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ACADEMIC POSITION

2009- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Notre Dame, May 2008

Dissertation Title: 'How do Governments Shape Insurgency? Nation-States, Democracy, and Insurgency in Post-Independence Latin America (1820-1920)'. Co-chairs: Rory McVeigh and J. Samuel Valenzuela.

Area Exams:

Political Sociology (*with distinction*), October 2007

Social Movements and Collective Behavior (*with distinction*), December 2006

Master of Arts in Sociology, June 2006.

University of Notre Dame

Thesis: *Why don't you join us? Grievances, organizational membership, protest opportunities, and protest participation*. Thesis Advisor: Rory McVeigh

Magister en Sociología, June 2004.

Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay

Licenciado en Sociología, August 1999.

Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2008. Eduardo Valenzuela, Simón Schwartzman, J. Samuel Valenzuela, Timothy R. Scully, Nicolás M. Somma, and Andrés Biehl. *Vínculos, Creencias e Ilusiones. La Cohesión Social de los*

Latinoamericanos. Uqbar Editores, Santiago de Chile, Colección CIEPLAN. (*Links, Beliefs, and Hopes. The Social Cohesion of Latin Americans*).

Refereed Articles

2009. Somma, Nicolás M. 'How Strong are Strong Ties? The Conditional Effectiveness of Strong Ties in Protest Recruitment Attempts.' *Sociological Perspectives* 52(3):289-308 (lead article).
2007. J. Samuel Valenzuela, Timothy R. Scully, and Nicolás M. Somma. "The Enduring Presence of Religion in Chilean Ideological Positionings and Voter Options." *Comparative Politics* 40(1):1-20 (lead article).

Book chapters

- Forthcoming. Nicolás M. Somma. 'Elections and the Origins of Democracy in Nineteenth-Century Uruguay'. In Eduardo Posada-Carbó and J. Samuel Valenzuela (eds.) 'The Origins of Democracy in the Americas, 1770s-1880s' (tentative title)
2004. Santa Marta, Iliana and Nicolás M. Somma. 'Las relaciones sociales en la innovación. Estudio de caso de una empresa de software'. In Emma J. Massera (ed.) Trabajo e innovación en Uruguay, Ediciones Trilce.
2004. Massera, Ema J., Iliana Santa Marta, and Nicolás M. Somma. 'El proceso de trabajo como proceso de innovación. Estudio de caso de una empresa de software'. In Enrique Mazzei (ed.) El Uruguay desde la Sociología Vol. II, Department of Sociology, Universidad de la República (Uruguay).
2003. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Educación terciaria y mercado de trabajo en los departamentos de Uruguay'. In Enrique Mazzei (ed.) El Uruguay desde la Sociología Vol. I, Department of Sociology, Universidad de la República (Uruguay).

Working Papers and Other Publications

2007. Valenzuela, J. Samuel, Timothy R. Scully, and Nicolás M. Somma. 'The Enduring Presence of Religion in Chilean Ideological Positionings and Voter Options.' Working Paper #336. Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame.
2004. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Del Neobatllismo al Autoritarismo. Sociedad, Política y Cambio Sistémico en Uruguay (1958-1973)'. Working Paper #74, Department of Sociology, Universidad de la República (Uruguay).
2003. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Lifestyles in Uruguay'. In CD-ROM edition of the book One market, several countries, European Society of Market Research.
2001. Canzani, Agustín and Nicolás M. Somma. 'Poverty in Latin America'. Working Paper, Cooperative Swedish Center.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

‘When do Voluntary Organizations Foster Protest? The Role of Organizational Involvement on Individual Protest Participation’ (revise and resubmit at *The Sociological Quarterly*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

‘How do Collective Grievances Emerge in the Absence of Oppression and Exploitation? Reds and Whites in Nineteenth-Century Uruguay’

‘Determinants of Protest Participation in Latin America’

‘Religion and Social Capital in Latin America’ (with Timothy R. Scully and J. Samuel Valenzuela)

‘Religious Migrations in Latin America’ (with Timothy R. Scully and J. Samuel Valenzuela)

‘Private Religiosity, Institutional Religiosity, and Political Ideology in Chile’ (with Timothy R. Scully and J. Samuel Valenzuela)

‘The Political Mobilization of Class Voting: Latin America and Western Europe in the 1990s’ (with Scott Mainwaring and Mariano Torcal)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

2009. ‘Outstanding performance’. Annual Student Evaluation, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

2008. John J. Kane Memorial Award given to the ‘Most Outstanding Graduate Student’ in the Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

2007. Winner of the 3rd place in the North Central Sociological Association's graduate student paper competition of the American Sociological Association. Paper entitled “The Conditional Effectiveness of Strong Ties in Protest Recruitment Attempts.”

2007. Winner of the "Federico Gil Prize", awarded by the Chilean Political Science Association, for the "best paper" presented at its 8th meeting in the field of Comparative Politics. Paper entitled "The Enduring Presence of Religion in Chilean Ideological Positionings and Voter Options" (coauthored with J. Samuel Valenzuela and Timothy R. Scully).

2006, 2007, 2008. Special recognition. Annual Student Evaluation, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

2005. Highest Possible Commendation. Annual Student Evaluation, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2009. Dissertation Year Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (US\$ 15,000)
2008. Dissertation Year Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (\$15,000)
2008. Graduate Student Development Fund grant from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, for buying a voice-recognition software for dissertation research (\$566)
2007. Gordon Conference Presentation Grant, Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame (\$225)
2007. Conference Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (\$278)
- 2008, 2007, 2005. Summer research funding. Research assistant of J. Samuel Valenzuela, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (\$3,600)
- 2004-2008. Multiple year fellowship for pursuing graduate studies, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (annual stipends)
- 2004-2009. Kellogg Institute Supplemental Award for Latin American Doctoral Students, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (\$25,000)
2002. Grant for Young Researchers, Commission of Scientific Research, Universidad de la República, Uruguay (\$4,000)

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate level:

Social Movements.

Undergraduate level:

Political Sociology, Classical Social Theory, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Sociology of Education, Research Methods.

Committee Member for Master's Thesis:

2009. Javiera Cárcamo, Pablo Carvacho, Macarena Cea, Pilar Larroulet, Maria Emilia Undurraga.

Senior Theses Directed:

2009. Constanza Hurtado y Paloma del Villar; José Latorre e Ignacio Saffirio.

INVITED LECTURES AND PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

2009. Valenzuela, J. Samuel, Timothy R. Scully and Nicolás M. Somma. "Social, Political, and Personal Effects of Religiosity in Latin America: A Preliminary Exploration." Conference "Social Cohesion in Latin America: Assembling the Pieces", Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Universidad de Notre Dame.
2008. Somma, Nicolás M. "Elections and the Origins of Democracy in Nineteenth-Century Uruguay." Presented at the conference "The Origins of Democracy in the Americas, 1770s-1880s", Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame.
2007. Somma, Nicolás M. "Organizational Involvement and Protest Participation." Presented at the Workshop of the Collective Behavior and Social Movements section of the American Sociological Association, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY.
2007. Somma, Nicolás M. "When Do Voluntary Organizations Matter Most For Protest Participation? The Role of Organizational Involvement." Presented at the joint meeting of the North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
2007. Somma, Nicolás M. "The Conditional Effectiveness of Strong Ties in Protest Recruitment Attempts." Presented at the joint meeting of the North Central Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
2003. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Lifestyles in Uruguay'. Universidad ORT (Uruguay).
2003. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Delphi Method'. Sociology MA program, Universidad de la República (Uruguay).
- 2003, 2002. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Sociology of Uruguay'. Sociology Department, Universidad de la República (Uruguay).
2001. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Survey Research', Psychology Department, Universidad de la República (Uruguay).
2001. Somma, Nicolás M. 'Forecast Methods', Architecture Department, Universidad de la República (Uruguay).

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Mobilization: an International Journal (3)

Social Problems (1)

Sociological Perspectives (1)

Revista de Ciencia Política (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile) (1)

Revista Doble Vínculo (2)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND OTHERS

American Sociological Association (Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Political Sociology, and Historical Comparative Sociology sections)

Board Member of the Survey on Social Cohesion in Latin America (ECosociAL)