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Educational History

PhD. Political Science, August 2014

University of Colorado Boulder

Fields: Comparative Politics, Research Methodology, and Public Policy

Dissertation: “Citizens, Government and NGOs: Is Three a Crowd?”

Dissertation advisor: Carew Boulding

M.A. Political Science, May 2009

University of Colorado Boulder

B.A. International Affairs, *magna cum laude*, December 1999

University of Colorado Boulder

Employment History Part I

University of New Mexico, Political Science, Assistant Professor (August 2015-)

One Earth Future Foundation, Research and Development, Research Associate (2015)

One Earth Future Foundation, Research and Development, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2014)

One Earth Future Foundation, Research and Development, Research Fellow (2013-2014)

University of Colorado Boulder, Office of International Education, Special Projects (2007-2014)

University of Colorado, Latin American Studies Center, Graduate Assistant (2012-2013)

University of Colorado Boulder, Research Assistant for ACE Internationalization Laboratory (2009)

University of Colorado Boulder, Study Abroad Programs, Program Manager (2003- 2007)

University of Colorado Boulder, Study Abroad Programs, Lead Advisor (1999-2003)

Employment History Part II

University of Indiana, Ostrom Workshop Visiting Scholar (Spring 2019)

University of New Mexico, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, Senior Fellow (2015-2017)

Professional Recognition and Honors

University of New Mexico New Teacher of the Year Award, Spring 2018

Research Interests

I am interested in the politics of service delivery and public goods provision in developing countries. My projects explore the politics between actors who engage in service provision, the governance structures that shape these interactions and the specific challenges of creating and maintaining water, sanitation, and energy services, particularly in rural areas. My work has examined the impact NGOs on the relationships between rural communities and local government in the Peruvian Amazon. Building on this work, I have explored interactions between NGOs and local governments in Peru and Bolivia, focusing on how different policies of decentralization shape these local relationships. Much of my research focuses on the challenges of drinking water services, including the burdens on rural communities to manage water infrastructure and the ways that decentralization reforms have resolved some issues while reifying inequities. Recently, I have expanded this work on water and service provision to study public health, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ramifications of climate change on rural communities and their access to water.

Teaching Interests

I am interested in expanding students' awareness of the drivers and consequences of poverty within and across countries and developing a sense of efficacy in students to engage in policy and efforts to address inequality and poverty. I have developed five courses at UNM: The Politics of Poverty and Inequality, which analyzes the causes and consequences of these issues at local levels, The Politics of Development, which explores competing theories about variation in human and economic development across countries, The Politics of Water in Latin America, which focuses on economic and political development through the lens of water, The Politics of Making a Difference, which assesses the factors that make individual and group efforts successful in social change, Comparative Political Economy of Development, and a graduate course that reviews foundational scholarly work on distributive politics and development.

Service Interests

My interests in service at UNM and in the political science discipline is to foster interdisciplinary connections that facilitate engagement in communities to solve problems and provide opportunities for students' professional development. I have focused my attention on contributing to the development of a network of researchers interested in water, supporting efforts at UNM to internationalize the university, and investing in the political science department. I have co-organized the 2018 Greenleaf Symposium on Rural Transformation in Latin America's Changing Climate and the 2019 Climate Variability and Conflict in the Central American Dry Corridor workshop. I organized the Fall 2020 ISI Speaker Series on the Politics of Water in Latin America. I have served on the LAII executive committee, the ISI executive committee and the LAII grants and awards committee. I have also served as section chair for the MPSA conference in 2018 and 2021.

Scholarly Achievements

Articles Published in Refereed Journals

- Romano, Sarah, Jami Nelson-Nuñez and G. Thomas LaVanchy. "Rural Water Provision and the State-Society Interface in Latin America" Forthcoming at *Water International*.
- Hummel, Calla, Ximena Velasco Guachalla, Jami Nelson-Nuñez, and Carew Boulding. "Bolivia: Lessons from the first six months of the new coronavirus pandemic." Forthcoming at *Perspectives on Politics*.
- Grillos, Tara, Alan Zarytcha and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2021. "Water Scarcity & Procedural Justice in Honduras: Community-Based Management Meets Market-Based Policy." *World Development*. Vol. 42.
- Hummel, Calla, Felicia Marie Knaul, Michael Touchton, V. Ximena Velasco Guachalla, Jami Nelson-Nuñez, and Carew Boulding. 2021. "Poverty, Precarious work and Pandemics: Lessons from Bolivia's Experience with Covid-19 Non-pharmaceutical Interventions." *The Lancet Global Health*. Published online January 25, 2021.
- Hummel, Calla, V. Ximena Velasco Guachalla, Jami Nelson-Nuñez and Carew Boulding. 2020. "Bolivia: lessons from the first six months of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic." *Temas Sociales*. Vol. 47, 98-129.
- Warner, Benjamin, Marygold Walsh-Dilly, Jami Nelson-Nuñez and Chris Duvall. 2020. "Rural Transformation in Latin America." *Journal of Latin American Geography*, Vol. 19(3), 10-25.
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami. 2019. "Substitution or Facilitation: Service-Delivery NGOs and Political Engagement in the Peruvian Amazon." *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 52 (3), 445-477.
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami, Jeffrey P. Walters, and Denisse Charpentier. 2019. "Exploring the Challenges to Sustainable Rural Drinking Water Services in Chile." *Water Policy*, Vol. 21(6), 1251-1265.
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Christopher Cyr. 2019. "Women's Work after the War: Evidence from a Firm-Level Dataset in Somaliland." *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society*, Vol. 25(3), 419-433.
- Foxworth, Raymond, Carew Boulding, Jami Nelson-Nuñez, and Ximena Vania Velasco Guachalla. 2019. "Indigenous Attitudes toward the Political System in Bolivia." *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinion Publica*, Vol. 8, 41-81.
- Htun, Mala, Francesca Jensenius and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2019. "Gender-Discriminatory Laws and Women's Economic Agency." *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society*, Vol. 26(2), 193-222.
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Elise Pizzi. 2018. "Governance and Water Progress for the Rural Poor." *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations*, Vol. 24 (4).
- Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Kate Cartwright. 2018. "Getting along or going alone: Understanding collaboration between local governments and NGOs in Bolivia," *Latin American Politics and Society*. Vol. 60 (2), 76-101.
- Boulding, Carew and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2014. "Civil Society and Support for the Political System in Times of Crisis," *Latin American Research Review*. Vol. 49 (1), 128-154.

Articles Appearing in Chapters of Edited Volumes

Andersson, Krister and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2013. "Rural Development," in *The Oxford Companion to Comparative Politics*, eds. Craig Murphy, Margaret Crahan and Joel Krieger. New York: Oxford University Press, 332-334.

Other Scholarly Works

Nelson-Nuñez, Jami. 2019. "Review of Stemming the Tide: Human Rights and Water Policy in a Neoliberal World. By Madeline Baer." *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 17 (1).

Owuor, Victor, Sierra Method and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. 2019. "Small Hydropower Potential in the Federal Republic of Somalia." 2019 World Small Hydropower Development Report: United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna, and International Center on Small Hydro Power, Hangzhou.

Nelson-Nuñez, Jami. 2015. "Powering Progress: The Potential of Renewable Energy in Somalia." Research Report for the One Earth Future Foundation.

Works in Progress

Articles Under Review in Refereed Journals

Nelson-Nuñez, Jami, Ryan Mahoney, Simon Mostafa, and Karl Linden. "If you build it, will they come? Use of Rural Water Systems in the Peruvian Amazon." *Invitation to revise and resubmit*.

Hummel, Calla, Ximena Velasco Guachalla, Jami Nelson-Nuñez, and Carew Boulding. "Compounding Crises: Bolivia in 2020." *Under review*.

Articles in Preparation for Refereed Journals

Nelson-Nuñez, Jami, Claudia Avellaneda, and Fiorella Vera Adrianzen. "Who Wins with Results-Based Budgeting: Peruvian Local Government Capacity"

Nelson-Nuñez, Jami and Anna Calasanti. "Gender Inequality and Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Water and Sanitation."

Nelson-Nuñez, Jami. "NGOs and Local Government Relationships in Bolivia"

Nelson-Nuñez, Jami. "Governance of Rural Water Services in Peru"

Walters, Jeffrey, Jami Nelson-Nuñez and Joshua Armstrong. "The Promise and Pitfalls of an Ecological Sanitation Project"

Other Scholarly Works

Cartwright, Kate, Nicholas Edwardson, and Jami Nelson-Nuñez. "Comparative Health Systems Analysis: Insights from a Comparison of US and Peruvian Health Systems and Reforms." In B. Perlman and M. Rivera (Eds.), *Comparative Analysis in Hemispheric Perspective – Book in Preparation*.

Invited or Refereed Abstracts and Presentations at Professional Meetings

- 2019 “NGOs and Local Government Relationships in Bolivia” presented at APSA in Washington DC
- 2019 “If you build it, will they come? Use of Rural Drinking Water Services” presented at LASA in Boston, MA
- 2019 “The Peruvian Governance Incentive Program” presented at the Ostrom Workshop in Bloomington, IN
- 2018 “NGOs and Local Government Relationships in Peru and Bolivia.” Presented at the Southwest Mixed Methods Workshop in Santa Cruz, CA
- 2018 “Gender Inequality and Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Water and Sanitation” (with Anna Calasanti) presented at the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL
- 2017 “Gender Inequality and Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Water and Sanitation” (with Anna Calasanti) presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in San Francisco, CA
- 2017 “Getting along or going alone: Understanding collaboration between local governments and NGOs in Bolivia” (with Kate Cartwright) presented at the Latin American Studies Association in Lima, Peru
- 2017 “Water Progress for the Poor” (with Elise Pizzi) presented at the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL
- 2016 “Local Governance of Water and Sanitation: Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals.” Presented at UNM for International Education Week, Invited by the Department of Public Administration
- 2016 “The Politics of Rural Water,” LAII-sponsored talk at CNM
- 2016 “Measuring Progress: How Alternative Measures to the JMP Estimates Change Perspectives on WaSH Progress” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2016 “Getting along or going alone: Understanding collaboration between local governments and NGOs in Bolivia.” presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 “Service-Delivery NGOs and Political Participation in the Peruvian Amazon.” Southwest Mixed Methods Research Workshop in Albuquerque, NM
- 2015 “The Politics of Rural Water.” Invited by Duke University, October 2015
- 2015 “The Effect of Conflict on WASH Outcomes” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2015 “Cozy or Crowded? The Effect of NGOs on Citizens' Contact with Government" Invited by LAII, University of New Mexico
- 2015 “NGOs and Political Participation in the Peruvian Amazon” presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in San Francisco, CA

- 2014 “Meeting the MDGs in Access to Water: Why do some flourish while others lag behind?” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2014 “Responding to Health Epidemics: Determinates of State Response to HIV and AIDS” (with Ray Foxworth), presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “The Effect of NGOs on the Citizen-Government Relationship,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL
- 2013 “Citizens, governments and NGOs: Is Three a Crowd?” presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL
- 2013 “Getting Local Government Involved in Rural Water Services,” presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2013 “The Effect of NGOs on Attitudes toward Local Government,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington D.C.
- 2012 “If you build it, will they come? Individual Use of Rural Water Resources” (with Ryan Mahoney, Simon Mostafa, and Karl Linden), presented at the UNC Water and Health Conference, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 “The Promise and Pitfalls of Household Ecological Sanitation” (with Josh Armstrong and Karl Linden), presented to the UNC Water and Health Conference in Chapel Hill, NC
- 2011 “Governance Conditions for Access to Water in Latin America,” presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL
- 2010 “Civil Society and Support for the Political System” (with Carew Boulding), presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL

Research

Research Funding

“Governing Scarce Water Resources in the Honduran Dry Corridor”

Research Allocation Grant, UNM

October 2019-January 2021, \$10,000

“NGO-Government Collaboration in Service Delivery in Peru and Bolivia”

Field Research Grant, UNM Latin America and Iberian Institute

May 2018 – August 2018, \$2001

“NGO-Government Collaboration in Service Delivery in Peru and Bolivia”

Women in Stem Research Seed Grant, UNM Advance Program

May 2017 – August 2018, \$6340

“Sustainability of Water and Sanitation Infrastructure in Peru”

PI: Karl Linden, University of Colorado

National Science Foundation IRES Grant

May 2011 – August 2014

“NGOs, Citizens and Governments: Is Three a Crowd?”
Dissertation Field Research, Bev Sears Graduate Research Grant
Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder
Summer 2013

“Evaluating sustainability of rural water services in the Amazon”
Engineering Excellence Fund
College of Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder
2012

“Evaluating functionality of ecological sanitation in Iquitos, Peru”
Engineering Excellence Fund
College of Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder
2011

Teaching

Teaching Grants

LAII Course Development Grant Award, Fall 2016

Doctoral Advisement

Fiorella Vera Adrianzen, dissertation committee member, in process
Anna Calasanti, dissertation committee member, in process
David Nunnally, dissertation committee member, in process
Mahtab Shafiei, dissertation committee member, in process
Eric Griego, dissertation committee member, in process
Justin Whetton, dissertation committee member, defended June 2018

Masters Advisement

Dylan McArthur, Second Year Paper committee member, 2020
Florent Nkouaga, Second Year Paper committee member, 2020
Alfred Wang, Second Year Paper committee member, 2018
Carlos Contreras, Second Year Paper committee member, 2018
Mahtab Shafiei, Second Year Paper committee member, 2018
Melanie Sontag, Second Year Paper committee member, 2018
Colin Henry, Second Year Paper committee member, 2017
Eric Griego, Conference Ready Paper committee member, 2016

Bachelor's Honors Advisement

Sarah Crouch, Senior Honor's Thesis, Spring 2021
William Bowen, Senior Honor's Thesis, Spring 2021
Lia Stefanovich, Senior Honor's Thesis, Spring 2020
Julisa Rodriguez, Senior Honor's Thesis, Spring 2019
Teran Villa, Senior Honor's Thesis, Fall 2018
Kaski Suzuki, Senior Honor's Thesis, Spring 2018
Ranjavola Andriamanana, Senior Honor's Thesis, Spring 2017

Mark Niederhaus, Senior Honor's Thesis, Spring 2016

Undergraduate Student Mentoring

Joel Robinson, Domenici Student Fellowship, Spring 2019

Tre Graves, Mellon Mays Advisement, 2017-2018

Graduate Student Independent Study

Carlos Contreras, Independent Study, Summer 2017

Eric Griego, Independent Study, Spring 2017

Tim Green, Directed Readings, Fall 2016

Alicia Gomez, Independent Study, Summer 2016

Undergraduate Student Independent Study

Sarah Crouch, Independent Study, Fall 2020

Kendall Schneider, Independent Study, Spring 2020

Brooke Martinez, Independent Study, Spring 2020

Madeleine Granath, Independent Study, Fall 2018

Danielle McHugh, Independent Study, Spring 2018

Eliza Boulding, Independent Study, Spring 2017

Alexandria Lyons, Independent Study, Fall 2016

Classroom Teaching

2021; Spring; Politics around the World; POLS 2110.001; 32 students

2021; Spring; Politics of Global Development; POLS 323.001; 40 students

2020; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 324.001; 43 students

2020; Fall; Politics of Water in Latin America; POLS 320.001; 25 students

2020; Spring; Politics of Global Development; POLS 323; 41 students

2019; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 324.001; 63 students

2019; Fall; Politics around the World; POLS 2110; 57 students

2019; Spring; Politics of Global Development; POLS 323.001; 42 students

2019; Spring; Comparative Politics of Development; POLS 520.001; 10 students

2018; Spring; Politics of Global Development; POLS 323.001; 42 students

2018; Spring; Politics around the World; POLS 220; 74 students

2017; Fall; Water and Health in Latin America; POLS 400.003; 24 students

2017; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 320.001; 42 students

2017; Spring; Politics of Global Development; POLS 320.001; 43 students

2016; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 320.005; 45 students

2016; Fall; Politics of Making a Difference; POLS 320.001; 41 students

2016; Spring; Comparative Political Economy of Development; POLS 521.002; 6 students

2016; Spring; Politics of Global Development; POLS 320.002; 24 students

2015; Fall; Politics of Poverty and Inequality; POLS 300.009; 43 students

2012; Spring; CU-Boulder, PSCI 4012: Global Development

2011; Spring; CU-Boulder, PSCI 4012: Global Development

2011; Fall; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 7095: Advanced Political Data Analysis

2010; Spring; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics

2009; Spring; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics

2008; Fall; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics
2008; Spring; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics
2007; Fall; Teaching Assistant CU-Boulder, PSCI 2012: Intro to Comparative Politics

Service

Committee Service

2021	Section Chair of the Midwest Political Science Association Subfield of Urban and Local Politics
2020-2022	Executive Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
2020-2021	Executive Committee and Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
2018-2021	International Studies Institute Board Member, University of New Mexico
2019	Co-Organizer of the Climate Change in the Central American Dry Corridor Workshop, University of New Mexico
2018	Co-Organizer of the Greenleaf Symposium on Rural Transformation in Latin America's Changing Climate, University of New Mexico
2018	Section Chair of the Midwest Political Science Association Subfield of Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
2017-2019	Executive Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
2017-2020	Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
2017-2018	Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
2016-2017	Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
2016-2017	Grants and Awards Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
2015-2016	Grants and Awards Committee, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico
2015-2016	Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico
2014	Coordinator of Annual Colorado Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Symposia, University of Colorado Boulder
2013	Coordinator and creator of Annual Colorado Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Symposia, University of Colorado Boulder
2011	Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder
2008-2009	Graduate Mentor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder

Journal Reviews

Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; International Journal of Social Welfare; International Review of Administrative Sciences; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Water Policy; Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development; Law and Policy; Local Government Studies; PNAS; Political and Legal Anthropological Review; PS: Political Science & Politics; Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations; World Development