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CURRENT POSITION

Benjamin R. Collins Professor of Social Science, Haverford College

EDUCATION

- 1985 D. Phil. Politics, Oxford University
1982 M. Phil. Latin American Studies, Oxford University
1980 BA Political Science (first class honors), McGill University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2006- Benjamin R. Collins Professor of Social Science, Haverford College
2004 Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania
1999-2004 Stinnes Professor of Global Studies, Haverford College
1995- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Haverford College
1988-94 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Haverford College
1988 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, New York University
1984-85 Instructor, Latin American politics, Oxford University

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2000-03 Director, Haverford Center for Peace and Global Citizenship
1985-88 Program Officer, The Ford Foundation, New York (responsible for grant making in Latin America and the Caribbean in the fields of governance, international affairs and higher education)

CONSULTANCIES

- 2010 New Yorker Magazine
 Provided assistance for David Grann, "A Murder Foretold," The New Yorker (April 4, 2011)
http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/04/04/110404fa_fact_grann?currentPage=all
- 2009 Freedom House
 Drafted the report on state of democracy in Guatemala, for Democracy at a Crossroads.
- 2007 Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation)
 Conducted an evaluation of the Washington office on Latin America
- 2007 Freedom House,
 Mediated a dialogue on Democratic Governance in Guatemala, between political leaders, members of the business community, representatives from democracy and human rights NGOs and indigenous community activists.
- 2005 Freedom House
 Drafted a report on state of democracy in Guatemala, for Democracy at a Crossroads
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- 2003 Crimes of War Education Project
 Drafted an article on Guatemala for Spanish language version of book on war crimes.
- 1996 The Ford Foundation, Education and Culture Program
 Drafted a review of Ford Foundation support for the development of Latin American Studies in the US
- 1995 Inter-American Dialogue
 Conducted a strategic review of the Inter-American Dialogue
- 1992-94 The Ford Foundation, Latin American and Caribbean program
 Reviewed and drafted proposals for grant action and program strategy papers
- 1982-83 International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa
 Evaluated the Center's Latin American fellowship program.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2011 Member, Advisory Committee, Council on Foreign Relations
 Special Report on Central America Criminality

- 2010 Expert testimony political asylum cases (Guatemala)
- 2009 New York Times, expert recommended resources on Guatemala
Available at
<http://topics.nytimes.com/topics/news/international/countriesandterritories/guatemala/index.html>
- 2009 Worldfocus radio program on “Behind the famine in Guatemala,”
available at <http://worldfocus.org/blog/2009/10/07/tune-in-radio-show-on-guatemala-behind-the-famine/7651/>
- 2009 Testimony, *House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, June 9, 2009
- 2007 Expert testimony political asylum cases (Guatemala and Ecuador)
- 2007 Freedom House, Dialogue on Democratic Governance in Guatemala
- 2003 Organization of American States, International Election Observer, Guatemala

MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011-12 Visiting Scholar, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, New York University
- 1997-99 Visiting Professor, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) Guatemala City, Guatemala
- 1994 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Governmental Affairs, University of California, Davis
- 1994 Research Associate, Latin American Studies Center, University of California Berkeley
- 1991 Visiting Professor, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) Santiago, Chile
- 1991 Visiting Fellow, Latin American Centre, St. Antony's College, Oxford University
- 1991 Visiting Professor, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias

RESEARCH AWARDS

- 2009 Haverford College, Center for Peace and Global Citizenship, Faculty Research Award
- 1997 United States Institute of Peace
Grant for research on peace and democratization in Guatemala
- 1992 Twentieth Century Fund
Grant for writing monograph on promoting democracy in Latin America)

1983 International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa
Young Canadian Researcher Award

TEACHING AWARDS

2000 Haverford College Prize for Innovation in Teaching

1998 Elected to Who's' Who Among America's Teachers

1998 American Political Science Association's Rowman and Littlefield Award for Innovative Teaching in Political Science

1995 Haverford College Prize for Innovation in Teaching

1994 Christian and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Teaching Fellowship
Annual award given for outstanding teaching

1992 The Hewlett Foundation
Award for developing innovative curriculum in the field international affairs

1992 The Ford Foundation, Social Justice Grant
Award for developing curriculum dealing with social justice themes

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

From Victims to Citizens: The Politics of Transitional Justice in Postwar Guatemala (book manuscript in progress, advance contract from University of Pennsylvania Press)

A Life in the Trenches: the biography of Mayan Activist, Jorge Morales Toj (in progress)

The Politics of Military Rule and Transition in Ecuador (Macmillan, and the University of Pittsburgh Press, 1993)

ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

“At War with the Past? The politics of truth seeking in postwar Guatemala,”
International Journal of Transitional Justice, April 2010

“Guatemala on the Brink”, *Journal of Democracy*, 21, 2 (April 2010)

“Guatemala,” *Countries at the Crossroads* (New York: Freedom House, March, 2010)

“La Crisis post-Rosenberg y el rol EE.UU.,” *Informe Guatemala*, 78 (August, 2009)

Written Statement before House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, June 9, 2009, available at <http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/111/50293.pdf>

“Truth and the Challenge of Reconciliation in Guatemala,” *Reconciliation(s)* Richard Vernon and Joanna Quinn (eds.) (McGill-Queens University Press, 2009)

“Confronting the Past: The Challenge of Truth, Justice and Reparations in Guatemala”, (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estrategicos, 10 January 2006)

<http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/analisis/879.asp>

also appears as “Superando el Pasado? Verdad, justicia y resarcimiento en Guatemala”, (Madrid: Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estrategicos, 11 January 2006)

<http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/analisis/880.asp>

reprinted en Revista Futuros, 15, 6 (2006) <http://www.revistafuturos.info>

“Guatemala”, *Countries at the Crossroads* (New York: Freedom House, 2006)

“Guatemala”, *Countries at the Crossroads* (New York: Freedom House, 2004)

“Government and Politics in Ecuador”, *Handbook of Latin American Studies: Social Sciences*, 59 (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2003.)

“Los problemas de la consolidacion democratica en Ecuador”, Felipe Burbano (ed.) *Democracia, Gobernabilidad y Cultura Política* (Quito: FLACSO, 2003)

“Guatemala’s War Crimes” *Crimes of War: What the Public Should Know*, (Spanish edition) Roy Gutman and David Rieff (eds.), 2003

Review, George Lovell, “A Beauty that Hurts: Life and Death in Guatemala” *Journal of Developing Areas*, 2001

Review of “Of Centaurs and Doves: Guatemala’s Peace Process” in *Latin American Politics and Society*, 43, 1, Spring 2001

"International Assistance for Democracy: a cautionary tale" Jorge Dominguez (ed.) *The Future Of Inter-American Affairs*, (New York: Routledge, 2000)

"Ecuador", *Collier's Encyclopedia*, 1998

Review of "The World Bank and Non-Governmental Organizations: The Limits of Development", *Studies in Comparative International Development*

Review of "Theories of Dependent Foreign Policy: the case of Ecuador", *Journal of Latin American Studies* 28 (May 1996)

Review of "Ecuador: " *The Journal of Latin American Studies*, 1996

"Sustaining Democracy in Ecuador", *The State of Democratic Governance in the Americas*, Jorge Dominguez and Abraham F. Lowenthal (eds.) (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996)

'International Support for Democratization: A Map and Some Policy guidelines as Derived from case studies of Chile, Haiti, Peru and El Salvador", in *The Limits of Sovereignty and the Collective Defense of Democracy*, Tom Farer (ed.) (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996)

'Ecuador', *Oxford Companion to World Politics* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993)

'Problems of Democratic Consolidation in Ecuador', *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 10, 2 (1991): 221-38

Review of 'Whirlpool: US Foreign Policy Toward Latin America and the Caribbean', in *Political Science Quarterly* (1993)

Review of 'Party Politics and Elections in Latin America', in *The Journal of Latin American Studies*, 22, 3 (October, 1990)

Review of 'The Process of Political Domination in Ecuador', *The Journal of Latin American Studies*, 16, 2 (November, 1984)

RECENT INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Democratic Alternatives to Mano Dura," Inter-American Dialogue discussion on Guatemala's Uncertain Future: Combating Crime and Impunity, Washington, September, 2011

"Security and Democracy in Guatemala," Inter-American Dialogue's Congressional Members Working Group, Washington DC, June 2009

"Guatemala in Crisis," Testimony before the United States Congress, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, June, 2009

"La doble mirada: perspectivas sobre la movilizacion social despues del conflicto armado," CONAVIGUA, Guatemala City, November 2008

"Los desafios de la verdad y la reconciliacion: perspectivas desde Guatemala," Centro de Estudios Sociales y Legales, Buenos Aires, October 2008

"The Challenge of Postwar Reparations," International Center for Transitional Justice, New York, September 2008

"Is the glass half full or half empty? The challenge of democratization in Guatemala," Freedom House Dialogue on Democratic Governance, Guatemala City, November 2007

"Towards reconciliation?" Donors breakfast meeting, convened by USAID, Guatemala City, March 2007

"Los desafios del resarcimiento," Programa Nacional de Resarcimiento, (National Reparations Program) Guatemala City, January 2007

"Perspectivas sobre la justicia," Ministry of Defense, Guatemala City, January 2007

"Los desafios de la Reconciliación," CONAVIGUA, Guatemala City, January 2007

"Los desafios de la reconciliación: perspectivas desde el mundo rural" Nebaj, Guatemala, January 2007

"Verdad, justicia y resarcimiento," Santiago de Atitlan, Guatemala, January 2007

“Los Comalapenses y la reconciliación,” Comalapa, Guatemala, January 2007

Verdad, Justicia, y Resarcimiento: perspectivas sobre la reconciliación,” FUNDESA, Guatemala City, January 2007

“Resumiendo la encuesta: los desafíos de la reconciliación en Guatemala,” Soros Foundation, Guatemala, January 2007

“The challenges of reconciliation: truth, justice and reparations,” USAID: Guatemala, January 2007

“Verdad, justicia y resarcimiento: una condición para la reconciliación en Guatemala,” Guatemala City, March 2006

“la nueva generación y los desafíos de la reconciliación,” Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala City, March 2006

“la reconciliación desde la perspectiva del sector empresarial,” Guatemala City, March 2006

“las fuerzas armadas en Guatemala: se busca la reconciliación?” Ministry of Defense, Guatemala City, March 2006

“que piden las víctimas: en búsqueda de la reconciliación,” CONAVIGUA, Guatemala City, March 2006

“Superando el pasado? verdad, justicia y resarcimiento en Guatemala,” Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid, December 2005

“Truth and the Challenge of Reconciliation in Guatemala,” University of Western Ontario, May 2005

“Truth and Trauma: Lessons from Guatemala,” Villanova University, April 2005

“From Peace Making to Peace Building”, Swarthmore College, March 2005

“Does Truth Heal? Perspectives from Guatemala”, Legacies of Violence: Memory and Political Transition in Central America and the Southern Cone, Tulane University, October, 2004

COURSES TAUGHT

Politics of Transitional Justice

Perspectives on Civil War and Revolution

Politics of Violence

Politics of Ethnic and Civil Conflict

Peacebuilding: Reconciliation, Reintegration and Reconstruction

Promoting Democratic Citizenship in the Americas

Democracy and Civil Society

Comparative Democratization

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Inter-American Relations

Inter-American Dialogue

Politics of Protest in the United States and Latin America

Latin American Politics
Politics of the Andean Region
Politics of Central America

LANGUAGES

English, French and Spanish: native speaker ability