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Professor of Economics and International & Area Studies, University of Oklahoma,
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Associate Professor of Economics and International & Area Studies, University of Oklahoma, 2004-2010

Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science, Duke University, 2005-2006

Area Coordinator for Latin American Studies, University of Oklahoma, 2001-2010

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Assistant Professor of Economics, CIDE, 1997-1999

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