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2016-2022 Ph.D. Political Science. Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University

Dissertation: “Semi-presidential Executive Branch Institutionalization and Personalization Under Cuba’s 1940 Constitution”

2016-2019 Graduate Certificate Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Florida International University.

2013-2014 M.S. Peace Operations, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs, George Mason University

2002-2006 B.A. International Studies, Department of International Studies, University of Miami

TEACHING POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor, Florida International University 08/2024-Present

POS 2041 - Introduction to American Government
CPO 2002 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
CPO 3304/2304 - Latin American Politics
CPO 4737 – Politics of Transition and Human Rights

Adjunct Lecturer. Miami Dade College, Miami. 01/2023 – 07/2024

POS 2041 - Introduction to American Federal Government

Adjunct Lecturer. Florida International University, Miami. 08/2022 – 04/2024

POS 2041 - Introduction to American Government
CPO 2002 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
CPO 3304 - Latin American Politics

Adjunct Lecturer. Jacksonville University, Jacksonville. 09/2023 – 12/2023

POL 205 – American National Government

Adjunct Lecturer. University of Miami, Coral Gables. 08/2022 – 05/2023

POL 389/INS 310 - Cuban Politics

POL 390/LAS 360 – Cuban/American Politics

Graduate Instructor. Florida International University, Miami. 06/2020 – 05/2021

POS 2041 - Introduction to American Government

Teaching Assistant. Florida International University, Miami 08/2016 – 06/2020
01/2022 – 04/2022

POS 2041 – Introduction to U.S. Politics/American Government

POS 4173 – Politics of the American South

POS 4684 – Politics of Voting Rights

CPO 3055 – Authoritarians and Democrats

CPO 4303 – Politics of South America

CPO 4360 – Cuban Politics

POS 3283 – Judicial Process

INR 3081 – Contemporary International Problems

POS 3604 – Constitutional Law

POS 4072 – Women in Politics

POS 4122 – State Government and Politics

POS 3652 – Law and the Legal Profession

CONSULTING

2023-present. Supervisor. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen Legacy Project and Fellowship Program. Florida International University, Miami, Florida.

2023-2025. Research Assistant. Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) - Global Foundation for Democracy and Development, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

2022-2023. Coordinator. Commission in Support of the Transition in Cuba, Miami, Florida.

OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Center for a Free Cuba	Program Officer	10/2013 – 07/2016
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Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	Congressional Aide	08/2007 – 01/2013
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University of Miami	Office Assistant	Political Science	06/2003 – 08/2007
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University of Miami	Research Assistant	Political Science	06/2002 – 05/2003
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GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2025. Recipient, Cuban Heritage Collection Short-Term Research Grant, University of Miami.
2024. Participant, American Political Science Association (APSA) Teaching and Learning Symposium on Teaching Comparative Politics, Washington, D.C.
2023. Participant, NEH Summer Institute, Center for José Martí Studies Affiliate 2023, University of Tampa.
2023. Eliana Rivero Research Scholarship, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University.
- 2021-2022. Award for Best Dissertation in Political Science, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University.
- 2021-2022. Service Excellence Award, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University.
2021. Dissertation Year Fellowship, Florida International University.
2020. Graduate and Professional Student Committee (GPSC) travel subsidy, Florida International University, to attend and present paper at Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Austin, Texas, March 4-8, 2020.
2017. Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs Graduate Student Travel Subsidy, Florida International University, to attend and present paper at Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Austin, Texas, March 4-8, 2020.
- 2020 – 2021. Award for Best Graduate Instructor in Political Science, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University.
- 2019 – 2020. Award for Best Teaching Assistant in Political Science, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University.
2017. Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs Graduate Student Travel Subsidy, Florida International University, to attend and present poster at first annual Southern Latin American Behavior Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 13, 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Books

- Pedreira, Daniel I. 2025. *Los desaparecidos del castrismo: Cuba desde 1959*. Miami: Alexandria Library Publishing House.
- Pedreira, Daniel I. 2019. *PEN Club of Cuban Writers in Exile: Foundation, Struggle and Present*. Miami: PEN Club of Cuban Writers in Exile.

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2019. *An Instrument of Peace: The Full-Circled Life of Ambassador Guillermo Belt Ramírez*. Lanham: Lexington Books.

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2013. *El último constituyente: El desarrollo político de Emilio "Millo" Ochoa* [The Last Delegate: The Political Development of Emilio "Millo" Ochoa]. Valencia: Aduana Vieja.

2. Edited Book Chapters

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2025. "Cuba." In *A Casebook for Comparative Politics*, ed. Mark L. Johnson, PressBooks.

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2022. "Herencia Cultural Cubana." [Cuban Cultural Heritage]. In *Resistencia*, eds. Pedro Corzo and Amado Rodríguez, Miami: Instituto de la Memoria Histórica Cubana contra el Totalitarismo.

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2021. "En busca de Ángel Cuadra." [In Search of Ángel Cuadra]. In *Señas de mí: Homenaje a Ángel Cuadra Landrove*, ed. Eduardo Rossardi, Miami: Ediciones PEN.

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2021. "Agustín Acosta, el exilio y la historia de un monumento olvidado." [Agustín Acosta, Exile, and the Story of a Forgotten Monument]. In *Ensayistas y periodistas*, ed. Luis de la Paz, Miami: Ediciones PEN.

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2021. "Recorrido del PEN Club: Desde Cuba hasta Miami." [The PEN Club's Journey: From Cuba to Miami]. In *Anuario Histórico Cubanoamericano*, ed. Octavio de la Suarée, Columbia, South Carolina: Academia de la Historia de Cuba en el Exilio, Corp.

3. Published Papers

Pedreira, Daniel I. 2014. "Cuba's Prospects for a Military Oligarchy." Cuban Affairs Journal, Vol. 9, Issue 1.

4. Other Publications

2024. "La familia Carbonell: Exilio y regreso de una familia fundadora cubana". Revista Convivencia. (No. 100, July-August).

2024. "El derrocamiento de Miguel Mariano Gómez en 1936: ¿Destitución presidencial o golpe de estado híbrido?". Revista Convivencia. (No. 98, March-April).

2024. "In Memoriam: Roger E. Kanet." Political Science Today (May).

2024. "In Memoriam: Mauricio Solaún Giberga." Political Science Today (February).

2024. "El periodismo servil de Tucker Carlson, Walter Duranty y Herbert Matthews". Cubanet (16 February).

2023. "El "abandono": arma retórica de la dictadura". Cubanet (19 December).

2023. "Cubanas que partieron en 2023". Cubanet (December 18).

2023. “Bolivia y Cuba en el “puno y letra” de la ex president Jeanine Áñez Chávez”. Cubanet (1 December).
2023. “La Dra. Rosa Leonor Whitmarsh: Alma mater del exilio cubano”. Cubanet (5 November).
2023. “Mauricio Solaun Giberga: El primer cubanoamericano embajador de EEUU”. Diario de Cuba (4 November).
2023. “La Dra. Rosa Leonor Whitmarsh: Alma mater del exilio cubano”. Cubanet (5 November)
2023. “In Memoriam: Ambler Holmes Moss, Jr.” Political Science Today (May).
2022. “Luis Mario Ochoa: Honrando al eterno Lecuona”. Cubanet (29 November).
2022. “Lecciones del pasado para mantener una república cubana”. Revista S.P.Q.R. (3).
2022. “In Memoriam: Jonathan Page West.” Political Science Today (November).
2022. “In Memoriam: John F. Stack, Jr.” Political Science Today (November).
2022. “¡Bienvenido a Miami, presidente Lech Wałęsa!” El Nuevo Herald (7 September).
2022. “Legislating Repression: Cuban Decrees, Charges, and Prison Sentences after July 11th” Caba Briefs, (Spring).
2022. “Adiós a un maestro: Manuel Márquez-Sterling (1931-2022)” Cubanet (25 April)
2022. “Reafirmación democrática: 62 años de lucha por la libertad” Cubanet (4 March)
2021. “Cuba’s July 11th Protests and the Road to ¡Libertad!” Caba Briefs, (Winter)
2021. “The Cuba of Tomorrow Calls for Institutionalism and Civic Education” Diario de Cuba (30 July)
2021. “Para la Cuba del futuro, institucionalismo y educación cívica” Diario de Cuba (29 July)
2021. “Ivette Hernández, la pianista censurada por el castrismo” Diario de Cuba (6 June)
2021. “Mambises en Miami” Diario de Cuba (24 February)
2021. “La historia la escriben los que la escriben” Cubanet (18 February)
2021. “Ministerio de Cultura, ¿para qué?” Cubanet (29 January)
2021. “Una diplomacia relámpago, por decreto, no restaurará las relaciones entre Estados Unidos y Cuba” Diario de Cuba (29 January)
2021. “José Sorzano: de exiliado a protagonista de la Guerra Fría” *Diario de Cuba* (16 January)
2021. “El “caso Coppelia”: puesta en escena de una economía fracasada” *Cubanet* (5 January)
2020. “En Cuba, “Vendrá un cambio,” ¿pero cuando? *El Nuevo Herald* (13 December).
2020. “In Cuba, “A change is gonna come,” but when? *The Miami Herald* (13 December).

2020. "A Constitutional Pandemic?" *Smerconish.com* (8 April).
2019. "New Cuban leadership reflects a rebranding of Castro dictatorship." *UPI* (4 October).
2019. "New approach' to Cuba must rely on realistic historical assessments." *UPI* (29 August).
2017. "Luis Almagro en Miami: Apuntes sobre Cuba". *IDEAL* (No. 428) : 24-25
2017. "1898: En busca de las recuperaciones patrimoniales en Cuba". *Herencia* (January) : 58-59.
2016. "Emeterio Santovenia Echaide: Biografía de un polímata pinareño". *Herencia* (August) : 52-53.
2016. "Albin Polasek: Un inmigrante, una estatua y el sueño americano". *Herencia* (August) : 56-59.
2015. "Emilio Ochoa: An architect of Cuba's 1940 Constitution." *The Miami Herald* (28 May).
2015. "Héctor Guillermo Martínez: Un joven exitoso en el ámbito empresarial". *Herencia* (April) : 98-103.
2015. "La Caridad en Washington: Una historia de fe, exilio y esperanza". *Herencia* (April) : 1-8.
2015. "Midshipman, Patriot, President." *Shipmate* (September-October) : 52-55.
2012. "Sueños e imaginación en los cines y teatros habaneros". *Herencia* (December) : 42-49.
2012. "Manuel Carbonell, símbolo del espíritu artístico cubano". *Herencia* (March) : 66-69.
2010. "We must support the Ladies in White" *Sun Sentinel* (10 April)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Career: Mentorship in Political Science – Becoming a Better Mentor and Mentee." Roundtable discussion at the annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3-6, 2025.
- "Teaching: Fostering Engagement – Strategies for a Dynamic Classroom." Roundtable discussion at the annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3-6, 2025.
- "Florida Man Elected President: The Floridization of American Politics in a Second Trump Administration." Lightning Talk, Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 3-6, 2025.
- "Appealing for Democracy: Challenging Cuba's 1952 Coup in Court." Florida Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, March 30, 2025.

- “From Exiles to Statesmen: The Carbonell Family, Tampa, and the Development of the Cuban Republic.” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Asheville, April 3-6, 2024.
- “All Politics is Local: Presidential and Former Presidential Endorsements of Candidates for Local Offices.” Florida Political Science Association, Gainesville, March 9, 2024.
- “The Cuban Family Carbonell: Exile and Return of a Founding Family.” FIU’s Cuban Research Institute’s 14th Conference on Cuban and Cuban American Studies, Miami, February 15-16, 2024.
- “Chinese Vases in Latin America: Former Presidents as Agents of Democracy.” Florida Political Science Association, DeLand, April 22, 2023.
- “The Cuban Presidency: Institution and Personalities Under the 1940 Constitution.” Latin American Studies Association, Virtual, May 5-8, 2022.
- “Presidents and *Choteo*: Artistic Perceptions of Executive Politics in Cuba (1940-1959).” Florida Political Science Association, Daytona Beach, March 26, 2022.
- “Mixing Academics & Practical Politics.” Roundtable discussion at the annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Zoom, April 14-18, 2021.
- “How to Be Heard by Policymakers.” Roundtable discussion at the annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Zoom, April 14-18, 2021.
- “Cuba, the U.S., and the UN: Dilemmas Among Neighbors.” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Austin, March 4-8, 2020.
- “Bipolar Governance: Causes and Outcomes of Dictatorial Executive Branch Splits.” Latin American Studies Association, Boston, May 24-27, 2019.
- “Colombia and Cuba: Agency, Personalities, and the Birth of the U.N.” *Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago, April 4-7, 2019.
- “Of *Auténticos* and *Ortodoxos*: Party Institutionalization and Leadership in Cuba (1940-1952).” Florida Political Science Association, Tampa, March 2, 2019.
- “Sent from Above: The Rise and Fall of Cuba’s Electoral College.” Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 5-8, 2018.
- “Youth and Revolution: The Paradox of Political Demography in Cuba.” Florida Political Science Association, Ft. Myers, March 24, 2018.
- “The 1936 Ouster of Cuba’s Miguel Mariano Gómez: Presidential Impeachment or Hybrid Coup?”. Southern Latin American Behavior Conference, Atlanta, October 13, 2017.
- “Spain’s ‘Stolen Children’: Human Rights, Culture, and the Search for Truth and Justice.” Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, New York, March 16-18, 2017.

“Cuba and the U.S. at the U.N.: Frenemies on the World Stage.” FIU’s Cuban Research Institute’s 11th Conference on Cuban and Cuban American Studies, Miami, February 23-25, 2017.

“Cuban Political Parties (1902-1959): Characteristics and Implications for Democratic Stability.” Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Miami, July 31-August 2, 2014.

“Cuba’s Prospects for a Military Oligarchy.” Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Miami, August 1-3, 2013.

INVITED TALKS AND SPECIAL CONFERENCES

“José Martí y la fundación de un gobierno civil en Cuba.” Keynote address at the Cuban Hebrew Congregation – Temple Beth Shmuel in Miami Beach, Florida, January 25, 2025.

“Cuba’s Israel Policy From 1948 To Present: Political Calculus? Ideological Commitment? Antisemitism?” Panel discussion hosted by the Cuban Research Institute (CRI) at Florida International University, November 20, 2024.

“Las elecciones y Florida y su impacto a nivel nacional.” Round table hosted by Transparencia Electoral at Florida International University, November 4, 2024.

“Eyes on Venezuela.” Panel discussion co-hosted by Sigma Iota Rho – Beta Rho and Pi Sigma Alpha – Tau Rho at Florida International University, October 23, 2024.

“Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Politics.” Hosted by the University of Miami’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), September 10 and September 17, 2024.

“Modern Challenges to Constitutional Order: A Comparative Perspective.” Ius Privatum research seminar meeting hosted by the University of Szczecin School of Law and Administration in Szczecin, Poland, March 15, 2024.

“2023 Constitution Day.” Panel hosted by the Department of Social Sciences at Miami Dade College’s Eduardo J. Padrón Campus, September 19, 2023.

“Outlooks on the Quality of Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Roundtable.” Panel hosted by the University of Miami’s Hanley Democracy Center, the Department of Political Science, and the Latin American Studies Program, February 17, 2023.

“Democracy in Times of Revolution.” Guest lecture in Latin American Politics course at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Türkiye, November 30, 2022.

“The Restless Exile of Gerardo Machado.” Book presentation hosted by the University of Miami’s Cuban Heritage Collection, August 11, 2022.

“Sobrevivir y hacer periodismo en el exilio.” Panel hosted by the InterAmerican Dialogue, Fundamedios, the University of Miami’s Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, and Voces del Sur at the University of Miami, March 30-31, 2022.

“Digital Dystopia: Truth v. Propaganda and Censorship.” Panel hosted by PEN International’s Writers in Prison Committee (WiPC) and International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN), May 20-22, 2021.

“70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Celebration and Symposium.” Panel hosted by FIU’s Digital Library of the Caribbean and Le Flambeau Foundation in Miami, Florida, December 10, 2018.

“De Yara a Palacio: Cuba y el Largo Camino Hacia la Libertad” (“From Yara to the Palace: Cuba and the Long Road to Freedom”). Presentation hosted by Cuban Cultural Heritage in Miami, Florida, October 18, 2018.

“La Constitución de la República de Cuba de 1940: Cumbre de la Democracia Cubana” (“The 1940 Constitution of the Republic of Cuba: Summit of Cuban Democracy”). Presentation hosted by the Peña Santiago Rosell in Miami, Florida, May 2, 2018.

“El P.E.N. Club Cubano: Fundación, Exilio y Renacer” (“The Cuban P.E.N. Club: Foundation, Exile, and Rebirth”). Presentation hosted by the P.E.N. Club of Cuban Writers in Exile and Cuban Cultural Heritage in Coral Gables, Florida, February 28, 2018.

“Revistas independientes.” Presentation at the VIth Vista Festival in Miami, Florida, July 15-16, 2017.

“La Asamblea Constituyente de 1940: Pluralidad ejemplar.” Presentation at symposium Cuba 1902-1958: Una gran república in Miami, Florida, May 19, 2017.

“Cuba y el Leonismo: 90 Años de Servicio y Sacrificio”. Presentation hosted by the Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Lions Club in Miami, Florida, July 19, 2017.

“Una noche con la poesía de Heberto Padilla.” Presentation hosted by the PEN Club of Cuban Writers in Exile, the University of Miami’s Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, and the Center for a Free Cuba in Coral Gables, Florida, January 2015.

“Chile: El plebiscito hacia la democracia.” Presentation hosted by the Association for the Study of Cuba’s Naval History in Miami, Florida, December 2, 2015.

“La narrativa cubana en el exilio.” Presentation at the “Encuentro con el Libro Cubano Exiliado” in Miami, Florida, July 11-12, 2015.

SELECTED SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Article Reviewer, American Journal of Political Science, April 2025.

Chair. Panel: “Students: What to Do with My Political Science Degree: Career Paths for Undergraduates.” Roundtable discussion at the annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3-6, 2025.

Chair and Discussant. Panel: Disputes, Politics, and Political Violence. Annual Conference. Florida Political Science Association (FPSA), March 30, 2025.

Chair and Discussant. Panel: Comparative American Policies, Politics, and Technology. Annual Conference. Florida Political Science Association (FPSA), March 30, 2025.

Moderator, 23rd Annual South Florida Tri-University Conference, 2025.

Chair, Student Panels, National Student Conference, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2025.

Member, Selection Committee, Human Rights Division Best Book Award, American Political Science Association, 2024-present.

Member, Search Committee, Coordinator of Administrative Services position, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University, 2024.

Member, Selection Committee, Diversity Fellowship Program, American Political Science Association, 2024-present.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (The National Political Science Honor Society) Tau Rho Chapter, Florida International University, 2024-present.

Member, Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas in the Profession, American Political Science Association, 2024-present.

Mentor, American Political Science Association Mentorship Program, 2024-present.

Vice Chair, First Congress on Cuba's Historical Memory, February 24, 2024

Chair and Discussant. Panel: Law and Institutions. Virtual Research Meeting. American Political Science Association (APSA), February 8-9, 2024.

Assistant Grader, POS 2041 – Introduction to American Government, Florida International University, 2024.

Reviewer, Bölge Çalışmaları Dergisi (Journal of Regional Studies), 2023.

Country Expert (Cuba). the Historical Varieties of Democracy (Historical V-Dem) project. V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, 2022-2023.

Faculty Supervisor. ISS 6926 Master of Arts in Global Affairs (MAGA) Capstone. Florida International University, Spring 2023.

Presenter. "The History of Cuba and the Cuban American Experience" Training. Miami-Dade County Public Schools, University of Miami, June 22, 2022.

Chair and Session Organizer. New Directions in Cuban History. Latin American Studies Association, Virtual, May 5-8, 2022.

Panel Chair. Interdisciplinary Approaches to post-Castro Cuba. Florida International University's Cuban Research Institute's 13th Conference on Cuban and Cuban American Studies in Miami, February 3-4, 2022.

Manuscript Reviewer, Georgetown University Press, 2020.

Member of the American Political Science Association (APSA), the Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), and the Florida Political Science Association (FPSA).

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

President, PEN Club of Cuban Writers in Exile, 2024-present

Board Member, National Association of Cuban American Educators (NACAE), 2023-present

President, Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Lions Club, 2022-2023

Secretary, PEN Club of Cuban Writers in Exile, 2020-2024

First Vice President, Miami Buena Vista Biltmore Lions Club, 2020-2022, 2023-2025

Chair, Writers in Prison Committee, PEN Club of Cuban Writers in Exile, 2017-2020

President, Cuban Cultural Heritage, 2018-2019

Vice President, Cuban Cultural Heritage, 2016-2018