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The MPA Program  
Department of Political Science  
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**Education:**

University of Florida, PhD Political Science (May 2004).

Major Field: Public Administration

*Dissertation:* "The Road to Public Sector Reform in Argentina's Provinces," Professor Göran Hyden (Chair).

Indiana University, MPA School of Public and Environmental Affairs (1997).

École Nationale d'Administration, France (1996).

Miami University, BA Economics (Departmental Honors) (1992).

**Research Fields:**

Public Sector Reform in Latin America, Governance and Development, Economic Policy, and Public Finance

**Teaching Experience:**

*Assistant Professor*, August 2004 - present, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University

Human Resource Management and Leadership

American Public Policy

Public Finance and Budgeting

Principles of American Government

Government Organization and Management

Organizational Theory and Behavior

Senior Seminar in Political Science

Economic Policy

**Additional Teaching Fields:**

Comparative Public Management, Development Administration, Policy Process, and Latin American Politics, Economic Integration in the Americas

**Academic Research Positions:**

*Research Assistant*, University of Florida  
The Center for European Union Studies. Dr. Amie Kreppel, Director

*Research Fellow*, Indiana University  
Institute for Development Strategies. Dr. Charles F. Bonser, Director

**Non-Academic Career Experience:**

United States Foreign Commercial Service, San José Costa Rica. Commercial Officer.

Ohio State Teachers Retirement System. Auditor.

**Publications and Professional Research Presentations:**

“Corruption and Public Sector Reform in Latin America: Getting the Message Right” (under review at *International Journal of Business Research*).

“Reforma del Sector Público Provincial: Problemática y Soluciones.” (Under review at *Estado, Gobierno, y Gestión Pública*).

“Reforma del Sector Público: Metas Logradas y Cuentas Pendientes,” Presentation for the Asociación Chilena de Municipalidades, March 14-15, 2007, Santiago, Chile.

“Back to the Basics: The Case for Professionalization in Argentina’s Provinces.” (under review at *Public Administration and Development*).

“Public Organizations and the Adoption of Market-Based Mechanisms: Opportunities and Hazards in Latin America,” Paper presented at the International Academy of Business and Economics annual conference, October 16-18, 2006, Las Vegas, NV.

“Public Sector Reform in Argentina’s Provinces: Cautionary Evidence Concerning the Introduction of Market-Based Mechanisms,” *Journal of International Business and Economics*, Vol. VI, No. 1, 2006, pp. 58-69.

“Budgeting Approaches: What They May Accomplish and What They Regularly Do Not,” Presentation for the State of Texas Certified Public Managers, October 20-21, 2005, Houston, TX.

“Sustainable Development in Costa Rica: Reconsidering Governance Institutions” (with Dr. Renée Johnson) in *The Challenge of Governance across Social Scales* (eds. Hans Bressers and Walter Rosenbaum). Westport, CT: Praeger (Greenwood Publishing), 2004.

“Public Sector Reform in Argentina’s Provinces: What Is Needed and What Is Feasible,” Paper presented on the comparative public administration panel at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, April 15-18, 2004.

“Decentralization in Environmental Policymaking: The Costa Rican Experience,” Paper presented at “The Politics of Sustainable Development: Institutions Across Scales” Conference, jointly sponsored by the University of Twente (The Netherlands) and the University of Florida, February 17-19, 2001.

### **Permanent Departmental Service**

Pi Sigma Alpha, SHSU Chapter Faculty Adviser and Administrator  
Political Science Scholarships, Chair and Administrator  
Undergraduate Internship Program, Committee Member

### **Awards and Honors:**

Sam Houston State University Graduate School Research Development Grant (2005)  
Sam Houston State University College of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Development and Travel Grant (2004)  
University of Florida Presidential Fellowship (2002-2003)  
University of Florida Presidential Fellowship (1998-2001)  
Institute for Development Strategies (Indiana University) Research Grant (1996)  
Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Affairs Honor Society)

### **Professional Associations:**

The American Society for Public Administration  
Midwest Political Science Association  
International Academy of Business and Economics

