



Biography

I research and teach on topics related to comparative ethnoracial politics in Latin America. My research focuses on two areas: the determinants of nation-building and ethnoracial identity; and the effects of nationalism, ethnoracial identity and stratification on political behavior. My dissertation examined the effect of perceived ethnoracial identity on electoral politics in the Dominican Republic, and provided an explanation for the low salience of race and ethnicity in elections in Latin America. A related article is forthcoming in the *Latin American Research Review*.

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