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EDUCATION

Yale University New Haven, Connecticut
Master of Arts in International Relations, May 1994.
Concentration in development policy and Latin American studies.

Hampshire College Amherst, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations / Latin American Studies, May 1992. Senior year field study / thesis on popular movement activity in Mexico.

EXPERIENCE

- May 2010- **Washington Office on Latin America** Washington, D.C.
Director for Defense Oversight
Management of a program that monitors U.S. security relations with Latin America and the Caribbean, border security, migration, and civil-military relations. Frequently consulted on issues like Colombia's conflict, U.S.-Mexico border security, arms transfers, citizen security, drug policy, and human rights.
- October 1995- **Center for International Policy** Washington, D.C.
April 2010 *Director of Programs; Coordinator, Latin America Security Program*
Management of a program that advocated security relations between the United States and the Western Hemisphere based on respect for human rights and peaceful resolution of conflicts. The program focused especially on Central America and Colombia.
- June 1994- **Center for Peace and Reconciliation, Arias Foundation for Peace and**
September 1995 **Human Progress** San José, Costa Rica
Program Officer
Coordinated institutional development efforts, including project design and funding. Participated in administration and execution of projects advocating demilitarization, conflict prevention, and democratization in Central America and Haiti.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Security in the Americas, George Washington University, Fall 2022
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OFFICES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Board, Andean Information Network, Cochabamba, Bolivia
 - Board, Border Servant Corps, Las Cruces, New Mexico
 - Member, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Red de Seguridad Incluyente y Sostenible
 - Member, Forum on the Arms Trade
 - Former member, Selection Committee, Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award, Institute for Policy Studies
 - Former member, International Consultative Council, Historical Memory Group, National Commission for Reparations and Reconciliation, Government of Colombia
 - Former member, Nominations Committee, Latin American Studies Association
 - Former Board, U.S. Office on Colombia
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WEBSITES AND RESOURCES CREATED

- **“Latin America Today” podcast**, Washington Office on Latin America (2011-present)
 - **Washington Office on Latin America Defense Oversight Program** (2010-present) - wola.org/program/defense-oversight
 - **Washington Office on Latin America Migration and Border Security Program** (2011-present) - www.wola.org/program/migration-border-security
 - **adamisacson.com** (2017-present) – www.adamisacson.com
 - **borderoversight.org** (2022-present) – www.borderoversight.org
 - **colombiapeace.org** (2013-2023) – www.colombiapeace.org
 - **Border Fact Check**, blog of WOLA’s Border Security project (2012-2016) – www.borderfactcheck.org
 - **Just the Facts: a civilian’s guide to U.S. defense and security assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean** (1998-2014) – www.justf.org; succeeded by the Security Assistance Monitor, securityassistance.org, maintained by the Center for International Policy.
 - **Plan Colombia and Beyond**, blog of the Center for International Policy’s Colombia Program (2004-2010) – www.cipcol.org
 - **Center for International Policy Colombia Program** (2000-2008) – www.ciponline.org/colombia
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CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

- Hearing of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on **"Remain in Mexico,"** January 15, 2025
- Hearing of the House Oversight Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs on **"The Border Crisis: The Cost of Chaos,"** September 25, 2024

- Hearing of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on "**Organized Crime, Gangs and Human Rights in Latin America**," December 14, 2023
- Hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on "**The U.S. Border Crisis and the American Solution to an International Problem**," November 30, 2023
- Hearing of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on "**Peace and Victims' Rights in Colombia**," July 19, 2018
- Hearing of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on "**Creating Peace and Finding Justice in Colombia**," October 24, 2013
- Hearing of the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee on "**The U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement**," March 17, 2011
- Hearing of the House Government Reform Domestic Policy Subcommittee on "**International Counternarcotics Policies**," July 21, 2010
- Hearing of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on "**Human Rights in Colombia: The Continuing Crisis in Putumayo**," October 20, 2008
- Hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Western Hemisphere Subcommittee on "**The Impact on Latin America of the American Servicemembers' Protection Act**," March 9, 2006
- Hearing of the House Government Reform Committee on "**A Status Report on Plan Colombia**," June 17, 2004
- Hearing of the House Government Reform Committee on "**America's Heroin Crisis, Colombian Heroin and How We Can Improve Plan Colombia**," December 12, 2002
- Hearing of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, House International Relations Committee on "**U.S. Policy Toward Colombia**," April 11, 2002
- Hearing of the Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources Subcommittee of the House Government Reform Committee on "**US Air Interdiction Efforts in South America After the Peru Incident**," May 1, 2001

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- **Columns and commentaries published at:**
 - Washington Office on Latin America website (2010-2024)
 - *New York Times* or *nytimes.com* (2018-2022)
 - *El Espectador* (2004-2023)
 - *Razón Pública* (2009-2022)
 - *Just Security* (2021)
 - *World Politics Review* (2012-2023)
 - *Semana* (2002, 2005, 2014, 2020)
 - *OpenDemocracy* (2007-2019)
 - *El Tiempo* (2002-2009, 2016-2017)
 - *The Brookings Institution* (2017)
 - *The Hill* (2017)
 - *The Cipher Brief* (2016)
 - *Plaza Pública* (2013)

- *Huffington Post* (2011)
- *Transnational Institute* (2010-2011)
- *Americas Quarterly* (2010)
- *Current History* (2010)
- *The Guardian* (2010)
- *Foreign Policy* (2009-2010)
- *Foreign Affairs en Español* (2008)
- *NACLA Report on the Americas* (2001-2005)
- *The Washington Post* (2002)
- *The Financial Times* (2001)
- Center for International Policy website (1996-2010)
- **Weekly U.S.-Mexico Border Updates**, Washington Office on Latin America, 2020-2024.
- ***Migrants in Colombia: Between government absence and criminal control***, Washington Office on Latin America, June 2024
- ***Why Ecuador Should Not Replicate the ‘Bukele Model’***, Washington Office on Latin America, February 2024
- ***Abuses at the U.S.- Mexico Border: How To Address Failures and Protect Rights***, Washington Office on Latin America, August 2023
- ***Halfway to the U.S.: A Report from Honduras on Migration***, Washington Office on Latin America, June 2023
- ***A Long Way to Go: Implementing Colombia’s peace accord after five years***, Washington Office on Latin America, November 2021
- ***Estados Unidos y su influencia en el nuevo militarismo latinoamericano***, Fundación Carolina, November 2021
- ***In Latin America, COVID-19 Risks Permanently Disturbing Civil-Military Relations***, Washington Office on Latin America, July 2020
- ***The ‘Wall’ Before the Wall: Mexico’s Crackdown on Migration at its Southern Border***, Washington Office on Latin America, December 2019
- **Chapter** in Bruce Bagley, Jonathan Rosen, Jorge Chabat (eds), ***The Criminalization of States: The Relationship between States and Organized Crime***, Lexington Books, May 2019
- **Epilogue: Will Governments Confront Coca Cultivation, or its Causes?** in Paul Gootenberg, Liliana M. Dávalos (eds), ***The Origins of Cocaine Colonization and Failed Development in the Amazon Andes***, Routledge, January 2019
- ***Colombia Transforma program mid-term performance evaluation: evaluation report***, U.S. Agency for International Development, May 2018
- ***A National Shame: The Trump Administration’s Separation and Detention of Migrant Families***, Washington Office on Latin America, August 2018
- ***“Come Back Later”:* Challenges for Asylum Seekers Waiting at Ports of Entry**, Washington Office on Latin America, August 2018
- ***The Zero Tolerance Policy***, Washington Office on Latin America, July 2018
- ***Lessons from San Diego’s Border Wall***, Washington Office on Latin America, December 2017

- ***Mexico's Southern Border – Security, Central American Migration, and U.S. Policy***, Washington Office on Latin America, June 2017
- ***Putting the Pieces Together: A Global Guide to U.S. Security Aid Programs***, Washington Office on Latin America, April 2017
- ***Not a National Security Crisis: The U.S.-Mexico Border and Humanitarian Concerns, Seen from El Paso***, Washington Office on Latin America, October 2016
- ***Increased Enforcement at Mexico's Southern Border***, Washington Office on Latin America, November 2015
- **Chapter** in Bruce Bagley, Jonathan Rosen (eds), ***Colombia's Political Economy at the Outset of the Twenty-First Century: From Uribe to Santos and Beyond***, Lexington Books, July 2015
- ***On the Front Lines: Border Security, Migration, and Humanitarian Concerns in South Texas***, Washington Office on Latin America, February 2015
- **Chapter** in Bruce Bagley, Jonathan Rosen, Hanna Samir Kassab (eds), ***Reconceptualizing Security in the Americas in the Twenty-First Century***, Lexington Books, January 2015
- ***Mexico's Other Border: Security, Migration, and the Humanitarian Crisis at the Line with Central America***, Washington Office on Latin America, June 2014
- ***Ending 50 Years of Conflict in Colombia***, Washington Office on Latin America, April 2014
- ***Border Security and Migration: A Report from Arizona***, Washington Office on Latin America, December 2013
- ***Time to Listen: New Trends in U.S. Security Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean***, Washington Office on Latin America, September 2013
- ***Mucho más que las FARC: el persistente reto del narcotráfico***, chapter in *Conflicto Armado: La Paz Es la Victoria*, ed. Daniel Mejía, Molinos Vásquez editores, 2013.
- ***Consolidating 'Consolidation': Colombia's "security and development" zones await a civilian handoff, while Washington backs away from the concept***, Washington Office on Latin America, January 2013
- **Appendix Essay** in Sibylla Brodzinsky (ed), *Throwing Stones at the Moon: Narratives from Colombians Displaced by Violence*, Mcsweeney's Books, 2012
- ***Governance Gaps and the Hydra's Heads: Would a successful negotiation with the FARC reduce violence in Colombia?*** World Peace Foundation, Tufts University, December 4, 2012
- ***A Buildup in Search of a Threat: U.S. Policy, "Securitization," and Migration Along a Dramatically Changed Border***, paper presented at Ford Foundation Mexico office 50th anniversary event, September 10, 2012
- ***Beyond the Border Buildup: Security and Migrants Along the U.S.-Mexico Border***, by Adam Isacson and Maureen Meyer, Washington Office on Latin America, April 19, 2012

- ***Waiting for Consolidation: Monitoring Colombia's U.S.-aided counterinsurgency and development program***, by Adam Isacson and Abigail Poe, Washington Office on Latin America / Center for International Policy, February, 2012
- ***A Cautionary Tale: Plan Colombia's Lessons for U.S. Policy Toward Mexico and Beyond***, by Adam Isacson and Lisa Haugaard, Washington Office on Latin America / Latin America Working Group, November 10, 2011
- ***Tackling Urban Violence in Latin America: Reversing Exclusion through Smart Policing and Social Investment***, by Ashley Morse, Adam Isacson and Maureen Meyer, Washington Office on Latin America, June 2011
- ***Stabilization and Development: Lessons of Colombia's "Consolidation" Model***, by Abigail Poe and Adam Isacson, *CIP International Policy Report*, April 2011
- ***The Midterm Elections' Impact on U.S. Latin America Policy***, in Norwegian Peacebuilding Centre, *Current Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean*, December 2010
- ***Preach What You Practice: The Separation of Military and Police Roles in the Americas***, by George Withers, Lucila Santos and Adam Isacson, WOLA, November 2010
- ***Colombia: Don't Call it a Model***, WOLA, July 2010
- ***Engagement in search of an agenda: Secretary Gates visits Latin America***, in Norwegian Peacebuilding Centre, *Current Trends in Latin America and the Caribbean*, June 2010
- ***Waiting for Change: Trends in U.S. Security Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean***, by WOLA, LAWG and CIP, May 2010
- ***Uribe y EE.UU.: tan cerca y tan lejos***, in Iván Cepeda, *Las Perlas Uribistas*, Random House Mondadori (Colombia), March 2010
- ***After Plan Colombia: Evaluating "Integrated Action," the next phase of U.S. assistance***, by Adam Isacson and Abigail Poe, *CIP International Policy Report*, December 2009
- ***Enmendando el "Pacto". El Cambio en el Equilibrio Civil-Militar en la Colombia de Álvaro Uribe***, in Felipe Agüero and Claudio Fuentes, *Influencias y resistencias. Militares y poder en América Latina*, Editorial Catalonia, November 2009
- ***Origins, Evolution, and Lessons of the Colombian Peace Movement***, by Adam Isacson and Jorge Rojas Rodriguez in U.S. Institute of Peace, *Colombia: Building Peace in a Time of War*, July 2009
- ***Ecuador's Humanitarian Emergency: The Spillover of Colombia's Conflict***, by Abigail Poe and Adam Isacson, *CIP International Policy Report*, April 2009
- ***A Compass for Colombia Policy***, by WOLA, LAWG and CIP, October 2008
- ***"El Camino de la Paz Pasa por el Intercambio,"*** by Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Massachusetts) and Adam Isacson, *El Tiempo (Colombia)*, March 16, 2008
- ***Ready, Aim, Foreign Policy: How the Pentagon's role in foreign policy is growing***, by WOLA, LAWG and CIP, March 2008

- ***Good “Politics,” Bad Policy: Washington’s Approach to Latin America***, in Canadian Foundation for the Americas, *FocalPoint* 7:2, March 2008
- ***Taking “No” for an Answer: The American Servicemembers’ Protection Act and the Bush Administration’s Security Relations with Latin America***, CIP International Policy Report, May 2007
- ***Below the Radar: U.S. Military Programs with Latin America, 1997-2007***, by WOLA, LAWG and CIP, March 2007
- ***Plan Colombia - Six Years Later: Report of a CIP staff visit to Putumayo and Medellín, Colombia***, CIP, November 2006
- ***U.S. Military and Police Assistance to Poorly Performing States***, by Adam Isacson and Nicole Ball in Nancy Birdsall, Milan Vaishnav and Robert L. Ayres, *Short of the Goal: U.S. Policy and Poorly Performing States*, Center for Global Development, May 2006
- ***United States Security Cooperation Policy in Latin America***, in Reality of Aid Network, *The Reality of Aid 2006*, Zed Books, 2006
- ***Plan Colombia: Failing the Test***, in *Drugs and Drug-Fighting in Colombia*, edited by Olga L. González and Laurent Laniel, *Les Cahiers de la Sécurité* no. 59, Institut National des Hautes Etudes de Sécurité (France), December 2005
- ***Erasing the Lines: U.S. Military Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean***, published jointly with the Washington Office on Latin America and the Latin America Working Group Education Fund, December 2005
- ***Failing Grades: Evaluating the Results of Plan Colombia***, *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, Summer/Fall 2005
- ***Peace - or “Paramilitarization?”*** CIP International Policy Report, July 2005.
- ***Estados Unidos, las AUC y la extradición, Hechos del Callejón 5*** (UN Development Program), July 2005
- ***Blueprint for a New Colombia Policy***, by Adam Isacson, Lisa Haugaard, Kimberly Stanton, John Walsh and Jeff Vogt, March 2005
- ***The U.S. Military in the War on Drugs***, in Coletta A. Youngers and Eileen Rosin, editors, *Drugs and Democracy in Latin America: The Impact of U.S. Policy*, Lynne Rienner / WOLA, November 2004
- ***Informe de la Misión de Observación sobre los Efectos del Plan Colombia en los Departamentos de Nariño y Putumayo***, report issued jointly with several Colombian and Ecuadorian NGOs, November 2004.
- ***Blurring the Lines: Trends in U.S. military programs with Latin America***, by Adam Isacson, Lisa Haugaard and Joy Olson, October 2004
- ***The United States and Colombia in 2003***, by Adam Isacson, *Brown University Journal of International Affairs*, Winter-Spring 2004
- ***Paint by Numbers: Trends in U.S. military programs with Latin America and challenges to oversight***, by Adam Isacson, Lisa Haugaard and Joy Olson, August 2003
- ***Was Failure Avoidable? Learning From Colombia’s 1998-2002 Peace Process***, North-South Center, March 2003
- ***International Policy Report: The ‘War on Drugs’ Meets the ‘War on Terror,’*** by Ingrid Vaicius and Adam Isacson, February 2003

- ***Firm Hand, Large Heart, Human Rights Dialogue***, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Fall 2002
- ***After Plan Colombia: Why Doesn't Washington Learn from Failure in Colombia?*** Canadian Foundation for the Americas *Spotlight on the Americas*, December 2002
- ***Deberán Luchar su Propia Guerra*** in Cecilia Orozco, *¿Y Ahora Qué?: El futuro de la guerra y la paz en Colombia* (Bogotá, Colombia: El Ancora, October 2002)
- ***Colombia's Human Security Crisis***, *UN Disarmament Journal*, vol. 2, May 2002
- ***International Policy Report – Just the Facts 2001-2002: A Quick Tour of U.S. Defense and Security Relations With Latin America and the Caribbean***. Published by the Center for International Policy, November 2001.
- ***International Policy Report – Plan Colombia's "Ground Zero."*** Published by the Center for International Policy, April 2001.
- ***International Policy Report – "The New Masters of Barranca."*** Published by the Center for International Policy, April 2001.
- ***Just the Facts 2000-2001 Edition: A Civilian's Guide to U.S. Defense and Security Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean***. Published by the Center for International Policy and Latin America Working Group, January 2001.
- ***La Asistencia Estadounidense a la Seguridad en los Países de la Región Andina, 2000-2001***. *Colombia Internacional*, Centro de Estudios Internacionales de la Universidad de los Andes, Mayo-Diciembre 2000.
- ***International Policy Report – Plan Colombia: The Debate in the United States*** Published by the Center for International Policy, December 2000
- ***U.S. Military Aid to Colombia: The Human Rights Implications*** published in *LASA Forum*, Latin American Studies Association, Fall 2000
- ***International Policy Report – The Colombian Dilemma: After half a century of fighting, can a fragile peace process succeed?*** Published by the Center for International Policy, February 2000.
- ***International Policy Report – Getting in Deeper: The United States' growing involvement in Colombia's conflict***. Published by the Center for International Policy, February 2000.
- ***Just the Facts 1999 Edition: A Civilian's Guide to U.S. Defense and Security Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean***. Published by the Center for International Policy, December 1999.
- ***Just the Facts: A Civilian's Guide to U.S. Defense and Security Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean***. Published by the Center for International Policy, July 1998.
- ***International Policy Report - Just the Facts: A Quick Tour of U.S. Defense and Security Assistance to Latin America***. Published by the Center for International Policy, January 1999.
- ***Altered States: Security and Militarism in Central America***. Published by the Center for International Policy and the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, October 1997.

• ***Open the Files: A Chance to Aid Demilitarization in Honduras.*** Published by the Center for International Policy, September 1997.

SPEAKING

- **Panels and guest lectures at:**
 - Foreign Service Institute (2016-2024)
 - Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (2013-2024)
 - Latin American Studies Association congresses (1998-2024, most years)
 - Congresses of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Red de Seguridad Incluyente y Sostenible (2019-2021)
 - *La Silla Vacía* (2020-2021)
 - Inter-American Defense College (2005-2024, most years)
 - Syracuse University in Washington (2008-2021, most years)
 - State Department / DNI analytic exchanges (2015-2020, most years)
 - Inter-American Dialogue (2008, 2009, 2018)
 - Brookings Institution (2010, 2011, 2017)
 - Woodrow Wilson Center (2008, 2014)
- ***Migración en tránsito: opciones de política pública y las exigencias de la política estadounidense***, Universidad de Antioquia, May 15, 2024
- ***Coyuntura de la Política Antidrogas en los Estados Unidos***, Virtual forum in Congress of Colombia, August 23, 2023
- ***Military Roles in Migration Management?***, SOUTHCOM Human Rights Initiative 25th Anniversary Commemoration, December 1, 2022
- ***Drug war, risk of failed states, and regional security***, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, October 28, 2022
- ***20 Years After Plan Colombia: the United States and the Petro Administration***, Swarthmore College, September 29, 2022
- ***The late COVID-period migration boom***, CUNY Spitzer School of Architecture, September 19, 2022
- ***Una propuesta de política sobre el tema de narcotráfico para el nuevo gobierno***, IEPRI / Universidad Nacional de Colombia, June 13, 2022
- ***Beyond “soldiers as police”: The military’s growing role in 21st century Latin American democracies***, CALACS Congress, August 23, 2021
- ***Mercados de drogas ilegales: Seguridad, corrupción y violencia***, Senate of Colombia webinar, December 4, 2020
- ***Building Institutional Capacity for Citizen Security in the Time of COVID-19***, Caribbean Basin Security Technical Working Group, November 4, 2020
- ***Debating U.S. Policy in Latin America***, University of Florida Alexander Hamilton Society, October 19, 2020
- ***Clarke Forum for Contemporary Issues***, Dickinson College, September 10, 2020
- ***A “Complex” Matter***, John Jay College Historical Memory Project, February 28, 2020
- ***Beyond the Headlines: Redefining Responsibility in the Arms Trade***, Stimson Center and other organizations, January 14, 2020

- ***The Border Wall: From “Mnemonic Device” to “National Emergency,”*** Kent State University, November 15, 2019
- ***Broad Lecture: Saving Colombia's Fragile Peace,*** Florida State University, October 30, 2019
- ***The Human Cost of Border Crackdowns,*** Yale Law School, September 5, 2019
- ***The Colombia Peace Process After Two Years,*** Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, June 10, 2019
- ***Seguridad Ciudadana e Intervención Militar en América Latina,*** Foro Mexicano para la Seguridad Democrática, May 21, 2019
- ***Las posturas de los actores claves de la política de Estados Unidos frente a Venezuela,*** Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Colombia, May 14, 2019
- ***Geographies of Peace in Colombia,*** American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, April 5, 2019
- ***Continuidades de las Políticas de Seguridad Hacia América Latina entre los Gobiernos Obama y Trump,*** Centro de Investigaciones de Política Internacional (CIPI, Cuba), December 2018
- ***Derechos Humanos y el Sector de Seguridad en el Colombia Pos-Acuerdo,*** Universidad del Rosario, December 2018
- ***Gangs and Migration,*** George Mason University, October 2018
- ***U.S.-Mexico Relations and Border Policy,*** Washington College, September 2018
- ***Retooling on a budget: the late-2010s U.S. military relationship with Latin America,*** University of Central Florida, April 2018
- ***The U.S.-Mexico Border in the Trump Era,*** Vassar College, March 5, 2018
- ***La Creciente Participación de las FFAA en Tareas de Seguridad Interna y el Debilitamiento del Sector de Seguridad,*** Inter-American Defense Board, January 31, 2018
- ***Drugs and peace in Colombia: Which way forward,*** The Brookings Institution, May 1, 2017
- ***Peace v. Democracy in Colombia: What's Next for the Peace Process?*** University of Texas Austin, November 10, 2016
- ***The post-conflict phase in Colombia,*** The Carter Center, July 21, 2016
- ***The post-conflict phase in Colombia: What role for the international community?*** The Carter Center, June 29, 2016
- ***El Papel Actual de las Organizaciones No Gubernamentales,*** Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, June 16, 2016
- ***Politics, Security, and the U.S. Role in a Changing Latin America,*** Partnership for a Secure America Congressional Partnership Program Retreat, May 17, 2015
- ***The State of Cartels in Latin America,*** “Latin America on the Rise” Briefing Series, U.S. Congress, May 17, 2015
- ***Prospects and Challenges for Colombia's Peace Process,*** Yale University, November 18, 2014
- ***Panel Internacional Sobre la Solución al Problema de las Drogas Ilícitas,*** PNUD/Universidad Nacional de Colombia, September 24, 2013

- ***Seguridad Fronteriza, Más Allá de la Muralla***, Secretaría de Gobernación, Mexico City, November 5, 2012
- ***New Wars, New Peace: Colombia***, World Peace Foundation, Tufts University, October 29, 2012
- ***Seguridad y Migración en la Política Fronteriza Estadounidense***, Universidad de Baja California, Mexicali, Mexico, October 16, 2012
- ***A Buildup in Search of a Threat***, Ford Foundation Mexico office 50th anniversary event, Mexico City, September 10, 2012
- ***Security and Policy Options in Honduras***, Senate Democratic Policy Committee, July 27, 2012
- ***Why Latin America is Rearming***, U.S. Air Force Washington visitors, July 2012 and November 2011
- ***State Weakness, Impunity and Insecurity: Breaking the Cycle***, Taller “Los impactos de la violencia y el crimen en el Desarrollo Humano,” PNUD-Georgetown University, July 11, 2012
- ***Visita a WOLA del Colegio de Altos Estudios Militares de Colombia***, WOLA, Washington, June 4, 2012
- ***La Seguridad Pública y el Papel de las ONG en la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos y el DIH***, Seminario Sobre Derechos Humanos y DIH, Colegio Interamericano de Defensa, May 31, 2012
- ***Proteger y Servir: Entrenamiento y Prácticas de Militares y Policías, e Interacción con Poblaciones Civiles***, U.S. Southern Command, Guatemala, May 16, 2012
- ***Violence and Anti-Violence Strategies in Colombia***, Discussion before Social Cohesion and Violence Prevention Team, World Bank Group, March 2, 2012
- ***International Illicit Drug Trafficking***, George Washington University School of Law: SSDP, Human Rights Law Society, Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, February 22, 2012
- ***Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration in Colombia***, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, November 28, 2011
- ***¿Es posible armonizar la política de consolidación con las Zonas de Reserva Campesina?*** Ministerio de Agricultura de Colombia, November 3, 2011
- ***U.S. Drug Policy, Yesterday and Today***, University of Texas at El Paso, October 13, 2011
- ***Colombia 2020***, Center for Strategic and International Studies, June 13, 2011
- ***La Lucha Contra el Crimen Organizado: Hacia una Estrategia Integral***, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung / Colectivo de Análisis de Seguridad con Democracia, Mexico City, Mexico, April 5, 2011
- ***Antinarcotics Efforts in the Hemisphere***, Elliott School, George Washington University, Washington DC, February 28, 2011
- ***Stabilization and Development: Lessons of Colombia’s ‘Consolidation’ Model***, CIP-U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington DC, December 9, 2010

- ***The U.S. Military Presence in Latin America today***, Hampshire College, Amherst MA, October 21, 2010
- ***National and International Dimensions of Criminal Violence in Latin America***, Norwegian Peacebuilding Centre / NorLARnet, Oslo, October 5, 2010
- ***What is the South American Defense Council?*** Panel discussion with Ecuador's defense minister, WOLA, Washington, September 20, 2010
- ***Política exterior colombiana en las Américas 2010 – 2014 Oportunidades y desafíos***, Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, September 15, 2010
- ***La Reforma del Sector Seguridad en contextos de narcotráfico y crimen organizado: Colombia y México en una perspectiva comparada***, CIDE / Colegio de México, June 28, 2010
- ***Los retos de Colombia en las relaciones internacionales***, Army of Colombia – University of Oslo, Santa Marta, Colombia, May 7, 2010
- ***U.S. Policy in Latin America***, Hofstra University, Hempstead NY, April 29, 2010
- ***U.S. Bases in Colombia***, School of the Americas Watch, Washington DC, April 18, 2010
- ***Droits de l'homme et politique dans les Amériques***, Institut D'Etudes Politiques D'Aix en Provence (Sciences Po), Aix-en-Provence, France, March 12, 2010
- ***Cooperación Militar de EE.UU en América Latina: Impactos Regionales***, Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos, Lima, Peru, December 18, 2009
- ***Organized Crime in the Western Hemisphere: An Overlooked Threat?*** Council on Foreign Relations, New York, November 18, 2009
- ***2nd Annual Public Diplomacy Symposium***, Association of Public Diplomacy Scholars, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY, October 16, 2009
- ***Trade and Investment in the Americas***, Corporación Andina de Fomento - OAS - Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, September 10, 2009
- ***Colombia: Building Peace in a Time of War***, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, June 14, 2009
- ***Riesgos, Seguridad y Defensa en el Siglo XXI***, Escuela Superior de Guerra de las Fuerzas Armadas Colombianas, Bogotá, April 27, 2009
- ***Winds of Change? What to Expect from the Obama Administration on U.S. Policy towards Latin America***, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Washington DC, March 14, 2009
- ***Militarization of U.S. Foreign Relations with Latin America: Prospects for Change***, University of Chicago, Chicago, November 11, 2008
- ***Límites y Desafíos de la Agenda de Seguridad Hemisférica***, Observatorio de Democracia y Seguridad (Bolivia) / Woodrow Wilson Center Latin America Program, La Paz, Bolivia, June 19, 2008
- ***Colombia's Crossroads: The FARC and the Future of the Hostages***, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington DC, May 2008

- ***Colombia: The Conflict and the Political Context***, Beloit College, Beloit WI, April 5, 2008
- ***Protecting the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia***, Georgetown Center for Latin American Studies, Washington, March 28, 2008
- ***The Cocaine Curse: perspectives for the future***, London School of Economics, London, March 7, 2008
- ***Coloquio Internacional “Acuerdos Humanitarios y Construcción de Paz,”*** Fundación Alvaralice and Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Colombia, November 19, 2007
- ***Las Relaciones Colombia-Estados Unidos: Enfrentando la Encrucijada***, Revista Semana – Universidad Nacional (IEPRI), Bogotá, November 15, 2007
- ***U.S. Foreign Policy and Militarization in Colombia***, Oak Institute, Colby College, Waterville ME, October 15, 2007
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- ***Colombia's Democratic Security: Assessing Progress and Near-Term Risks***, the National Defense University Institute for National Strategic Studies, Washington, DC, January 2005
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- ***The Future of the Former School of the Americas***, debate at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, April 2003
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