

# Vincent Theodore Gawronski

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, Arizona State University, Political Science (1998)

Dissertation Title: “Mexican Political Stability in the Era of Globalized Neoliberalism: Whither the Revolutionary-Nationalist State?”

**M.A.**, Arizona State University, Political Science (1993)

Thesis Title: “Modernization Discourse in Latin American Development: The Making of ‘Modern’ Mexico.”

**B.A.**, The University of Texas at Austin, History, Spanish (1987)

## EMPLOYMENT

2025-present Visiting Associate Professor of International Affairs, Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia.

2015-2024 Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, Department of Political Science, Economics, and Global & Comparative Studies, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama. (Department Chair 2014-2023).

2007-2015 Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Economics, and Sociology, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama.

2001-2007 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Economics, and Sociology, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama.

2000-2001 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Florida International University, Miami, Florida.

1998-2001 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow and Assistant Project Coordinator  
International Hurricane Research Center, Florida International University, Miami, Florida.

1994-1998 Adjunct Professor of Political Science  
Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona

## STIPENDS AND GRANTS

2022 Co-Principal Investigator, with Kate Hayden, Roald Hazelhoff, Desireé R. Melonas, and Kelly A. Russell. “STEMMING The Tide: Empowering Youth to Meet Coastal Environmental Challenges,” <<https://stemmingthetide.weebly.com/>> Gulf Research Program. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, Medicine (\$1.25 million for five years).

2022 Harrison Honors Program, Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$2,000).

2021 Virtual Summer Working Group: “Leveraging Digital Pedagogies to Energize Learning,” Associated Colleges of the South (\$500).

## **Vincent T. Gawronski**

- 2015 Rise<sup>3</sup> Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$1,000).
- 2014 Co-Principal Investigator, with William G. Holt, Associated Colleges of the South, Blended Learning Grant Program: “An Intra-Campus Initiative for Blending Learning Across the ACS: Environmental Hazards and Urban Social Risks” (\$4,000).
- 2014 Blended Learning Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$1,000).
- 2013 Environmental Protection Agency Interdisciplinary Environmental Sustainability Across All Curricula Grant, Urban Environmental Studies Program, Birmingham-Southern College: “Environmental Justice Assessment: North Birmingham, Alabama Metropolitan Area” (\$1,000).
- 2012 Explorations in Scholarship Seminar Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$1,000).
- 2010 Media and Film Studies Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$1,000).
- 2009 Hess International Faculty Leadership Program Summer Research, Birmingham-Southern College: “Moderating from the Extremes: Leadership Theory and El Salvador’s 2009 Presidential Elections” (\$4,500).
- 2009 Human Rights Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$3,000).
- 2007 Principal Investigator, University of Colorado, Natural Hazards Research Center Quick Response: “Political Constructions of Extreme Events” (\$2,000).
- 2006 Faculty Development Summer Research, Birmingham-Southern College: “Still, So ‘Many Mexicos’: Migration Impacts, Indigenous Politics, and the 2006 National Elections in Oaxaca” (\$2,750).
- 2004 First-Year Seminar Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$2,750).
- 2003 Latin American Studies Curriculum Development, U.S. Department of Education (\$2,500).
- 2002 First-Year Seminar Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$2,750).  
Leadership Studies Curriculum Development, Birmingham-Southern College (\$1,160).
- 2000 Principal Investigator, NSF-Sponsored Project CMS-0000466: “A Workshop on the Politics of Disaster,” San José, Costa Rica, Additional funding provided by USAID/OFDA-LAC (\$43,000).
- 1997 Research Associate, NSF-Sponsored Project CMS-9616429: “The Mexico City 1985 Disaster and Emergent Organizations: A 10-Case Study” (\$218,902).
- 1996 Research Assistant, NSF-Sponsored Project CMS-9414094: “Standing Rubble Again: Hazardous Structure Abatement in Oakland, California, 1989-1994” (\$156,982).

## **CONSULTING, PROFESSIONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2019-2024 Board Member. Birmingham Sister Cities.

## Vincent T. Gawronski

- 2017 Lead Scholar. Alabama Humanities Foundation, Super Teacher Workshop, *First Lady of the Revolution: Alabama's Connection to the Costa Rican Revolution* (July 24-26).
- 2014 Summer Visiting Professor. La Universidad de La Salle, Bogotá, Colombia ("The Politics of Disaster: The Americas").
- 2012-2024 Executive Committee Member. Chair, Teaching Committee. Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP).
- 2012-present Research Consultant. For Richard S. Olson, Director, International Hurricane Research Center and Extreme Events Institute, Florida International University.
- 2012 Conference Organizing Committee Member and Panel Chair. Birmingham Area Consortium of Higher Education (BACHE), "Public Forum on H.B. 56, Alabama's Immigration Law."
- 2009-2011 Curriculum Development Consultant. Inter-American Defense College and Florida International University: "Disaster Management in the Americas" (\$6,250 for five lesson plans).
- 2009-2010 External Evaluator. USAID/OFDA-LAC and Florida International University: "Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas: Conceptualizing, Identifying, Analyzing, Stimulating, and Strengthening Transferable DRR Models" (\$3,500 total for multiple projects).
- 2007-2011 Editorial Advisory Board. *Pine Magazine* (defunct).
- 2004-2005 Committee Member. 55<sup>th</sup> Birmingham International Festival Salute to Mexico and "The 2005 Transformative Justice Conference: Immigration Challenges for Communities" (Chair).
- 2002 Field Researcher-Consultant. (Richard S. Olson, Principal Investigator): "Disaster Learning, 'Poder Convocatorio,' and Coordination in Six Latin American Countries," Funded by the Center for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, University of South Florida, (\$132,586 total funding).
- 1998-2004 Consultant. IRG/USAID/OFDA-LAC, International Resources Group, Washington, DC, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, San José, Costa Rica (multiple projects, including assessment of the Central American Mitigation Initiative).
- 1997 Summer Intern. United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, Latin America and Caribbean Region, San José, Costa Rica (primarily responsible for organizing archives).

## AWARDS

- 2024 *Richebourg Gaillard McWilliams Faculty Scholarship Award.*
- 2021 *David and Katy Smith Senior Faculty Award.*

## Vincent T. Gawronski

### SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH/CONSULTING REPORTS

**Under Review:** “Applying a Community of Practice Model to Foster Community Resilience to Disaster in Africatown, Alabama,” *Journal of Community Practice*

**Under Review:** “STEMMING The Tide: Addressing Educational Inequities and Environmental Justice Through Stem Education in Africatown, Alabama,” *Discover Education*

Gawronski, Vincent T., Barry S. Levitt, and Richard S. Olson. “Disasters and Corruption: Public Expectations and Tolerance – Evidence from Mexico,” *Disasters* 47 (4), (October 2023): 1118-1137.

<<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/disa.12585>>

Olson, Richard S., N. Emel Ganapati, Vincent T. Gawronski, Robert A. Olson, Erik Salna, and Juan Pablo Sarmiento. “From Disaster Risk Reduction to Policy Studies: Bridging Research Communities,” *Natural Hazards Review* 21 (2), (2020). <<https://ascelibrary.org/doi/10.1061/%28ASCE%29NH.1527-6996.0000365>>

Levitt, Barry S., Vincent T. Gawronski, Gabriela Hoberman, Richard S. Olson, and Vicente Sandoval. “Public Perceptions of Code Enforcement and Safer Buildings in Latin America and the Caribbean,” *Natural Hazards Review* 20 (4), (2019): 04019009. <<https://ascelibrary.org/doi/abs/10.1061/%28ASCE%29NH.1527-6996.0000333>>

Olson, Richard S. and Vincent T. Gawronski. “Disaster Risk Reduction, Including Climate Change Adaptation, and (Violent) Conflict,” In Ilan Kelman, Jessica Mercer, and JC Gaillard. *Routledge Handbook of Disaster Risk Reduction Including Climate Change Adaptation* (Abingdon, United Kingdom: Routledge, 2017).

Gawronski, Vincent T. and William G. Holt. “Blended Learning: The ‘Hazards & Risks,’” *Transformations* <<http://www.academiccommons.org/2014/07/30/blended-learning-the-hazards-risks/#more-258>> (July 2014).

Gawronski, Vincent T. and Richard S. Olson. “Disasters as Crisis Triggers for Critical Junctures? The 1976 Guatemala Case,” *Latin American Politics and Society* Vol. 55, Issue 2 (Summer 2013): 133-149. <<https://www.jstor.org/stable/43286319>>

Sarmiento, Juan Pablo, Etienne Wenger-Trayner, Richard S. Olson, Silvia Graciela Quiroga, Vincent T. Gawronski. *Communities of Practice and Hazard Reduction*, In Spanish as *Comunidades de Práctica y Reducción de Riesgo de Desastres*) *Natural Hazards Informer* Number 5, A Project of Florida International University, University of Colorado’s Natural Hazards Center (July 2012). <[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/259332288\\_Communities\\_of\\_Practice\\_and\\_Disaster\\_Risk\\_Reduction](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/259332288_Communities_of_Practice_and_Disaster_Risk_Reduction)>

Poggione, Sarah, Vincent T. Gawronski, Gabriela Hoberman, and Richard S. Olson. “Public Response to Disaster Response: Applying the ‘5C+A’ Framework to El Salvador 2001 and Peru 2007,” *International Studies Perspectives* Vol. 13, Issue. 2 (May 2012): 195-210. <<https://www.jstor.org/stable/44218690>>

Olson, Richard S. and Vincent T. Gawronski. “From Disaster Event to Political Crisis: A ‘5C+A’ Framework for Analysis,” *International Studies Perspectives* Vol. 11, Issue 3 (August 2010): 205-221. <<https://www.jstor.org/stable/44218637>>

## Vincent T. Gawronski

Gawronski, Vincent T. "The "Paul C. Bell, Jr." Risk Management Program, Phase III: A Comparative Assessment of Disaster Risk Reduction Projects and Communities of Practice in Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Peru," Report prepared for the Latin American and Caribbean Center, Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, Project Number LACC0027 (February 2010).

Gawronski, Vincent T, Richard S. Olson, and Pedro Carvalho. "Locally Influenced, Distantly Courageous? Exploring Media Constructions of Katrina's Gulf Coast Impacts," In *Learning from Catastrophe: Quick Response Research in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina* (Boulder, CO: University of Colorado Natural Hazards Research Center, 2006).

Gawronski, Vincent T. "¿Cómo están, y'all?" *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice* Vol. 18, No. 1 (2006): 73-80. <<https://doi.org/10.1080/10402650500509505>>

Olson Richard S. and Vincent T. Gawronski. "Mexico as a Living Tapestry, The 1985 Disaster in Retrospect," *Natural Hazards Observer* Vol. 30, No. 1 (September 2005).  
<<https://hazards.colorado.edu/uploads/observer/2005/sept05/sept05.pdf>>

Olson, Richard S. and Vincent T. Gawronski. "The 2003 Southern California Wildfires: Constructing Their Cause(s)," Quick Response Research Report #173 (Boulder, CO: University of Colorado Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center, 2005).  
<<https://hazards.colorado.edu/uploads/basicpage/qr173.pdf>>

Gawronski, Vincent T. "'Gangsters' and 'Prostitutes': Asymmetrical Inter-American Relations," *Hemisphere* Vol. 14 (Fall 2004).  
<[https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1032&context=lacc\\_hemisphere](https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1032&context=lacc_hemisphere)>

Gawronski, Vincent T. "A Comparative Qualitative Assessment of the Central American Mitigation Initiative (CAMI)," Report prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Humanitarian Response, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, Latin American and Caribbean Region, International Resources Group Project Number 219-2003 (May 2004).

Olson, Richard S. and Vincent T. Gawronski. "Disasters as Critical Junctures? Managua, Nicaragua 1972 and Mexico City 1985," *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* 21 (March 2003): 5-35.  
<<http://ijmed.org/articles/87/download/>>

Gawronski, Vincent T. "The Revolution is Dead. ¡Viva la Revolución!: The Place of the Mexican Revolution in the Era of Globalization," *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* Vol. 18, No. 2 (Summer 2002).  
<<https://doi.org/10.1525/msem.2002.18.2.363>>

Gawronski, Vincent T. "Responding to El Salvador's Dual Earthquake Disaster (13 January and 13 February, 2001): A Critical Assessment of USAID/OFDA's Temporary Shelter Program," Report prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development, Bureau for Humanitarian Response, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, Latin American and Caribbean Region, International Resources Group Project Number 009-01 (September 2001).

Olson, Richard S., Vincent T. Gawronski, Juan Pablo Sarmiento, Bruce Baird, and Amelia Estrada. *The Storms of '98: Hurricanes Georges and Mitch, Impacts, Institutional Response and Disaster Politics in Three Countries* In Spanish as *Las Tormentas de '98: los Huracanes Georges y Mitch, sus Impactos, la Respuesta*

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*Institucional, y la Política de Desastre en Tres Países*. (Boulder, CO: University of Colorado Natural Hazards Research and Applications Center, 2001).

<<http://dpanther.fiu.edu/sobek/content/FI/13/04/25/54/00001/FI13042554.pdf>>

Gawronski, Vincent T. and Richard S. Olson. "Tapping Collective Memory of Disaster: Getting 'Inside' the 1985 Mexico City Earthquakes," *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* 19 (November 2001): 297-322. <<http://ijmed.org/articles/88/download/>>

Olson, Richard S., Juan Pablo Sarmiento, Robert A. Olson, Vincent T. Gawronski, and Amelia Estrada. *The Marginalization of Disaster Response Institutions: The 1997-1998 El Niño Experience in Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador*. In Spanish as *Marginación de las Instituciones de Respuesta en Casos de Desastre: La Experiencia de Fenómeno El Niño de 1997-1998 en Perú, Bolivia y Ecuador*. (Boulder, CO: University of Colorado Natural Hazards Research and Applications Center, 2001).

Gawronski, Vincent T. and Richard S. Olson. "'Normal' Versus 'Special' Time Corruption: An Exploration of Mexican Attitudes." *Cambridge Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 14, No.1 (Autumn/Winter 2000): 344-361. <<https://doi.org/10.1080/09557570008400348>>

Gawronski, Vincent T. "Mexican Public Opinion and Perceptions of Instability: Revisiting 'Relative Deprivation.'" *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (Summer 2000): 289-324. <<https://doi.org/10.2307/1052199>>

Gawronski, Vincent T. "Challenges to Building Civil Defense Institutional Capability: The Case of Honduras's *Comisión Permanente de Contingencias* (COPECO)." Report prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development, Honduras Mission and the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, Latin American and Caribbean Region, International Resources Group Project Number 028-99 (November 1999).

Olson, Richard S., Robert A. Olson, and Vincent T. Gawronski. *Some Buildings Just Can't Dance: Politics, Life Safety, and Disaster* (Stamford, CT: JAI Press, 1999).

Gawronski, Vincent T. "Needs Assessment and Food Distribution: Security Suggestions After Hurricane Georges," Report prepared for U.S. Embassy, Dominican Republic (October 1998).

Olson, Richard S., Robert A. Olson, and Vincent T. Gawronski. "Night and Day: Mitigation Policymaking in Oakland, California Before and After the Loma Prieta Disaster," *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* 16 (August 1998): 145-179. <<https://doi.org/10.1177/028072709801600>>

Olson, Richard S., Robert A. Olson, and Vincent T. Gawronski. *Post-Disaster Policy Innovation: Oakland After Loma Prieta 1989, Final Report* (Washington DC: National Science Foundation, 1997).

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC APPEARANCES

"Youth, Resilience, and Workforce Development: What does the future look like for solving climate problems?" Planning Committee, Panel Chair. *Gulf of Mexico Climate and Resilience Community of Practice Annual Meeting*. Moss Point, MS (April 23-25, 2024).

"¡Pura Vida!/¡Dura Vida! Is Costa Rica Still Exceptional?" Presented at the *71st Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Asheville, NC (April 3-6, 2024).

## Vincent T. Gawronski

“Climate Change in Latin America and the Caribbean: The Triple Threat of Violence, Crime, and Forced Migration,” Presented at the *73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies: América Invertida*, Samford University, Birmingham, AL (November 10-11, 2023).

“Stemming the Tide: Empowering Youth To Meet Coastal Environmental Challenges,” Poster Presented at the *Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium: The 2023 Climate and Resilience Community of Practice Annual Meeting*, Sarasota, FL (May 15-17, 2023).

“Building Back Better or Not Rebuilding at All: Coastal Governance Policy Choices in the Wake of Major U.S. Gulf Coast Disasters,” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2023 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 13-16, 2023).

“Perceptions and Realities of Belize’s National and Human Security Challenges,” Presented at the *70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Antigua, Guatemala (March 22-26, 2023).

“Stemming the Tide: Empowering Youth To Meet Coastal Environmental Challenges,” with Kate Hayden and Kelly A. Russell. Presented at the *Alabama Coastal Foundation, Green Coast Council 2023 Sustainability Summit*, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL (January 27, 2023).

“The Vicious Vortex of Disasters, Violence, Crime, and Migration (DVCM): A Comparative Analysis of Haiti and Central America’s Northern Triangle Countries,” with Grayson Murray.\* Presented virtually at the *Latin American Studies Association International Congress: Polarización socioambiental y rivalidad entre grandes potencias*, San Francisco, CA (May 5-8, 2022).

“Revisiting Asymmetrical Inter-American Relations: The CAFTA-DR FTA Countries,” Presented at the *69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Charlotte, NC (March 9-12, 2022).

“Climate Change as Global Existential Risk: Imagining the Near Future,” with Clinton Jenkins. Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Conference Within A Conference (CWC) on the Politics of Disasters*, San Antonio, TX (January 13-15, 2022).

“Public Policy and the Politics of Disaster: New Directions, New Research,” Virtual Roundtable for the *American Political Science Association 2021 Annual Meeting & Exhibition*, (September 28-October 3, 2021).

“The COVID-19 Pandemic Across Latin America and the Caribbean: A Heuristic Model for Understanding the Complex, Interactive Impacts,” Presented virtually at the *68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, (April 15-18, 2021).

“The 2010 Haiti and Chile Earthquake Disasters One Decade Later,” Presented virtually at the *American Political Science Association 2020 Annual Meeting & Exhibition*, (September 9-12, 2020).

“¿Soportando más y más? Public Perceptions and Expectations of Disaster Corruption in Mexico,” Presented virtually at the *Latin American Studies Association XXXVIII International Congress*, (May 13-16, 2020).

“The Mexican Government’s and Civil Society’s Lessons Learned and Unlearned From the 1985 Mexico City Earthquake,” Presented at the *67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Austin, TX (March 3-8, 2020).

## Vincent T. Gawronski

“Disasters, Violence, Crime, and Migration (DVCM): A Heuristic Model for Understanding Potential Climate Change-Violent Conflict Linkages and Causal Pathways,” Presented at the *1st International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding*, University of California, Irvine, CA (October 23-25, 2019).

“Analyzing the Interactive Root Causes of Complex Problems in Latin America and the Caribbean: Disasters, Violence, Crime, and Migration,” Presented at the *Latin American Studies Association XXXVII International Congress*, Boston, MA (May 24-27, 2019)

“Forever Linked in Mexico: The 1985 and 2017 Earthquakes,” Presented at the *66th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Oaxaca, México (March 26-31, 2019).

Invited Panel Participant. “The Paris Disagreement,” *Shift: Global Consequences of U.S. Administration Change*, George Washington University School of Law (March 15, 2019).

“From 1985 to 2017: Public Support for Building Code Enforcement in Mexico,” with Richard S. Olson and Barry S. Levitt. Presented at the *American Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting & Exhibition*, Boston, MA (August 30-September 2, 2018).

“Five Disasters, Five Lessons Gone Unheeded,” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2018 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 5-8, 2018).

“To Live More Safely? Public Perceptions of Code Enforcement, Corruption, and the Value of Safer Buildings in Twelve Latin American and Caribbean Countries,” with Richard S. Olson and Barry S. Levitt. Presented at the *65th Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Nashville, TN (March 8-11, 2018).

“Theoretical Musings on the Trump Administration’s Future Relations with Latin America,” Presented at the *64th Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Chapel Hill, NC (March 23-26, 2017).

“Disasters, Violence, Crime, and Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Region,” Presented at the *63rd Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies*, Cartagena, Colombia (March 9-13, 2016).

“Learning (and Teaching) from Extreme Events: The Politics,” with Nicolas K. Palmer.\* Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2015 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 15-19, 2015).

“The Politics of Fear and Subjugation in Arizona and Alabama: Arriving at SB 1070 and H.B. 56,” Presented at the *2nd Annual Abolitionist and Decolonial Conference-within-a-Conference at the 2015 Western Political Science Association Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV (April 2-4, 2015).

Invited Speaker. “Collaborative Research With Undergraduates,” Presented at the *Workshop on Collaborative Learning*, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latin Studies Program, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA (February 21, 2015).

“Teaching from Extreme Events: Pedagogical ‘Hooks’ for Latin American Politics and Society,” Presented at the *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting*. Roundtable on Teaching the Introduction to Latin America II: “History and Political Science.” New Orleans, LA (March 27-29, 2014).

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“Heat, Water, and Politics: Climate Change and Disparate Impacts in Latin America,” Presented at the *Latin American Studies Association, XXXIII International Congress*, Washington Marriot Wardman Park, Washington, D.C. (May 29-June 1, 2013).

Invited Panel Discussant. “Within, along, and outside the lines of the US-Mexican Borderlands,” *Fanaticism and the Abolition-Democracy: Critical Theory in the Spirit of Joel Olson*, Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, AZ (January 25-26, 2013).

“The Politics of Disaster Risk Reduction: A Comparative Analysis of the 2010 Haiti and Chile Earthquake Disasters,” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2012 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 12-15, 2012).

“Studying in Latin America as a Transformative Experience: What Our Students Say Has Stuck,” with Barbara Domcekova and Anne Ledvina. Presented at the *23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean Conference*, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico (February 15-18, 2012).

“Leadership Style and the Consolidation of Democracy in El Salvador: The Election of Mauricio Funes.” Presented at the *60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies*, St. Louis, MO, Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark (November 4-7, 2010).

“Regime Change versus Political Consequences: Disaster Effects in Chile, Honduras, and Cuba with Commentary on Haiti and Chile.” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2010 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 22-25, 2010).

“Survival Strategies of the FMLN and the FARC: Leftist Legacies and Democratic Deepening in El Salvador and Colombia,” with Claire E. Davis.\* Presented at the *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Instituto Mora, Mexico City, Mexico (April 7-11, 2010).

Invited Panel Participant. “Disasters and Regime Change: Three Cases for Conceptual Clarification.” *27<sup>th</sup> Annual Journalists and Editors Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean: “Disaster Risk Reduction in Inter-American Affairs,”* Latin American and Caribbean Center, Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Marriott Hotel, Miami, FL (April 30-May 1, 2009).

Keynote Speaker. “¿Cómo están, y’all’ Mexican Migrants in Alabama,” *Forum on Alabama and Mexico, Immigration and Trade*, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa (April 15, 2008).

“The Transnationalization of Central American Gangs: Penetrating the Deep South?” with Lisa L. Owens.\* Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2008 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 3-6, 2008).

“The 1976 Guatemala Earthquake Disaster: Was It A Critical Juncture?” Presented at the *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, San José, Costa Rica (April 19-21, 2007).

“Constructing Causal Stories: The 2005 Hurricane Katrina Disaster,” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2006 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 20-23, 2006).

“Migration Impacts on *Usos y Costumbres*: Changing Political Dynamics in the State of Oaxaca,” with Walker Grooms.\* Presented at the *Latin American Studies Association, XXVI International Congress*, San Juan, Puerto Rico (March 15-18, 2006).

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“Introducing Che to Martin Luther King: Latin American Studies in Birmingham, Alabama, Teaching LAS 200 A-1Y: ‘The Life and Times of Latin Americans: People, Culture, and Politics,’” with Barbara Domcekova and Janie Spencer. Presented at the *North Central Council of Latin Americanists (NCCLA) Conference: Latin America and the World: Interconnections, Impact, and Independence*. Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI (October 7-8, 2005).

Inaugural Address. “La Política de Desastres: Enfrentando el Elefante en el Cuarto,” *3<sup>rd</sup> Conferencia Regional para la Reducción de Desastres en América Central, Planificación y Políticas para un Futuro Seguro* San Salvador, El Salvador (August 15-18, 2005).

Conference Chair and Speaker. *The Birmingham International Festival Salute to Mexico*: “The 2005 Transformative Justice Conference: Immigration Challenges for Communities,” Birmingham AL (April 12-13, 2005).

“¿Cómo están, y’all?” Mexican Migrants in the Deep South: Birmingham, Alabama,” Presented at the *Crossing Borders: U.S./Latin American Relations in the Early 21st Century Conference*, The University of San Francisco, CA (March 2-4, 2005).

“United States-Central American Relations: Coercing a ‘Coalition of the Willing,’” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2004 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 15-18, 2004).

“Terrorism and Disaster: Conceptual Clarifications and the Politics of Vulnerability.” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association 2002 National Conference*, Chicago, IL (April 25-28, 2002).

Invited Participant. USAID/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance: *Follow-up to the Third Summit of the Americas, Disaster Risk Reduction Hemispheric Conference*, San José, Costa Rica (December 4-6, 2001).

Keynote Speaker. “Disasters as a ‘Window’ on Latin America,” *The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Latin American Studies Symposium*, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, AL (April 6-7, 2001).

“The 1985 Mexico City Disaster: A ‘Critical Juncture’?” Presented at the *Latin American Studies Association, XXII International Congress*, Miami, FL (March 16-18, 2000).

Invited Participant. Pan American Health Organization: *Evaluation of the Preparedness for and Response to Hurricanes Georges and Mitch*, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (February 16-19, 1999).

“Mexico’s Social Expectation-Regime Capability Dilemma.” Presented at the *Latin American Studies Association, XXI International Congress*, Chicago, IL (September 24-26, 1998).

“Globalizing Forces and the Dilemmas of the Mexican Revolution.” Presented at the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute of Latin American Studies Students’ Association Conference on Latin America*, University of Texas, Austin, TX (February 27-28, 1998).

“The Discourse of Modernity: Capitalism and Environmental Movements.” Presented at the *Interdisciplinary Environmental Conference: Evolving Perspectives on the Global Commons*, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ (November 5, 1993).

\*Birmingham-Southern College Student.

## PEER REVIEWER

*Disasters*  
*European Journal of International Relations*  
*International Studies Perspectives*  
*International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*  
*International Journal of Disaster Risk Science*  
*Political Geography*  
*Political Science Quarterly*  
*P.S.: Political Science & Politics*  
*World Development*

## COURSES TAUGHT

*American Foreign Policy*  
*Civil Rights and Justice*  
*Comparative Elite Behavior*  
*Current Issues in Politics*  
*Democracy and Radical Politics*  
*Development in the Americas*  
*Dimensions of the Future*  
*DISASTERS!*  
*Environmental Hazards and Urban Social Risks*  
*First-Year Seminar: Humor and the Cynical*  
*Political Mind*  
*First-Year Seminar: What the Best College*  
*Students Do*  
*Honors: Human Responses to Extreme Events*  
*International Political Economy*  
*Introduction to American Government*  
*Introduction to Comparative Politics*  
*Introduction to Disaster Management*

*Introduction to Global and Comparative Studies*  
*Introduction to Human Rights*  
*Introduction to International Human Rights Law*  
*Introduction to International Relations*  
*Introduction to Latin American Studies*  
*Introduction to the Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean*  
*Political Ideologies*  
*Political Violence*  
*Politics of Disasters*  
*Politics of Mexico and Central America*  
*Politics of South America*  
*Seminar for Majors in Political Science/Global and Comparative Studies*  
*Senior Research Project in Political Science/Global and Comparative Studies*  
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