

MERIKE H. BLOFIELD CV (July 2011)

PERSONAL

Merike Helena Blofield
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HIGHER EDUCATION

Ph.D
UNC-Chapel Hill, Political Science, August 2003
Master of Arts
York University, Political Science, January 1996
Honors Bachelor of Arts
York University, Political Science, June 1994

EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor, INSPER, São Paulo
(on leave from the University of Miami)
2011-2012

Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Political Science
University of Miami, 2010-

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Miami, 2006-2010

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Grand Valley State University, 2003-2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2012 (Forthcoming, May)

Carework and Class: Domestic Workers' Struggle for Equal Rights in Latin America.
Pennsylvania State University Press.

2011 (November)

The Great Gap: Inequality and the Politics of Redistribution in Latin America. Editor.
Author of Introduction, Conclusion, and co-author of two chapters (listed under book
chapters below). Pennsylvania State University Press.

See <http://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-05009-6.html>

2006 *The Politics of Moral Sin: Abortion and Divorce in Spain, Chile and Argentina.* New York:
Routledge.

Refereed articles

- 2009 “Feudal Enclaves and Political Reforms: Domestic Workers in Latin America”, *Latin American Research Review*, 44:1, pp.158-190.
- 2008 “Parental Leave and Childcare Policy and the Fertility Crisis in Familial Welfare States: A Comparison of Italy, Spain, and Japan”. Co-authored with Priscilla Lambert. *US-Japan Women’s Journal*, 34, pp.43-67.
- 2008 “Women’s Choices in Comparative Perspective: Abortion Policies in Late-developing Catholic Countries”, *Comparative Politics*, 41:4, pp.399-419.
- 2005 “Defining a Democracy: Reforming the Laws on Women's Rights in Chile, 1990-2002”. Co-authored with Liesl Haas. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 47:3, pp.35-68.

Invited submissions to journals

- 2011 “La desigualdad y la política.” [Inequality and Politics.] *Journal of Democracy en español*. July. Available at http://www.journalofdemocracyenespanol.cl/pdf/04_Blofield.pdf

Book chapters and other publications

- 2011 “Public Opinion on Redistribution in Latin America” (Chapter Five, with co-author Juan Pablo Luna);
“Gender Equality Policies in Latin America” (Chapter Nine, with co-author Liesl Haas); in Blofield, Editor, *The Great Gap: Inequality and the Politics of Redistribution in Latin America*.
- 2010 “Gender Equality in Latin America”, *Social Development Task Force Policy Paper*, Center for Hemispheric Policy, University of Miami. March.
- 2003 “Guerra Santa. La izquierda y la derecha frente a los temas valóricos en Chile democrático”. In Mireya Dávila and Claudio A. Fuentes, *Promesas de cambio: La izquierda y la derecha en el Chile contemporáneo*. Santiago: Editorial Universitaria.
- 2001 *The Politics of ‘Moral Sin’: A Study of Abortion and Divorce in Catholic Chile since 1990*. Nueva Serie. Santiago: Flacso-Chile.
- 1995 With co-author Yasmine Shamsie. *Issues and Challenges Facing the Canadian and South American Systems of Higher Education: A Report on the Institute of University Management and Leadership (IGLU)*. Center for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean, York University.

PROFESSIONAL

Awards

2007 Best Conference Paper (2nd prize). *Feudal Enclaves and Political Reforms: Domestic Workers in Latin America*. Latin American Studies Association Gender Section.

Fellowships (Principal Investigator)

2007-9 Project Director, Observatory on Inequality in Latin America, at the University of Miami, funded by the Ford Foundation (see www.observatoryla.org)

2007 General Research Support Award, University of Miami

2005 Summer Research Grant, (Italy and Spain), Grand Valley State University

2001 Dissertation Field Research Fellowship (Argentina), The Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill

2000 Doctoral Field Research Grant (Spain, Chile and Argentina), Institute for the Study of World Politics

2000 Doctoral Field Research Grant (Chile), UNC-Duke Flacso-Chile Exchange Program
Ford Foundation

1997- Doctoral fellowship, The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada,
2000

Invited speaker at conferences and workshops

2010 Discussant, "Inaugural Conference of the Desigualdades Project", Freie Universität, December 2-4, Berlin.

2009 Guest Speaker, "Public opinion on inequality in Latin America", Instituto de Ensino e Pesquisa (INSPER), São Paulo, June 9.

2009 Panelist, "Social development challenges", Development Challenges in the Hemisphere, Center for Hemispheric Policy, University of Miami, Feb.5-6.

2008 Guest Speaker, "Aborto y trabajo doméstico en América Latina", Sexo, género y democracia, Conference at Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile, Nov.24.

2008 Guest Speaker, "Las trabajadoras domésticas en perspectiva comparada", Workshop with academics, politicians and practitioners, held at Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica, October 6.

- 2008 Keynote speaker, “Las trabajadoras del hogar en Bolivia y América Latina”, Workshop with the Defensoría del Pueblo and the Domestic Workers’ Union, La Paz, Bolivia October 22.
- 2008 Discussant, Workshop on Poverty and Social Exclusion in Southern Europe and Latin America. Invited participant, March 29- 30, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Conference presentations

- 2010 Presenter, “Gender equality policies in Latin America” (with co-author Liesl Haas); discussant for panel on women and politics in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association conference, October 6-9, 2010, Toronto.
- 2010 Organizer and presenter, “Gender equality policies in Latin America” (with co-author Liesl Haas), the women and politics pre-conference at the annual American Political Science Association conference, August 31st, 2010, Washington, DC.
- 2009 Discussant, Explaining Sex Equality Policy panel; Chair, Symbolic and Substantive Representation of Women panel, American Political Science Association Conference, Sept. 3-6, Toronto.
- 2009 Presenter and Chair, Inequality and Politics panel, Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, June 13. Discussant for two other panels.
- 2008 Presenter, The Social Bases of Polarization: Public Opinion on Redistribution in Latin America, with co-author Juan Pablo Luna, American Political Science Association Conference, Aug.30-Sept.2, Boston.
- 2008 Organizer and Presenter, Workshop on the Political Effects of Socio-economic Inequality in Latin America. May 14-16, Miami.
- 2007 Organizer and Presenter, Workshop on the Political Effects of Socio-economic Inequality in Latin America. November 2-3, Miami.
- 2007 Organizer of Roundtable on Domestic Workers in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Sept.5-8.
- 2007 Presenter, Feudal Enclaves and Political Reforms: Domestic Workers’ Rights in Latin America, American Political Science Association, Chicago, Aug.30-Sept.2.
- 2006 Presenter. Women’s Choices in Comparative Perspective: Abortion Reform in Catholic Countries, International Studies Association, San Diego, March 23-26.
- 2006 Presenter (with Jennifer Pribble and Priscilla Lambert), Policies on Working Mothers in the Southern Cone and Southern Europe. Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 14-18.
- 2005 Presenter (with Jennifer Pribble), Policies toward Lone Mothers in Southern Europe and the Southern Cone: Internal and External Constraints. American Political Science Association Conference, Washington DC, September 2

- 2005 Presenter (with Priscilla Lambert), Family Policies in Conservative Welfare States: A Study of Italy, Spain and Japan. Midwest political Science Association Conference, April 7-10, Chicago.
- 2004 Presenter, Abortion, Family-friendly Policies and Lone Motherhood in Southern Europe and the Southern Cone. American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, September 1.
- 2004 Presenter, A Woman's "Right to Choose": Abortion and Lone Motherhood in Southern Europe and the Southern Cone. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2004.
- 2002 Poster session. The Impact of Inequality on Democratic Politics: Policy Reform on Abortion and Divorce in Catholic Countries. American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, August 29-Sept. 1.
- 2000 Panel Chair on *Cleavages, Political Parties & Executive-Legislative Relations in South America*.
Presenter (with Liesl Haas), Legislative Dynamics in Chile: Exploring Left Influence on Policy, 1990-1998, on the same panel. Latin American Studies Association, Miami, March 16-18.
- 1998 Presenter, The Politics of Abortion in Chile and Argentina. Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, September 24-26.
- 1996 Presenter, The Urban Popular Movements and the Significance of Gender: A Case Study of Chile During Democratization. Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Toronto, November 1-3.

TEACHING

Latin American Politics and Society
 Contemporary Latin American Politics senior seminar
 Introduction to Comparative Politics
 Introduction to Gender and Politics
 Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective senior seminar
 Politics of Developing Countries
 Issues in World Politics
 Model Organization of American States
 Political Development and Modernization

SERVICE (professional)

2010 Co-organizer of the Women and Politics section pre-conference at the American Political Science Association Conference, Washington D.C., Sept. 1.

2007-present

Editorial Board Member, *Latin American Politics and Society*

2009 Reviewer for grant application(s) for Fulbright fellowships and for the Norwegian Research Council

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Politics and Gender*, *Social Politics*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Public Integrity*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *International Political Science Review*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*.

SERVICE (at the University of Miami)

2010 Member of search committee for the Director of the Center for Latin American Studies

2007-2010

Member of Executive Board of the Center for Latin American Studies

2009-2010

Member of Executive Board of the Latin American Studies Degree Program

2009 Member of Political Science –International Studies merger revision committee

2008 Member of Ad Hoc Committee to plan the future of Latin American Studies at UM

2007 Member of search committee, Political Science

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent	English, Spanish, Finnish
Satisfactory	Portuguese
Basic	French, Swedish

MEDIA

I have been interviewed or quoted by the following media or press on Latin America:

Oppenheimer presenta (United States, Latin America, Europe)

Reuters

El Nuevo Herald (the Spanish version of the *Miami Herald*)

The Sun-Sentinel (Florida)

Der Spiegel (Germany)

El Panamá América (Panama)

La Tercera (Chile)

El Mercurio (Chile)

El Mostrador (Chile)