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Education

Ph.D. (moral philosophy), University of Chicago, 1986
Master of Theological Studies, cum laude, Emory University, 1978
B.A. (double major in Linguistics and Spanish), Indiana University, 1974

Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Harvard Economics Department, Harvard University, 2017- to present
Senior Research Fellow, Taubman Center, Harvard Kennedy School, 2007-2017
Visiting Professor, Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala, 1998 - present
Lecturer, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2002-2006
Lecturer, School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 1998
Adjunct Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 1995-1996
Lecturer, Department of Politics, Princeton University, 1989-1992
Visiting Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 1986-1989

Professional Appointments

Nonresident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., 2010-present
Associate Researcher, Popol Vuh Museum, Universidad Francisco Marroquín,
Guatemala City, Guatemala, 1998- present
Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 1999 – 2018

Other Professional Positions

Board, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, 2021-2024
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Religion and Demography* (JRAD) 2018 – present
Board, Maya Educational Foundation, 2013-2015
Board, Bay Chamber Music Series and Music School, 2013-2014
American Political Science Association (APSA)
Secretary/treasurer, Religion and Politics Section (2010-2012)
The Morken Book Award (2007; 2009 awards)
Associate Editor, *Politics and Religion*, Cambridge University Press, 2008–2012
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Chair of the Taskforce on Scholarly Relations with Central America (1995-1997)
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
Committee member, International Travel Committee (2009-2010)
Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
Andean Studies Committee, 2005-2006; 2006-2008
Advisory Committee Member, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity
School, 2005-2006; 2006-2007

Member, Election Observation Mission Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos,
San José, Costa Rica, IIDH/CAPEL Nicaraguan National Elections, October 1996
Member, Election Observation Mission IIDH/CAPEL
Guatemalan National Elections, November 1995 and January 1996
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
As a member of the core group on “Comparative Peace Processes in Latin
America,” 1995-1997

Books

The Wealth of Religions: The Political Economy of Believing and Belonging (with Robert J. Barro), Princeton University Press, 2019.

Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion, editor, Oxford University Press, 2011.

Global Compassion: Private Voluntary Organizations and U.S. Foreign Policy since 1939, Oxford University Press, 2009 (Winner of the 2010 Skystone Ryan Research Prize, Association of Fundraising Professionals).

Dictating Democracy: Guatemalan Elites and the End of Violent Revolution, University Press of Florida, 1999.

Imponiendo la Democracia: Las Elites Guatemaltecas y el Fin del Conflicto Armado. (Spanish version) Casa Editorial Artemis-Edinter, Guatemala, 1999.

Seeking Justice: Ethics and International Affairs, Westview Press, 1992.

Journal Articles

“Catholic Child and Youth Martyrs, 1588-2022,” *Catholic Historical Review*, 108, 3 (Summer, 2022): 469-508.

“Catholic Martyrs of Latin America,” *Fé y Libertad*, 5, 1 (2022) (with Robert J. Barro).

“Opening the Fifth Seal Catholic Martyrs and Forces of Religious Competition,” *Journal of Religion and Demography* 7 (2020): 92–122 (with Robert J. Barro).

“Pentecostals, Kinship, and Moral Economy in Guatemala,” *Journal of Markets and Morality*, 21, 1 (Spring 2018): 167-189.

"Saints Marching In, 1590-2012," *Economica*, 83, 331 (July 2016): 385–415 (with Robert J. Barro).

“Religious Conversion in 40 Countries,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 49, 1 (2010):15–36 (with Robert J. Barro and Jason Hwang).

- “The Market Approach to the Rise of the Geluk School in Tibet, 1419-1642,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 69, 1 (February 2010): 149-180 (with Leonard van der Kuijp).
- “Private Voluntary Organizations Engaged in International Assistance, 1939-2004,” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 37, 3 (December 2007): 512-536 (with Robert J. Barro).
- “Religion and Economic Development: A Two-way Causation,” *Policy Review* 148, (April – May 2008): 45–57.
- “The Economics of Religion and Secularization,” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, 5, 1 (Spring 2007): 43-47.
- “Salvation, Damnation, and Economic Incentives,” *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 22, 1 (January 2007): 49-74.
- “Religion and Political Economy in an International Panel,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 45, 2 (June 2006): 149–175 (with Robert J. Barro).
- “Religion and Economy,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 20, 2 (Spring, 2006): 49-72 (with Robert J. Barro).
- “Which Countries Have State Religions?” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 4, 1 (November 2005): 1331-1370 (with Robert Barro).
- “Religion and Economic Growth,” *Milken Institute Review* (April 2004): 36-45 (with Robert J. Barro).
- “Religion and Economic Growth Across Countries,” *American Sociological Review*, 68, 5 (October 2003): 760-781 (with Robert J. Barro).
- “Guatemala’s Postwar Prospects,” *Journal of Democracy*, 8, 2 (April 1997): 129-143.
- “Guatemala: Jump-Starting a Nation,” *Crosslines* (January 1997).
- “Peace of Change?” *Hemisfile*, (January/February 1997).
- “Guatemala: Expectations for Peace,” *Current History*, 95, 598 (February 1996): 88-92.
- “Guatemala: Negotiating Peace to Foster Democracy,” *Boletín Electoral Latinoamericano*, January-June 1995.
- “The International Community’s Claim to Rights in Brazilian Amazonia,” *Political Studies*, 39, 4 (December 1991): 691-707.

“Christian Collective Acts: A Matter of *Conscientia*,” *Quarterly Review*, 5, 3 (Fall 1985): 63-70.

Book Chapters and other Publications

“Protestant Doctrinal Heterodoxy and Heterogeneity in Guatemala 1880s to 1950s.” Felipe Valencia Caicedo (ed.) *Roots of Underdevelopment in Latin America*, forthcoming Springer, 2022.

“Protestant Innovative Evangelizing to Oral Cultures in Guatemala.” David Thomas Orique, Susan Fitzpatrick-Behrens, and Virginia Garrard (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Latin American Christianity*, Oxford University Press, 2020, Chapter 19.

“Protestants and Catholics and Educational Investment in Guatemala.” (with Robert J. Barro) Sriya Iyer, Jared Rubin, Jean-Paul Carvahlo (eds.), *Advances in the Economics of Religion*, Brill Publishers, 2019, Chapter 11.

“Measuring the Presence of Protestants in Guatemala, 1882–2011.” Brian J. Grim, Vegard Skirbekk, Gina A. Zurlo, (eds.), *Yearbook of International Religious Demography 2017*, Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill, 2017, Chapter Four (with Robert J. Barro).

“Protestantism and Human Capital in Guatemala and the Republic of Korea.” Asian Development Bank Working Paper Series, No. 332, January 2013.

“Economics of Sainthood.” in Rachel McCleary, ed., *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, Oxford University Press, 2010 (with Robert J. Barro).

“Political Economy and Religion in the Spirit of Max Weber,” in Victor Nee and Richard Swedberg (eds.), *Spirit of Global Capitalism*, Stanford University Press, 2006 (with Robert J. Barro).

“Religion and Economy,” *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, Oxford, Blackwell, 2005.

“Governance in the Andean Countries,” January 2000. Background paper prepared for the Andean Competitiveness Project, Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID), Harvard University.

“Reconciling Democracy and Peace in Guatemala,” in A. Ackermann, ed., *Reconciliation in Global Perspective: Theory and Practice*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000.

“Post-Conflict Economy in Central America,” in Cynthia Arnson, ed., *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America*, Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Stanford University Press, 1999.

“Guatemalan Indigenous non-Governmental Organizations and their Capacity for Early Warning,” in R. Rotberg, ed., *Vigilance and Vengeance: NGOs Preventing Ethnic Conflict in Divided Societies*, Brookings Institution, 1996.

“Ecopolitics and the Failure of Rawlsian Approaches to International Distributive Justice,” in N. Reynolds, C. Murphy, and R. Moffat, eds., *Liberalism and Community*, Mellen Press, 1996.

The Constitutional Crisis in Guatemala: The Responses of the International Community and Guatemalan Society, U.S. Institute of Peace, January 1994.

Guatemala: Negotiating Peace to Foster Democracy, American University School of International Service, 1994.

“The International Community’s Claim to Rights in Brazilian Amazonia,” in M. Charlton and E. Riddell-Dixon, eds., *Crosscurrent: International Relations in the Post-Cold War Era*, Nelson-Canada, 1993.

“Justice as a Kind of Proportionate: The Case of Rice Agricultural Practices in Costa Rica,” in Charles Blatz, ed., *Ethics and Agriculture, an Anthology on Current Issues in World Context*, University of Idaho Press, 1991.

Preserving the Amazonian Rain Forest, Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 1991.

Just Cause? The 1989 United States Invasion of Panama, Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training, Georgetown University, 1990 (with Christopher Tatham).

Development Strategies in Conflict: Brazil and the Future of the Amazon, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 1989.

The Ethics of Intervention: Nicaragua and the United States, 1978-1979,” Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training, Georgetown University, 1988.

The New International Economic Order, 1974-75, Pew Initiative in Diplomatic Training, Georgetown University, 1988.

Book Reviews (a sampling)

Free Trade and Faithful Globalization: Saving the Market, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Faithful Education: Madrassahs in South Asia. Ali Riaz (Rutgers University Press, 2008) in *Politics and Religion Journal* 3 (2010).

Salvation Goods and the Religious Markets. Theory and Applications. Jörg Solz (ed.). (Bern: Peter Lang, 2008). *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 24, no 1 (January 2009).

Exorcising the Ghosts of Vietnam: Why We Were in Central America. Our Own Backyard: the United States in Central America, 1977-1992. William M. LeoGrande. *SAIS Review Winter/Spring* (1998).

The Thread of Life. Richard Wollheim. *Ethics* 96, no. 4 (July 1986).

Wickedness. Mary Midgley. *Ethics* 96, no. 2 (January 1986).

Visions of Women. Linda Bell; *Too Many Women: The Sex Ratio Question.* Marica Guttentag and Paul F. Secord; *Women and Spirituality.* Carol Ochs. *Ethics* 95, no. 3 (October 1984).

Revisions: Changing Perspectives in Moral Philosophy. Eds. Stanley Hauerwas and Alasdair MacIntyre. *Ethics* 94, no. 3 (April 1984).

Data Sets

Protestant denominations, churches, and individual sects in Guatemala since the 1880s (includes all Protestant groups and their individual houses of worship over time by location. The data set currently has over 15,000 individual churches in Guatemala, identified by type, date of establishment; schools by each group as well as clinics and hospitals, radio stations and radio programs, theology/Bible schools.)

Translations of the Bible and Bible portions into indigenous languages of Guatemala by Language, date of translation(s), names of missionary and indigenous translators, Publisher, number of copies printed.

Moreria data set on rentals in Guatemala over time (this data set includes the date of the rental of costumes, the type of dance the costumes belong to, the characters corresponding to the costumes, rental fees, location of the dance for which the costumes are being rented, duration of rental, sometimes the names of the renters are included along with their role in the performance of the dance.)

McCleary PVO Data Set <http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~rmcclea/data.html>

Saints data set (with Robert Barro and Alexander McQuoid)

Religious Adherence Data Set (with Robert Barro)
<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/fs/rmcclea/data.html>

Honors, Awards, Grants

Harvard Bok Excellence in Teaching Award, Fall 2017; Fall 2019.
Book, *Global Compassion*. Winner of the 2010 Skystone Ryan Research Prize,
Fulbright Research Scholar, Universidad Rafael Landivar, Guatemala, 1994.

Languages

Spanish fluent (reading, writing, and speaking)
French and Italian reading and some writing