008)
- International Political Science Association (member since 2009)
- 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)
- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) (member since 2016)

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

- Reviewed articles for the *Law and Society Review*, *Law and Society Inquiry*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Política y Gobierno*, and *Colombia International*.
- Reviewed book manuscripts for SUNY Press.
- 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 proficiency in speaking.
- **German:** Limited proficiency in reading (intensive courses at the Berlitz Institute in Basel, Switzerland, April-July 2002).