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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **Latin American Studies, Major: Economics, Minor: Community and Regional Planning, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, 2001.**
Research focus: Economic restructuring and its spatial implications
Advisor: Dr. William Glade.
Dissertation: *Urban Restructuring in Latin America: The Cases of Mexico and Peru.*
- M.A. **Development Studies, Specialization: Regional Development and Planning, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Holland, 1988**
Funded by the Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC), The Hague, Holland, 1987-1988; and The Ford Foundation
Emphasis on Regional Development and Planning.
Advisor: Prof. Dr. J.G.M. Hilhorst.
Thesis: *Regional Policies and Regionalization in Peru.*
- Professional Degree **Economics, Catholic University, Lima, Peru, 1985.**
By examination.
- B.A. **Economics, Catholic University, Lima, Peru, 1981.**
Advisor: Dr. Vega Centeno.
Thesis: *Study of Technological Change in the Cement Industry: The Case of Lima Cement.*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2005 to present **Assistant Professor. Texas A&M University, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning (LA&UP), College Station, TX.**
Conduct research on sustainable economic development and planning. Teach development, planning, and urban studies in the Land Development and Planning programs.
- 2001 to 2005 **Visiting Assistant Professor: Texas A&M University, TX.**
Conduct research on sustainable economic and development issues. Teach development, planning, and urban studies in the Master of Urban Planning
Teach economic development issues in Latin America at the Bush School of Government and Public Service.
- 2002 to 2003 **Visiting Assistant Professor: Texas A&M University, TX. - HUD – Urban Scholar**
Recipient of one out of ten nationwide Urban Scholar Postdoctoral Fellowships. Research topic: *Microbusinesses in the Texas-Mexico Border Region: Potential for Economic Community Development.*

- 1998 to 2000 **Graduate Research Assistant. Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas at Austin, TX.**
Assisted on two research projects: 1) Women Entrepreneurs in Latin America, the United States and Canada; 2) High-technology: Texas and the United States.
- 1995 to 2000 **Assistant Instructor. Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.**
- 1994 to 1995 **Graduate Research Assistant. Department of Community and Regional Planning, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.**
Assisted on the research: Free Trade and Local Development in Texas and Mexico. Funded by the UT Department of Community and Regional Planning.
- 1994 to 1995 **Graduate Research Assistant - Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.**
Assisted on downloading and managing databases on the first Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC)
- 1983 **Research Assistant- Economics Department University of the Pacific, Lima, Peru.**
Assisted on research on technological change and local linkages in the metal-mechanic industrial sector in Lima, Peru.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2000 to 2001 **Analyst. Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, Texas.**
In charge of calculating costs and income as a result of de-regulation of utilities in Texas. Cost structure and restructuring of utilities in Texas.
- 1988 to 1992 **Senior Economist. Central Bank of Peru, Lima, Peru.**
In charge of the follow-up of physical investment projects.
- 1984 to 1988 **Junior Economist. Central Bank of Peru, Lima, Peru.**
Besides the regular follow up of physical investment, several projects undertaken as distribution of public funds among projects; feasibility study of a bill factory; effects of hyperinflation on the economy.
- 1981 to 1982 **Economist Planner. Department of Regional Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister, Lima, Peru.**
In charge of coordination and implementation of the regionalization in the country. Discuss with newly elected regional presidents their budgets and capacity to carry out their investment.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- 2006 **Co-Principal Investigator.** Brazos Valley Affordable Housing Market Study, \$36,582.
A market analysis for affordable housing in the Brazos Valley. This project is being carried out through the Center for Housing and Urban Development – College of Architecture, TAMU.
- 2002 to 2003 **Principal Investigator.** US. Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$55,000.
Reviewed by the National Academies - **HUD-Urban Scholar.**
To conduct a research on *Microbusiness in the Texas-Mexico Border Region: Potential for Economic Community Development*. Research location: Colonias on the Texas Mexico border region.
- 2002 to 2003 **Researcher** - Ford Foundation.
To conduct and assessment of the Receivership in Starr County, Texas, and its implication on land markets and the social fabric. With a team from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and the University of Texas - Austin.
An extension was granted for one extra year for following-up the results.
- 2002 to 2003 **Researcher.** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
Water Quality in Hidalgo County. To organize water council of the Valley to support health planning. Project with the Texas Department of Health and the Center for Environmental and Rural Health at Texas A&M.
- 2001 to 2002 **Researcher.** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Center for Community Outreach Partnership
In charge of Microenterprise Training in Four Colonias in the Laredo Border Region

INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2006 to 2007 **Co-Principal Investigator.** College Research and Interdisciplinary Council (CRIC) Research Grant, College of Architecture, Texas A&M University. \$6,000.
To complement funding in a research on a Revolving Fund for Home Improvement as a Tool for Sustainable Economic Development.
- 2005 to 2006 **Principal Investigator.** Mexican American Latino Research Center, Texas A&M University, \$5,000, Seed Grant
To initiate a research on a Revolving Fund for Home Improvement as a Tool for Sustainable Economic Development.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1987 to 1988 **Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation** (NUFFIC) – The Hague, The Netherlands, Full financial individual support to pursue M.A. studies at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS).
- 1987 to 1988 **Ford Foundation (Latin America)**. Complementary financial support to pursue M.A. studies in Development Studies at the ISS. This additional support was requested to allow my family to accompany me during my studies in The Netherlands. Fellowship awarded out of a competition among South American applicants.

REFEREEED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Ward, P., F. de Souza and C. Giusti. (2004), “Colonia” Land and Housing Market Performance and the Impact of Lot Title Regularisation in Texas, *Journal of Urban Studies*, Urban Studies, Vol.13, 2621-2646, December 2004.

Echeverri, E., D. Brandaza and C. Giusti. (2001). Free Trade and Women in Business in the Americas— What Role Should Women’s Organizations Play?, *InfoPYME* October2001.
<http://lanic.utexas.edu/pyme/esp/infopyme/archive/octubre01/>
Also available at Social Science Research Network Electronic Library:
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=283226

UNDER REVIEW

Giusti, Cecilia, Jane Larson, Peter Ward, Flavio de Souza and Marlynn May, Land Titling in Colonias Along the Texas – Mexico Border: where did planning fail? MIT – PROJECTIONS – Call for Papers VOL 6: Mismatched Boundaries. Submitted on September 2005.

Giusti, Cecilia, Microbusinesses in Colonias along the Texas-Mexico Border and their Contribution to Sustainable Economic Development *Journal of Community Development*. Submitted on February 2006.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Ward, P., F. de Souza, C. Giusti, J. Larson, and M. May. (2003). Final Report Being an Evaluation of the Community Resource Group (CRG) Colonia Lot Titling Program in Rio Grande City, Starr County, Texas, April 2003

Giusti, C. and P. Perez, Inflation Experiences. (1990), *La Moneda Review* 5 (2). Lima, Central Bank of Peru. (In Spanish).

Kafka, F. and C. Giusti. (1983), Technological Change in the Metal-Mechanics Sector: Four Case Studies Research Report, Lima, University of the Pacific. (In Spanish).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Giusti, C. (2004) Microbusinesses in the Texas-Mexico Border Region; Potential for Sustainable Economic Development?, In AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning) Metropolitan Planning and Environmental Issues. Abstract Book, AESOP Congress July 1st – 4th, Grenoble, France.
- Giusti, C. (2003). Colonias along Texas and Mexico: How Cities Emerge, In Petroccioli, A., M. Stella, and G. Strappa (eds.) The Planned City?. ISUF International Conference. Proceedings of the International Conference. Trani, 2-6 July.
- Giusti, C. (2003) Microenterprise Programs in Colonias Around the Texas-Mexico Border. EconPapers Economics at your Fingertips. *Seeds of growth - sustainable community development - what works, what doesn't and why*: a Federal Reserve System Community Affairs Research Conference, March 27-28, 2003 Proceedings.

INVITED LECTURES

EXTERNAL

- 2005 Success or failure? The case of micro businesses in Texas colonias. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Urban Scholars Fellowship Program Symposium. Washington DC. Nov.7.
- 2004 Microbusiness in Colonias and their contribution to Economic Development, Urban Scholars Meeting -National Research Council of the National Academies, Funded by Fannie Mae Foundation, Washington, D.C., Nov. 9, 2004

INVITED GUEST

- 2005 The Andes in the United States (ANDUSA), organized by the US Department of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Washington DC April 15, 2005 (by invitation only).

INTERNAL

- 2005 The Economic Impact of Construction. Invited by the TAMU-Habitat for Humanity Seminar
- 2004, Economic Development and Planning in Latin America. Academy for Future International
2005 & Leaders. Undergraduate seminar. International Center of the George Bush Presidential Library
2006 Complex. Invited Speaker and Mentor.
- 2002 and Introduction to International Studies. Undergraduate class. INTS 289. College of Liberal Arts –
2003 International Studies Program.

PEER- REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2006 Land Title Effects on Mexico-USA Border. Planning American Planning Association's 2006 National Planning Conference to be held in San Antonio, TX, April 22nd-26th. Abstract accepted for presentation.
- 2005 Informal urbanization along the Texas-Mexico Border: land and business issues in Colonias. Urban Environ Conference, September 11-15. Brasilia, Brazil.
- 2004 Massive New Legal Ownership and the Effects on Land Markets and Communities Along the Texas Mexico Border, ACSP 45th. Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 21-24.
- 2004 Microbusinesses as Contributor to Sustainable Economic Development, Sixth Symposium of the International Urban Planning and Environmental Association, Louisville, Kentucky, September 4-8.
- 2004 Microbusinesses in the Texas-Mexico Border Region; Potential for Sustainable Economic Development, Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) Annual Conference. Grenoble, France, July 1-3.
- 2004 Land Title, Land Markets and Community Organizing in Colonias in Starr County, Who Owns America? IV Land Acquisition and Retention Conference. University of Wisconsin – Land Tenure Center. May 23-25. Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2004 Microbusiness in Colonias as a contribution to Economic Community Development, Fifteenth International Conference. Academy of Entrepreneurial Finance, The George Washington University. Washington D.C. April 29- May 1.
- 2003 Colonias along Texas and Mexico: How Cities Emerge, International Seminar on Urban Form ISUF, Bari, Italy, July 3-6.
- 2003 Microenterprise Programs in Colonias Around the Texas-Mexico Border, Seeds Of Growth - Sustainable Community Development - What Works, What Doesn't And Why. Federal Reserve System Community Affairs Research Conference, March 27-28.
- 2003 Land Titling, Land Use and Land Value in Starr County Colonias, Owning the Future Conference, McAllen, Texas, January 9-10.
- 2002 Comprehensive Planning for Your Community, Urban County Leadership Conference South Padre Island, Texas May 24-25.
- 1990 Hyperinflation Experiences: a Comparative Study, VII Central Bank Economist Conference, Central Bank of Peru, Lima, July 25-26. (In Spanish).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT

- LDEV 667, Development and Economy.
- PLAN 623, Development and Planning in Developing Countries.
- PLAN 610, Cities and People: Urban Issues.
- PLAN 415, Urban Studies.
- BUSH 689, Economic Development in Latin America.
- LBAR 489 Sustainable Communities

Semester	Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Evaluation Score
<i>Spring, 2002</i>	PLAN 623	International Dev. & Planning	3	4.79
<i>Spring, 2003</i>	PLAN 623	International Dev. & Planning	3	4.58
<i>Spring 2003</i>	* BUSH 689	Economic Dev. Latin America	3	4.18
<i>Summer 2003</i>	BUSH 689	Economic Dev. Latin America	3	4.84
<i>Fall, 2003</i>	BUSH 689	Economic Dev. Latin America.	3	4.47
<i>Fall 2003</i>	LBAR 489	Sustainable Communities	Class Mentor	N/A
<i>Spring 2004</i>	PLAN 623	International Dev. & Planning	3	4.66
<i>Fall 2004</i>	PLAN 415	Urban Studies	3	4.44
<i>Fall 2004</i>	PLAN 610:	Cities & People. Urban Studies	3	4.42
<i>Fall 2004</i>	LBAR 489	Sustainable Communities	Class Mentor	N/A

<i>Spring, 2005</i>	PLAN 623	International Dev. & Planning	3	4.46
<i>Fall 2005</i>	LDEV 667	Development & Economy	3	4.38
TOTAL/ AVERAGE			30 (as of 02/17/06)	4.52 (as of 02/17/06)

*Denotes a new course.

PH.D. COMMITTEES

Name	Faculty Role	Degree Sought	Topic/Title	Expected Date of Graduation
Suk- Kyung Kim	Member	Architecture	Gated Communities and Sense of Security	2006
Eung- Jung Kim	Member	Urban & Regional Science	Health and Income Distribution	2008
Jayant Anand	Member	Anthropology	Retail industries and economic Development	2007
Zhu Qian	Member	Urban & Regional Science	Land Value	2008

MASTER'S COMMITTEES

Name	Faculty Role	Degree Sought	Topic/Title	Expected Date of Graduation
Kathleen Blanchard	Chair	Master's of Urban Planning	Twin City Mission Expansion in Bryan, Texas	2004
Alicia Salinas	Chair	Master's of Urban Planning	Garbage Collection attitudes among minority groups, Wisconsin	2005
Michael Lynch	Chair	Master's of Urban Planning	Sustainable Planning in Tunisia	2005

Tariq Abdulah	Chair	Master's of Urban Planning	Use of WAQF as a toll for Sustainable Planning	2006
Rajat Parashar	Chair	Master's of Urban Planning	Land Use and Transportation Planning	2006
Ji Li	Co- Chair	Master's of Urban Planning	Economic Dev. & Transportation Planning	2006
Sang Yyun Lee	Co- Chair	MS in Land Development	Commercial Development	2005
Andres Vela	Co- Chair	MS in Land Development	Affordable housing in Mexico	2006
Xiaouhog Li	Co- Chair	MS in Land Development	Residential Development	2006
Pete Pinnuwat Chikoonpol	Member	MS in Land Development	GIS mapping and Development	2003
Virginia Carrasco	Member	Master's of Urban Planning	Environmental Planning in Florida	2004
Ruth Lohmer	Member	Master's of Urban Planning	Churches and Planning in Texas	2005
Bruce Hanik	Member	Master's Education	Health Education	2005
Dipti Mathur	Member	Master's of Urban Planning	Transportation in Houston, TX.	2006
Kristina Harpst	Member	Master's of Urban Planning	Historic Preservation & form-based zoning	2006
Leslie Chady	Member	Master's of Urban Planning	Water and Planning in Florida	2006
Stephan	Member	Master's of	Re-Use of	2006

Gage		Urban Planning	Containers & Disaster Planning	
Allison Cozby	Member	Master's of Architecture	Master Plan Third World, Houston TX	2006
Samuel Goff	Member	Master's Agriculture Education	Cooperatives in Rwanda	2006
Elizabeth Steirman	Mentor / Advisor	International Studies - Honor	Microbusiness and Empowerment	2006

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

PROPOSAL REVIEWS

Spring, 2006	Ad Hoc Manuscript Review, Housing and Policy Debate
Fall, 2005	Ad Hoc Manuscript Review, Journal of Planning Education and Research
2002, 2003, 2005	Proposal Review, Office of University Partnerships, US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

COMMITTEES

Technical Advisory Committee, Who Owns America? IV Land Acquisition and Retention Conference, University of Wisconsin – Land Tenure Center, Madison, May 23-25, 2004.

University

2006	Identification and Selections of Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award Recipient. February 2006
2005	Collaboration on a research from the Center for Teaching Excellence (Oct. 6 2005) on issues on International faculty in Campus and in CS

Department

2005 – present	Land Development Curriculum Committee
2005 – present	Urban Planning Curriculum Committee