

Jodi S. Finkel

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of Political Science	2014-current
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science	2007-2014
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2001-2007
Loyola Marymount University (LMU), Los Angeles, CA	

Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell Award for Exemplary Mentoring of Undergraduate Latino/a Students, American Political Science Association	2016
Distinguished Teaching Award, LMU	2009

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, UCLA	June 2001
Master of Political Science, UCLA	June 1996
Master of International Affairs, UCSD	June 1992
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, UCLA	June 1989
University of Barcelona, Spain	1989-1990

SCHOLARSHIP/PUBLICATIONS

Books

Judicial Reform as Political Insurance: Argentina, Peru and Mexico in the 1990s, University of Notre Dame Press, 2008.

Invited Chapters

“La Reforma Judicial como Póliza de Seguros, Mexico en la Decada de 1990,” *La Suprema Corte y la Justicia Constitucional Antes y Despues de la Reforma Judicial de 1994*, Supreme Corte de Justicia de la Nacion de Mexico, Mexico D.F, 2018, 329-364.

“La Reforma Judicial de 1994 en México: Una Póliza de Seguro Político y una Suprema Corte Empoderada” *Estudios sobre la Suprema Corte de Justicia Realizados en Estados Unido*, Supreme Corte de Justicia de la Nacion de Mexico, Mexico D.F, 2017, 159-237.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Empowering Sex Workers in Guatemala: A Professor’s Recommendations for Establishing (with Students) a Sustainable Nonprofit in a Developing Country,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. July 2014.

“Explaining the Failure of Mexico’s National Commission of Human Rights (Ombudsman’s Office) after Democratization: Elections, Incentives, and Unaccountability in the Mexican Senate,” *Human Rights Review*, Volume 13, Issue 4, July 2012, 473-495.

“Judicial Reform as Insurance Policy: Mexico in the 1990s,” *Latin American Politics and Society*, vol. 47, no. 1, Spring 2005, 87-113.

“Judicial Reform in Argentina: How Electoral Incentives Shape Institutional Change,” *Latin American Research Review*, Vol. 39, no. 3, October 2004, 56-80.

“Supreme Court Decisions on Electoral Rules After Mexico’s 1994 Judicial Reform: An Empowered Court,” *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 35, 2003, 777-799.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

“Prior Consultation in Latin America the 21st Century: International Conventions, Judicial Interpretations from Andean Constitutional Courts, and Lessons for Ensuring the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” in *Democracia, Poder Judicial y Polarización Política*, ITESO University, Guadalajara, Mexico, forthcoming November 2023.

“Judicial Reform as an ‘Insurance Policy’: Mexico in the 1990s,” *New Perspectives in Latin American Politics: Actors, Institutions, and Practices*, ed. by W. Smith and F. Aguero, Blackwell Publications, 2009.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Introduction to Comparative Politics
Latin American Politics
Global Slavery: Past and Contemporary
Food Politics Seminar
Comparative Human Rights Seminar
Politics of Economic Development
Overcoming Poverty in the Developing World

AWARDS

She Who Inspires: Women Who Change the World, UCSD, 2019
Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell Award for Mentoring Latino/as, American Political Science Association, 2016
Visionary Leader Award, UCSD’s 50 Year Jubilee, (50 people chosen from 130,000 alumni), 2011
Hidden Hero: Leaders of Service and Action, Center for Restorative Justice, LMU, 2012
Honorable Mention, Museum of Latino Art, American Hybridity Show, 2011
LMU Fritz B. Burns Distinguished Teaching Award, 2009
Graduate School of International Relations, UCSD, Outstanding Achievement Award, 2008

CURRENT RESEARCH

My current research centers on the “Politics of Recognition” in Latin America. I examine how Latin America high courts are defining prior consultation (the right of indigenous peoples to participate in decision making that affects their communities). The judiciary has the potential to establish a standard that protects the rights of indigenous peoples, but the pattern of judicial decisions in the region demonstrates that this will not be a straight-forward path.

CREATIVE WORKS

Juried Group Exhibitions

Ylegal, CultureStrike, Netroots Nation, June 2013, San Jose, California, 30" X 40", acrylic on canvas (painting is a political cartoon opposing Arizona's immigration policies).

Viva Zapato, Museum of Latino Art, History, and Culture, Los Angeles, California American Hybridity Show, September-November 2011, 30" X 40", acrylic on canvas. (painting is a political cartoon commenting on women's rights/equality in Mexico).

Permanent Collections

Viva Zapato/Long Live the Shoe, Museum of Latino Art, History, and Culture, acquired 2011, 30" X 40", acrylic on canvas.

NONPROFIT SERVICE

Founder, President, Grant-writer, *MuJER*, Guatemala, 2005-current (*Mujeres por la Justicia, Educacion, y el Reconocimiento*/Women for Justice, Education, and Awareness). Nonprofit dedicated to empowering sex workers in Guatemala. We provide educational classes, vocational training, anti-violence programs, mental health counseling, legal services, a child nutrition program, and grassroots organizing. We provide services "face-to-face" at red light districts and at our Community Center. We Have worked with 1000s of women in eleven red light districts.

Other Nonprofit Service

President of the Board, *Por Un Mejor Hoy*, Mexico, 2006-2020
Academic Liaison, Free the Slaves, Los Angeles, 2009-2015
Advisor, Latin American Committee, Pacific Council, Los Angeles, 2012-2015
Advisor, *Coded Stories*, documentary on indigenous cultures in Latin America, 2011-2014
Board Member, The Democracy Council, Los Angeles, 2005-2012
Board Member, *Atalaya*, ITAM University, Mexico, 2008-2010
Board Member, ACLU Westside, Los Angeles, 2008-2009

EXTERNAL SERVICE-ACADEMIC

Executive Board Member, Comparative Judicial Research Group, International Political Science Association, 2021-current
Fulbright Referee, undergraduate applications for Argentina and Chile (2014-2016)
External Review, *National Research Fellowships*, Canada, 2016
External Reviewer, Chapman University's Master's Program in International Studies, October 2014

Journal Referee

<i>American Political Science Review</i>	<i>Latin American Research Review</i>
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i>	<i>Latin American Politics and Society</i>
<i>Comparative Politics</i>	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>
<i>Journal of Comparative Politics</i>	<i>The Latin Americanist</i>
<i>Journal of Politics</i>	<i>Law and Courts</i>
<i>Law and Society</i>	<i>Governance</i>

World Politics
Journal of Law and Courts.

Human Rights Review
Journal of Economic Organization and Behavior