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English

EDUCATION AND DEGREES

- *Graduate:*

Universidad de Carabobo. Venezuela, 2012

Doctor in Social Sciences, Major: Cultural Studies

Doctoral Dissertation:

The concept of crisis of democracy in political theory: on the threshold of post-democracy?

Dissertation submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor in Social Sciences at the Universidad de Carabobo, 2012.

Universidad de Carabobo. Venezuela, 2008

Master's in Political Science and Public Administration

Master's thesis:

The debate between the models of representative and participatory democracy. Theoretical conceptual elements. Thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in Political Science and Public Administration at the Universidad de Carabobo, 2008.

Universidad Central de Venezuela. Venezuela, 2002

Specialist in Human Resources Management

Specialization Thesis:

Proposal for a Model Management for Institutions of Scientific and Technological

Research: Center for Political and Administrative Studies at the University of Carabobo.

Thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of **Specialist in Human Resource Management** at the Universidad Central de Venezuela, 2002.

- *Undergraduate:*

Universidad Fermín Toro. Venezuela, 1995

Bachelor's in Political Science, Major in Political Science

The Role of the Armed Forces in the Venezuelan hegemonic crisis. Thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the Universidad Fermín Toro, 1995.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS (current)

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Adjunct Professor July 2017 to present
Visiting Professor - August 2021- May 2022
Poinciana and Osceola Campuses
Department of Political Science

ANA G. MENDEZ UNIVERSITY

Part-Time Faculty
From: June 2016 to Present
Metro Orlando Campus – Online Campus (Puerto Rico)
Department of Social Sciences

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

VALENCIA COLLEGE

POS 2112 - State and Local Government, 2017
POS 2041 - U.S. Government & POS 2112 - State and Local Government, 2018
POS 2002 - International Politics (online and on-campus), POS 2041 - U.S. Government (online and on campus), POS 2112- State and Local Government, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

ANA G. MENDEZ UNIVERSITY

SOCI 358-O Social Problems of the Hispanic Community in United States, 2021, 2022
SOSC 101 - Introduction to Social Sciences, I; SOSC 102 - Introduction to Social Sciences II,
SOSC 103 Introduction to Social Sciences Compendiu, (online), 2020, 2021, 2022
SOSC 258-O Research Techniques in Social Sciences, SOSC -112-O Individual, Community,
Government, and Social Responsibility, II 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
SOSC 303-O Applied Statistics Methods for Social Sciences, 2018
SOSC 203-O Principles of Sociology, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
SOCI 203 -O Principles of Sociology, 2021 – SOCI 204 Sociology Principles, 2022
SOSC 213-O Social Problems, SOSC -111-O & 112-O Individual, Community, Government,
and Social Responsibility, I & II, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
SOSC 303-O Applied Statistics Methods for Social Sciences, 2016, 2017
SOSC 258-O Research Techniques in Social Sciences, 2017
SOSC 250-O Statistics Methods for Social Sciences, 2016
SOSC 225-O Contemporary Economic and Political Issues, 2016

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSIDAD DE CARABOBO

Associate Professor 2012-2018
Aggregate Professor 2009
Assistant Professor 2008
Instructor Professor 2007
Adjunct Professor 2000

UNIVERSIDAD DE CARABOBO

- *Graduate Teaching*

College of Law and Political Sciences, master's in Political Science and Public Administration Program, course of Governance and Democracy, 2012.

College of Economics and Social Sciences, master's in Business Administration Program, Ethics and Standards, 2007, 2008, 2009.

College of Law and Political Sciences, master's in Political Science and Public Administration Program, Research Seminar I, 2007.

- *Undergraduate Teaching*

College of Economics and Social Sciences, Public Administration, Local Government, Public Policy and Negotiation Techniques, 2000-2014

College of Law and Political Sciences, Venezuelan Political System, 2012

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA

- *Graduate Teaching*

College of Economics and Social Sciences, Specialization in Social Security Program, Public Administration, Public Policy Analysis, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Democracy: governance, crisis, deficit, decline, and building in Latin America, hybrid regimes, authoritarianism, populism, immigration. Latinx politics.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, Comparative Democratization, International Politics, and Public Policy. Latinx politics.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

GOBIERNO Y ANÁLISIS POLÍTICO: [Research Fellow](#) (2020), currently working on Sharp Power in Latin America, and the effects of authoritarianism on exiled communities.

VARIETIES OF DEMOCRACY: Country coordinator (Venezuela) for the [Varieties of Democracy \(V-Dem\)](#) project (2012-2013), a research collaboration initiative that conceptualizes and measures democracy around the world, gathering more than 3,200 country experts in one of the largest social science data collection projects on democracy.

UNIVERSIDAD DE CARABOBO

Research Group Project: Democracy and institutional change in Venezuela. Affiliated with the Research Institute "Manuel Pocaterra Jimenez" (INFACES) College of Economics and Social Sciences and the Research Group on Policy and Institutions (GIPI) 03/04/2013.

Coordinator of the Research Group on Politics and Institutions (GIPI) approved by the University Council of the Universidad de Carabobo 10/15/2012 (CU-017-1675-2012). College of Economics and Social Sciences.

Research Project Grant: Public Management in Community Management: an approach to people power. Approved by the Council of Scientific and Humanistic Studies at the Universidad de Carabobo 06/20/2011 (09.2011.05 Act). Research Institute "Manuel Pocaterra Jiménez" (INFACES), College of Economics and Social Sciences.

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTÓNOMA DE MÉXICO

Member of the research project: Cultural history of Latin American Migration (21st century). Pan American Institute of Geography and History IPGH). Hist 05-2012. 01/16/2012 - 11/26/2012.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Research Assistant. Country Coordinator. Varieties of Democracy Project, University of Notre Dame and University of Gothenburg. 04/30/2012 - 03/30/2013.

CENDES-UCV-FONACIT

Research Fieldwork Coordinator: The relation between State and Society regarding federal entities and municipalities under Venezuelan decentralization. No. S1-2001000731. 09/16/04 to 11/30/05. Universidad Central de Venezuela – CENDES – FONACIT.

- *Expert Opinion in Research Projects (Coding)*

Varieties of Democracy: Participated as country expert for Venezuela and Colombia, evaluating in 2012 (only Venezuela), 2020, 2021.

Presidents and Political Parties in Latin America project: Participated as a country expert for Venezuela (2015).

Potsdam University research project survey: Consulted on the political opposition in Venezuela for an empirical work at **Potsdam University** (2013).

Reflections on Uneven Democracies: The Legacy of Guillermo O'Donnell: Participated in a panel of experts for the book (2012).

- *Community Service Projects*

Member of the Community Service Project: Agenda for Peace building. Ascribed to the Cultural and Organizational Studies Research Group (GIECO) College of Economics and Social Sciences of the Universidad de Carabobo. 2014.

Community Service: Training for Leadership and Community Involvement. Affiliated to the Cultural and Organizational Studies Research Group (GIECO) College of Economics and Social Sciences of the Universidad de Carabobo. 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

- Books and Book Chapters

Title: **América Latina: entre avances y retrocesos democráticos**. Chapter: *El populismo en tiempos del coronavirus: democracia y retroceso y consolidación autoritaria en Latinoamérica*. Editorial Dunken. Argentina 2022. ISBN 978-987-85-1739-1

Title: **El concepto de crisis de la democracia. ¿En el umbral de la posdemocracia?** Alfa Digital. Year 2021. ISBN: 978-84-123371-8-1.

Title: **Counter-democratization and political crisis in Venezuela: the end of the XXI Century Socialism experiment in Latin America?** Chapter of the book: **Latin American Contemporary Politics**. Godofredo Vidal de la Rosa (Coordinator). Studies Series. Sociology Collection. Metropolitan Autonomous University. Mexico. Year 2017.

Title: **Democratic governance in Venezuela: trajectories and present**. Chapter of the book: *Democracy in Latin America: between the utopian ideal and political realities*. Alex Caldera and Armando Chaguaceda (Coordinators). Collection Arguments. Editions Fontamara S. A. Year 2016. ISBN 978-607-736-264-7.

Title: **Le Venezuela en 2015 : conflits politiques, tensions sociales**. Authors: Armando Chaguaceda and María Isabel Puerta. Chapter of the book: *Amérique latine. Edition 2016-2017*, Olivier Companion and Marie Laure Geoffroy (ed.), Collection "Mondes Émergents", 2016, Paris. Year: 2016. ISBN: 978-2-11-010206-5.

Title: **Democratization, Institutional Change and Governance in Venezuela**. Chapter of the book: *Debates Social Sciences*. Published by the College of Economics and Social Sciences. Universidad de Carabobo. Year: 2012. Legal Deposit: lf04120123003072 ISBN: 978-980-12-6145-2.

Title: **Institutions and State in Venezuela. Chronicles of the Venezuelan institutional crisis**. Spanish Academic Publisher. Saarbrücken. Year 2011. ISBN 978-3-8454-9447-0.

Title: **The debate between the models of representative and participatory democracy. Theoretical conceptual elements**. Editorial Fund of APUC. Valencia. Year: 2010. ISBN 978-980-12-4387-8.

Title: **A Look at Current Political Science**. Chapter of the book: *A Transition Agenda: Reflections from the Social Sciences*. Published by the Group of Latin American Studies (GEL) and the Laboratory for Research in Labor Studies (LAINET). Universidad de Carabobo. Editorial Fund of APUC. Year: 2008. ISBN 978-980-12-3320-6.

- Refereed Journal Papers and Articles

Title: **[Así nos habla el Kremlin: Narrativa y medios de comunicación rusos en América Latina](#)**. Publisher: Trópico Absoluto. October, 2022. Autoras: Johanna Cilano Peláez y María Isabel Puerta. (Spanish).

Title: **[De la democracia representativa al poder comunal: la fragmentación política como estrategia de deconstrucción del Estado democrático en Venezuela](#)**. Revista Democratización N° 20. Publisher: Instituto FORMA. Agosto 2022. (Spanish).

Title: **[Así nos habla el Kremlin. DP Enfoque Nro. 10](#)**. Publisher: Fundación Konrad Adenauer – Gobierno y Análisis Político A. C. Agosto, 2022. Autoras: Johanna Cilano Peláez y María Isabel Puerta. (Spanish).

Title: **[China and Latin America: authoritarian influence and democratic resilience](#)**. Publisher: Gobierno y Análisis Político A.C. May 2022. Authors: Fernando Pedrosa, Armando Chaguaceda, María Isabel Puerta and Max Povse. (Spanish)

Title: **[Displaced and Insecure: Understanding the Exodus and Its Effects](#)**, NACLA Report on the Americas, 54:1, 112-116, DOI: [10.1080/10714839.2022.2045108](https://doi.org/10.1080/10714839.2022.2045108) (2022) Authors: María Isabel Puerta Riera & Yorelis Acosta.

Title: **[Democratic backsliding and autocratization: the political effects of the covid-19 pandemic in Nicaragua and Venezuela](#)**. Publisher: Gobierno y Análisis Político A.C. February 2021.

Title: **[Legal Responses to Covid-19 in Latin American & the Caribbean](#)**. Publisher: Gobierno y Análisis Político A.C. and The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law. February 2021.

Title: **[Magazuelans: How Venezuelan Americans Embraced Trump as Their Savior](#)**. Publisher: NACLA. January 2021.

Title: **[Effectiveness of economic sanctions as a strategy for regime change in American foreign policy: Case of Venezuela](#)** Publisher: PROGRAMA CUBA, Foro Cubano Revista de divulgación. August 2020 *Volume 3, No. 23* Coordinator: John Polga-Hecimovich ISSN. 2590 - 4833 (online).

Title: **[“El populismo en tiempos del coronavirus: democracia en retroceso y consolidación autoritaria en Latinoamérica”](#)** Publisher: REVISTA #DDA 16. JULIO 2020. Proyecto Demo Amlat. Julio 2020.

Title: **[“Cercos diplomáticos” against Maduro: Colombia’s unsuccessful strategy](#)**. Publisher: PROGRAMA CUBA, Perspectivas Democráticas sobre la Actualidad Cubana. Universidad Sergio Arboleda. Num.3, December 2018, pp. 107-127. ISSN: 25 39-2751. Co-author: Ocampo, Omar.

Title: **“Los poderes y el pueblo: Miradas latinoamericanas sobre una trayectoria universal”**. Publisher: Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, Colombia. Democracia Actual, Num.3, December 2018, pp. 107-127. ISSN: 25 39-2751. Co-author: Chaguaceda, Armando.

Title: “Venezuela: The decline of a democracy”. Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan UK, December 2017. Development (2017) Volume 60, Issue 3–4, pp 174–179. ISSN: 1011-6370 (Print) 1461-7072 (Online). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41301-018-0157-6>.

Title: **“Authoritarian decay in Venezuela: historical process and recent developments”** Publisher: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Diálogo Político Año XXXIV, N° 2, 2017. ISSN: 1688-9665. Co-author: Chaguaceda, Armando.

Title: **“Crisis of democracy. A tour of the debate in contemporary political theory”** Publisher: Revista Espiral. Estudios sobre Estado y Sociedad. Volume XXIII, No. 65, January - April 2016. ISSN: 1665-0565. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.32870/espiral.v23i65.4454>

Title: **“Quo vadis Venezuela: from Delegative Democracy to Authoritarianism of the 21st Century”** Publisher: Revista Mexicana de Análisis y Administración Pública. Volume IV, No. 1, January - June 2015. ISSN: 2007-4425. Co-author: Chaguaceda, Armando.

Title: **Communal Councils in Venezuela**. Volume 5, No. 9, January-June 2012. Observatorio Laboral Revista Venezolana. First and last pages: 43-55. Year: 2012.

Title: **Management of Institutions of Scientific and Technological Research**. Volume XIX No. 2 Faces Journal. First and last pages: 215-243. Year: 2008.

Title: **Approach to the Study of the crisis of democracy and representation in Venezuela**. Volume: No. 26, Vol XIV Mañongo Journal. First and last pages: 135-152. Year: 2006.

Title: **Participatory democracy and liberal socialism. On the threshold of the post-democracy**. No. 12 Political Memoir Journal. First and last pages: 97-118. Year: 2008.

Title: **A view of John Rawls Theory of Justice from political sciences’ view**. Volume: No. 10 Political Memoir Journal. First and last pages: 277-288. Year: 2006.

Title: **Ideas about the democratic process in the municipality**. Vol. N°2, Local Issues Journal. Year: 2002.

- Working Papers

Title: (2020) The Latin American vote in the United States: elections as a means for political assimilation.

Title: (2020) Sharp Power and Latin American diasporas in the United States: a look at Cuban and Venezuelan exiles confronting political harassment abroad.

Title: (2019) Democracy decline in Latin America: from promotion to stagnation. How the weakening of democracy building efforts has thwarted consolidation in the region.

Title: (2019) Colombia at a crossroads: How the Venezuelan crisis is defining its politics. Co-author: Omar Ocampo.

Title: (2018) Democracy decline, multiculturalism, and global immigration crisis: challenges of the post-democratic age.

- *Refereed Conference Proceedings*

Title: **Colombia in Venezuela, the Colombian woman as a domestic worker in Venezuelan homes.** Publisher: XVI Congress of the International Federation for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. First and last pages: 293. ISBN number: 978 - 605-136-118-5. October 2013.

Title: **Communal counsels and Digital gap. Research advances in the research of the communication in Venezuela.** Publisher: Venezuelan Researchers of Communication (InveCom). First and last pages: 294-303. ISBN number: 978 - 980-7483-01-8. Legal deposit: ifi 0612014001680. May 2013.

Title: **Democratization of public spaces and institutional change: the Communal Councils in Venezuela.** XVII International Congress of CLAD on State Reform and Public Administration, Cartagena, Colombia, October 30. - 2 Nov. 2012. Free Document.

Title: **Military culture and democratic culture: elements for the definition of political culture in Venezuela.** First and last pages: 1111-1115. UC VII Research Congress Memoirs. Year: 2011.

Title: **Democratic Modernization and post-democracy: An approach to its conceptualization.** First and last pages: 1107-1110. UC VII Research Congress Memoirs. Year: 2011.

Title: **Agreements as a characteristic in the Venezuelan Political System: the landmark pact.** Memoirs UC Research Conference VI. First and last pages: 1331-1334. Year: 2009.

CITATION INDEX

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WEBSITES

- *Academic Websites*

ResearchGate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Maria_Puerta_Riera

Academia.Edu: <https://valenciacollege.academia.edu/MariaPuerta>

Valencia College: <https://tinyurl.com/h22ztt7j>

- **Personal Websites:**

María Isabel Puerta Riera: <http://maripuerta.com/>

CONFERENCES, EVENTS, AND TALKS

- **Invited Talks**

Title: ***Democracy Rebooted: Deliberative Responses to Planetary Challenges?*** ECPR DI-SG / APSA DI-SG / Red Polítologas / PDD PSA, October 5th de 2022. Role: Speaker.

Title: Venezuela Conversa [Los dilemas de la democracia en el mundo](#). Movimiento Ciudadano Dale Letra. Agosto 3, 2022.

Title: [China y Latinoamérica: influencia autoritaria y resiliencia democrática](#). Gobierno y Análisis Político (GAPAC). Bogotá, Junio 11, 2022.

Title: [Alternabilidad y democracia en los Estados Unidos: perspectivas venezolanas](#). Universidad Metropolitana. January 2021. Role: Speaker.

Title: [Retos electorales con el votante hispano en Florida](#). 23 y Flagler. December 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: [¿Qué sigue? Una charla sobre Venezuela](#). Miami-Dade Democrats. December 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: [Electoral Fraud the Venezuelan Way](#). Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada-Reno. December 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: [Restricciones a la Participación Electoral en Venezuela](#). Defiende Venezuela. December 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: [CRISIS ELECTORAL: perspectivas para la Gobernabilidad Democrática](#). VENPAÍS Centro de Ideas. December 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: [Sharp Power and Academic Networks](#). Gobierno y Análisis Político A.C. November 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: [¿Cómo afectará la elección de Joe Biden a Venezuela?](#). Efecto Cocuyo. November 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: *¿Hacia dónde va Venezuela? Escenarios Políticos 2020-2021*. Muévete Venezuela. November 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: *Estados Unidos 2020: entre el populismo y la pandemia*. Gobierno y Análisis Político A.C. May 2020. Role: Speaker.

Title: *The Verge of Latinization in the United States*. Ana G. Méndez University System (SUAGM) – Metro Orlando Campus. October 2017. Orlando, U.S.A. Role: Speaker.

Title: “*Venezuela 2015: political conflicts and electoral scenarios*”. Economic Research and Teaching Center, Central Region (CIDE-RC). March 2017 Aguascalientes, MEXICO. Role: Speaker.

Title: “*Venezuela: régimen y cambio políticos después del 5E*”. División de Derecho, Política y Gobierno - Universidad de Guanajuato, Campus Guanajuato. April 2016 - Guanajuato, México. Role: Speaker.

Title: “*Venezuela: change and continuity in the new political context*”. Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) – University of Pittsburgh. February 2016 Pittsburgh, U.S.A. Role: Speaker.

Title: “*Cuba and Venezuela: between the democratic transition and the authoritarian drift*”. ASCE - MIAMI. July 2015 Miami, U.S.A. Role: Speaker.

Title: “*Quo vadis Venezuela: from Delegative Democracy to Authoritarianism of the 21st Century*”. FLACSO - Mexico. May 2015 Mexico, Mexico D.F. Role: Speaker.

Title: *Crisis of political institutions in Venezuela*. Bar of Lawyers, Carabobo state. December 2012 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Speaker.

- Symposia, Roundtables, and Refereed Conference Presentations

Title: VII Simposio Internacional sobre Relaciones entre América Latina y Asia Pacífico: “*América Latina y Asia: desafíos y oportunidades en tiempos de pospandemia*”, 24 y 25 de noviembre de 2022. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali, Colombia. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Contingency and Academic Freedom*. Virtual Roundtable, APSA Committee on the Status of Contingent Faculty in the Profession. September 15, 2022. APSA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, 2022. Presenter.

Title: *Understanding Illiberal Confluence in Latin America: The Political-media Projection of Russia in the Venezuelan Crisis*. European Union Studies Association 17th Biennial International Conference. Miami, U. S. A. May 19-21 Role: Presenter. Co-authors: Armando Chaguaceda and Johanna Cilano.

Title: Panel *La desdemocratización: discusiones conceptuales y evidencias empíricas*. LASA 2022 Virtual Conference. May 4-8 Role: Chair, Discussant.

Title: *Venezuelan Americans in the United States: cultural assimilation, identity, and political participation*. Panel: Theorizing Latinx Identities. LASA 2022 Virtual Conference. May 4-8 Role: Presenter-Author.

Title: Workshop *Incursiones y dislocaciones: experiencias de trabajo académico en el extranjero*. LASA 2022 Virtual Conference. May 4-8 Role: Session Organizer, Presenter.

Title: *The myth of the Liberal Latinx and the rise of the Conservative Latinx*. **Virtual Annual Conference** April 7-10, 2022. MPSA Virtual Annual Conference. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Applying for a Job at a Teaching-Oriented Institution* **Virtual Roundtable** Sep 30, 2021. 117th APSA Annual Meeting. Role: Presenter

Title: *Creating Minimum Standards for Employing Contingent Faculty in the Profession* **Virtual Roundtable** Sep 30, 2021. 117th APSA Annual Meeting. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Cultural Assimilation and Political Participation: Venezuelan Americans in FL* Oct 1, 2021. 117th APSA Annual Meeting. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Migration and Restriction in the Global South* Oct 1, 2021. 117th APSA Annual Meeting. Role: Chair.

Title: *The de-democratization of Latin America's democratic showcase: from a democratic chavismo to an autocratic post-chavismo*. LASA 2021 Virtual Conference May 2021. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Democratic Backsliding Across Region and Across Time*. MPSA 2021 Virtual Annual Conference. April 2021. Role: Discussant.

Title: *Effectiveness of sanctions as a strategy for regime change in American foreign policy: Case of Venezuela*. MPSA 2021 Virtual Annual Conference. April 2021. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Our Future in Our Hands: How to Handle the Gig Academe*. Roundtable at Virtual 116th APSA Annual Meeting "Democracy, Difference, and Destabilization." September 2020 Virtual Conference. Role: Presenter.

Title: "Autocratization and democratic backsliding during the COVID-19 pandemic in Nicaragua and Venezuela". European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). August 2020 Virtual Conference. Role: Presenter.

Title: "Democracy decline in Latin America: from promotion to stagnation. How the weakening of democracy building efforts has thwarted consolidation in the region". Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 2019 Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Role: Presenter.

Title: “*Democracy decline, multiculturalism and global immigration crisis: challenges of the post-democratic age*”. Southwestern Social Science Association. October 2018 Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. Role: Presenter.

Title: “*A weak democracy in transition to military authoritarianism in Venezuela*”. Midwest Association for Latin American Studies (MALAS), Webster University - Gateway Campus. October 2017 St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. Role: Presenter.

Title: “*Cuba and Venezuela: between the democratic transition and the authoritarian drift*”. Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 2016 New York, U.S.A. Role: Presenter.

Title: “*La Política en Cuba: cambios reflexiones e impactos.*” Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 2016 New York, U.S.A. Role: Session Organizer.

Title: *Assessment of the Basic Principles of Democracy in the spaces for democratic participation in Venezuela*. Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 2015 San Juan, Puerto Rico. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Democracy and participation. Evolution of participatory democracy in Venezuela*. ONCTI. National Conference of Science, Technology, and Innovation. November 2014, Caracas, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Participation and democracy: a balance of people's power*. CLACSO Second Conference, Venezuela. November 2014, Caracas, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Political Science Session*. AsoVAC XLIII Annual Convention November 2013 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Chair.

Title: *The management model of the communal councils: case of study: Carabobo state*. AsoVAC XLIII Annual Convention November 2013 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Philosophy and Political Theory Panel – Roundtable N° 12*. XII National Political Science Symposium, Universidad Central de Venezuela. November 2013 Caracas, Venezuela. Role: Chair.

Title: *Democratization indicators in Communal Councils*. Study case: Carabobo state. XII National Political Science Symposium, Universidad Central de Venezuela. November 2013 Caracas, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Constitution of the Research Group on Politics and Institutions (GIPI)*. Universidad de Carabobo II International Conference. October 2013 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Method, hermeneutics, and democracy*. Universidad de Carabobo II International Conference. October 2013 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Debates Teóricos en América Latina: Venezuela, Ecuador y Bolivia*. UNIANDES ALACIP 7th Conference. September 2013 Bogotá, Colombia. Role: Discussant.

Title: *Democracy in transition: characterization of Venezuelan democracy in the period 1999-2013*. UNIANDES ALACIP 7th Conference. September 2013 Bogotá, Colombia. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Considerations about the democratic deficit in Venezuela*. UNIANDES ALACIP 7th Conference. September 2013 Bogotá, Colombia. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Communal councils and digital gap*. INVECOM. April 2013 Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Public Management in Community Management: An Approach to Popular Power*. LXII AsoVAC Annual Convention, Universidad Metropolitana. November 2012 Caracas, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Democracy and Postmodernism: Crisis of Democracy?* VI Latin American Conference of Political Science. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences - Political Science Latin American Association. (ALACIP) June 2012 Quito, Ecuador. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Democracy in the political thought of modernity*. VI Latin American Conference of Political Science. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences - Political Science Latin American Association (ALACIP) June 2012 Quito, Ecuador. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Democracy: an approach from hermeneutics*. LXI AsoVAC Annual Convention, Universidad Central de Venezuela. November 2011 Maracay, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *The crisis of political institutions in Venezuela: an approach 1989-2009*. XI National Symposium of Political Science, Universidad Simon Bolivar. July 2011 Caracas, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Session Coordinator*. VII Research Conference of the Universidad de Carabobo. December 2010 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Chair.

Title: *Democratic modernization and postmodernity*. VII Research Conference of the Universidad de Carabobo. December 2010 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Military culture and democratic culture*. VII Research Conference of the Universidad de Carabobo. December 2010 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Agreements as a characteristic in the Venezuelan Political System: the landmark pact*. VI Research Conference of the Universidad de Carabobo. October 2008 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Influence of the Institutional Military praetorianism in Venezuela*. IX National Symposium of Political Science, Universidad de Carabobo. November 2005 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Political Science Session*. LIV AsoVAC Annual Convention, Universidad de Carabobo. November 2004 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Chair.

Title: *The debate between representative and participatory democracy. Theoretical and conceptual elements*. LIV AsoVAC Annual Convention, Universidad de Carabobo. November 2004 Valencia, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *Proposal for a Management Model for Institutions of Scientific and Technological Research: Center for Political and Administrative Studies at the University of Carabobo*. AsoVAC XLVI Annual Convention. November 1996 Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

Title: *The Role of the Armed Forces in the Venezuelan hegemonic crisis*. Name of conference XLV Annual Convention AsoVAC. November 1995 Caracas, Venezuela. Role: Presenter.

- *Paper acceptance (not presented)*

Title: **Chavismo: the last upsurge of populist left as a legacy in Latin America**. IPSA 23rd World Congress of Political Science. July 2014. Montreal, Canada.

Title: **The renewal of relations between United States and Cuba and the escalation of authoritarianism in isolated Venezuela**. MALAS 65th Annual Conference. October 2015. Millersville, USA.

Title: **The United States of America's role in the promotion of democracy: an approach to the transitions to democracy in Cuba and Venezuela**. MPSA 74th Annual Conference. April 2016. Chicago, USA.

- *Certifications:*

1. Active Learning Certification, **Valencia College**, (2019)
2. Digital Professor Certification, **Valencia College**, (2018)
3. Associate Faculty Certification, **Valencia College**, (2018)
4. 120-hour TESOL Course Certificate, **International Open Academy**, (2018)
5. Human Rights for Open Societies (coursera.org/verify/NDT6Z2SB9CZR), **Utrecht University on Coursera**, (2017)
6. Temporary Educator's Certificate Social Science (6-12) # 102514326, **State of Florida Department of Education**, (2016-2019)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- *Referee/Peer Reviewer/Book Reviewer/Grants*

1. *IX Political Science National Symposium*, University of Carabobo, 2005.
2. *VII International Congress of Research*, University of Carabobo, 2010.
3. *VII International Congress of Research*, University of Carabobo, 2010.
4. *VIII International Congress of Research*, University of Carabobo, 2013.
5. *VIII International Congress of Research*, University of Carabobo, 2013.

6. *VIII International Congress of Research*, University of Carabobo, 2013.
7. *VIII International Congress of Research*, University of Carabobo, 2013.
8. *VIII International Congress of Research*, University of Carabobo, 2013.
9. *Venezuela Journal of Management*, University of Zulia, 2013, (*international journal*).
10. XLIV Annual Convention of AsoVAC, 2014.
11. *Colombian Journal of Social Sciences*, Fundación Universitaria Luis Amigó. Colombia, 2016, (*international journal*).
12. *Perfiles latinoamericanos*, revista de la Sede Académica de México de la Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (*international journal*). México, 2018.
13. *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, University of Liverpool. United Kingdom, 2019, 2021.
14. *Routledge Book Reviewer*, Routledge - Taylor & Francis Group, United Kingdom, 2019.
15. *Revista Foro Internacional*. Mexico, 2020, (*international journal*).
16. *Poliarkía*, Revista de Ciencia Política y Gobierno. Centro de Estudios Políticos, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello. Caracas, 2020.
17. APSA Small Research Grants Program, United States, 2020.
18. *Participation and Conflict*, The Open Journal of Sociopolitical Studies. Italy, 2021.
19. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*. Canada, 2021.

- Professional Associations Membership

1. Member of the Latin American Association of Political Science ALACIP (2012-2013).
2. Member of the International Political Science Association IPSA (2013-2015).
3. Member of the Latin American Studies Association LASA (2014).
4. Member of the Midwest Political Science Association MPSA (2014).
5. Member of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies MALAS (2015).
6. Member of the American Political Science Association APSA (2016).
7. Member of the Women Also Know Stuff Network (2017)
8. Member of the Women Caucus of Political Science (2018).
9. Member of the Southwestern Social Science Association – Political Science Chapter (2018).
10. Member of the Section on Venezuelan Studies Executive Committee of the Latin American Studies Association (2019-2021).
11. Member of the Committee on the Status of Contingent Faculty in the Profession of the American Political Science Association APSA (2019 - 2022).
12. Secretary of the Venezuelan Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association (2020 - 2022).
13. Member of the Academy of Political Science APS (2020).
14. Co-Chair Latinx Studies Program Track of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, 2021, 2022.
15. Secretary of the Latinx Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association (2022 - 2024).
16. Chair of the Venezuelan Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association (2022 - 2024).

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION

- Curriculum Designer

1. Universidad de Carabobo: Political Science Bachelor's Program Designer (2003-2006).
2. Universidad de Carabobo: Public Administration Bachelor's Program Content Designer (2012).
3. Ana G. Méndez University: Research Techniques Content Specialist (2019).
4. Ana G. Méndez University: Sociology Content Specialist (2019).

- Administration and Government

1. Elected Faculty Counselor - College of Economics and Social Sciences (2010).
2. Member of the Credentialization Sub-Committee for the Adjuncts Contest (2010).
3. Chair of Public Management - School of Business Administration and Public Accounting (2012).
4. Member of the Academic Audit Committee (2012).
5. Member of the Curriculum Commission (2012).
6. Tenure Search Committee [*Competitive Contest for Tenure*] (2012).

RESEARCH PROGRAMS ACCREDITATIONS

Member of the **National Program for Researcher Promotion** PPI category Candidate (Call 2008, period: 2009-2010).

Member of the **National Innovation and Research Stimulus Program** PEII Level A (2011-2013).

Member of the **National Innovation and Research Stimulus Program** PEII Level B (2013-2015).

Member of the **Program for the Classification and Stimulation of Researchers of the University of Carabobo** Level II (2014).

Member of the **National Innovation and Research Stimulus Program** PEII Level B (2015-2017).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Audiovisual media: <https://maripuerta.com/video-podcasts/>

Printed media: <https://maripuerta.com/op-ed-short-articles/>
<https://maripuerta.com/print-digital-media/>

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Dissertation Committee - Advisor

Doctoral Dissertation Project: *Model of Evaluation of Citizen Participation Public Policy*. PhD in Economic and Social Sciences Program, College of Economics and Social Sciences, Universidad de Carabobo, Venezuela. 2017.

Candidate: Jennys Andrea

- *Dissertation Committees*

Doctoral Dissertation: *Cambio político en Venezuela: 1988-2010*. **Author:** Jorge Millán. 2015.

Doctoral Dissertation: *Propuesta de un modelo gerencial estratégico socialmente responsable basado en el gobierno electrónico para la gestión de los gobiernos locales del estado Aragua*.

Candidate: Andrés Peraza. 2014.

- *Graduate Thesis Advising*

Master's Thesis: Propuesta de un Programa de estrategias de evaluación para generar el cambio de la cultura organizacional del Personal Docente y Administrativo FCJP. Maestría en Ciencia Política y Administración Pública. Universidad de Carabobo. 10/29/2014.

Author: Francisco Gelanzé.

- *Graduate Theses Committee Member*

Master's Thesis: *Construcción de la nueva institucionalidad pública en la coyuntura política venezolana actual*. **Author:** Karine Martínez. 2015.

Master's Thesis: *La modalidad de liderazgo político mesiánico y su impacto en la democracia venezolana actual (2000-2009)*. **Author:** Maria Alexandra Escobar Millán. 2014.

Master's Thesis: *Modelo de Perfil Gerencial por Competencias: Propuesta para la designación del recurso humano de la Fuerza Armada Nacional en la función pública*. Caso aviación militar venezolana. **Author:** Gustavo Briceño. 2013.

Master's Thesis: *Estrategia para reconstruir el sentido humano de la gerencia pública basada en la calidad de servicio*. **Author:** María Carolina Muñoz. 2008.

Specialization Thesis: *Modelo de Participación Comunitaria en la aplicación de políticas públicas para la problemática de los niños de la calle*. **Author:** Alejandro Melet. 2005.

- *Undergraduate Theses Advising*

2002– 2012: Fourteen (14) undergraduate final theses advised.