

Teaching Experience

Upon completion of my MA in European politics in 2003, I relocated to Colorado and taught as an adjunct instructor at Metro State College of Denver. I started with little more than a dozen students in an Introduction to International Relations course and a freshman seminar. As it was my first time teaching, I was unsure what to expect. By the second week of class, however, I realized that I had a first-rate group of curious and talented intellects on my hands. More than this, I knew that I was not only talented at teaching, but that I wanted to do it for the rest of my career.

I arrived back in Chapel Hill in the fall of 2004 and served as a Teaching Assistant for a number of courses during the first years of the doctoral program: Introduction to American Government, Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to European Government, and Introduction to Latin American Politics. During the spring of my third year in the program, I assumed total responsibility for a section of European Politics as an independent instructor. The following fall, I taught a larger section of Latin American Politics (enrollment 43) at UNC and was recruited to offer a version of the course online for Kansas State University. I was responsible not only for developing the content of this online course, but also for providing weekly voice recordings, virtual whiteboards, and PowerPoint presentations for the students in Kansas. In the summer of 2009, I taught both European Politics and an Introduction to IR course at UNC. Most recently, I taught International Political Economy as a visiting instructor at Tulane University in fall 2010.

While at UNC, and in addition to my course responsibilities, from 2004 to 2007 I coordinated a Friday lecture series for the Transatlantic Masters program (I am an alumnus of the TAM program). This lecture series brought together a number of the most prominent Europeanist scholars from UNC and around the world. I also coordinated a similar speaker series for the working group on Latin American political economy from 2006 to 2007. Both these lecture series matched faculty and speaker expertise and graduate student interest.

Teaching Interests

At the undergraduate level, I am interested in teaching introductory courses in international relations and comparative politics. I am also able to offer expert instruction in upper level courses such as international political economy and the political economy of the developing world. As a graduate of a masters program in European studies, I can complement my expertise in Latin American politics with broad knowledge of European politics. Therefore, I can immediately offer upper division courses in Brazilian politics, Latin American politics, and European politics. At the graduate level, I can teach core curriculum courses in international relations and comparative politics. I would also welcome any opportunity to teach more specialized seminars at the undergraduate or graduate level. I would be particularly interested in developing courses concerning foreign investment in the developing world, or perhaps the political economy of international aid. I am also able to teach introductory courses in econometric analysis, and am a few years away from developing more specialized time series analysis courses. I use these methodological tools quite extensively in my research, and given the nature of my work I am sure this will continue.