

# Alfredo Carlos

## Curriculum Vitae



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### Education

Ph.D., Political Science in American Politics Political Theory	University of California, Irvine Irvine, California. Doctoral Candidate, ABD
M.A., Political Science in Comparative Politics International Relations	California State University, Long Beach Long Beach, California. May 2008
B.A., History and Chicano Studies	University of California, Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, California. June 2003

### Research and Teaching Interests

American Political Economy, Economic Democracy, Urban Politics, Mexican, Chicano and Latin American History and Politics, Labor History and Politics, Racial and Ethnic Politics, Politics of Development, Imperialism, Social Movements, Revolutions, Politics in Entertainment Media.

### Research In Progress

Dissertation. Economic Democracy: From Continual Crisis to a People Oriented Economy. University of California, Irvine

### Fellowships and Awards

- Q.A. Shaw McKean, Jr. Fellowship, Rutgers University 2013- 2014  
School of Management and Labor Relations
- Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, University of California, Irvine 2008- Present
- DECADE Graduate Student Travel Award, UC Irvine 2013- March
- Gilbert G. Gonzalez Graduate Student Research Paper Award 2013- February  
Department of Chicano/Latino Studies, UC Irvine
- Research Grant, Department of Political Science, UC Irvine 2013- February
- DECADE Graduate Student Travel Award, UC Irvine 2013- February
- Travel Award, University of California – Cuba Academic Initiative 2013- November
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2009- March
- Research Grant, Department of Political Science, UC Irvine 2009- Summer
- Award of Distinction, University of California, Santa Barbara 2003- June
- 80% of TA and Instructor Effectiveness Evaluations above Average 2008- Present

### Publications

Alfredo Carlos. Forthcoming 2013. "Mexico "Under Siege": Drug Cartels or American Imperialism?" *Latin American Perspectives*

Alfredo Carlos. November 16, 2012. "The Future of the American Economy: Economic Democracy or Bust!" *Publicación Oficial. Eventos Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosóficas (SCIF)*. Havana, Cuba.



## Academic and Teaching Experience

**Teaching Associate/Instructor: Current Issues in Chicano Latino Politics** Summer Session 2, 2012  
**University of California, Irvine**

- Designed and taught a course that explored Chicano Latino history and politics beginning with the early 20<sup>th</sup> century leading up to contemporary issues facing Chicano and Latino populations in the United States. The Course focuses on the political economic nature of the relationship between Chicanos/Latinos and U.S. Society with an eye towards the legacy of economic class inequality that structures today's social and political relationships within the Chicano/Latino community.

**Instructor: Marxist Social Thought** Spring 2012, Spring 2013  
**University of California, Irvine** School of Social Sciences  
Policy, Planning and Design

- Designed and Instructed a graduate seminar examining Karl Marx's most complete and mature work, Capital Volume One. The course focused on understanding Marx's thought process and methodology within the context of today's struggling economy.

**Co-Instructor: Urban Sociology with Dr. Rodolfo Torres** Winter 2012  
**University of California, Irvine** Policy, Planning & Design 40

- Designed and Co-Instructed a course that explored the processes of urbanization and education in the United States. The course focused on the role of education within the context of wider socio-economic inequality with a view towards examining privatization of schools.

**Co-Instructor: Latino Metropolis with Dr. Rodolfo Torres** Fall 2011, Fall 2010  
**University of California, Irvine** Policy Planning & Design 172  
Chicano Latino Studies 154

- Designed and Co-Instructed a course that explored, across generations the processes of Mexican American urbanization, particularly in the context of the changing Southern California political economic landscape, with a focus on the effects of de-industrialization on working class Los Angeles.

**Co-Instructor: Chicano Movement with Dr. Rodolfo Torres** Spring 2011  
**University of California, Irvine** Chicano Latino Studies 166  
Policy, Planning & Design 177

- Designed and Co-Instructed a course that explored, in depth the History of the Chicano Movement. We explored the farm workers struggle, the fight for educational equity, the antiwar movement as well as the radical labor left within the Chicano Movement.

**Instructor: Political Economic Theory and the Current Economic Crisis** Winter 2011  
**University of California, Irvine** Political Science and Urban Planning  
Independent Studies Seminar

- Designed and taught a course that covered the economic crisis and its historical development. The course covered Classical and Critical Political Economy as well as recent literature about the economy, wealth disparities, unemployment, underemployment, poverty and social policies that affect the current political economic climate. Topics discussed in weekly graduate style seminar discussions.



## **Teaching Assistant**

**Sept 2009 – Present**

### **University of California, Irvine**

- Prepared and taught for four, one-hour discussion sections per week for students to help them understand the course material; assisted faculty with evaluating and grading student work, hold office hours and assist students with assignments.
- Courses: Political Sociology, Current Issues in Chicano Latino Studies, Sociology of Race, Ethnicity and Nationality; Introduction to Chicano Latino Studies; Sociology Undergraduate Seminar, Introduction to Sociology.

## **Graduate Student Researcher/Leader**

**Summer 2012, 2011**

### **University of California, Irvine**

- Acted as a mentor for undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds participating in the 2011 and 2012 summer graduate preparations programs. Duties consisted of guiding undergraduate students with graduate type research and writing and providing feedback with Abstracts, Research Proposals and Research Papers.

## **Lead Researcher**

**June – Sept, 2009**

### **Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas, Mexico**

- Engaged in participant observation and ethnographic field research on my own project focused on how Mexicans understand, construct and perpetuate the narrative of Mexican Drug violence and crime, as well as its relation to government and politics. The goal is to understand how these narratives differ from the ones constructed in the U.S. I worked closely and was guided by faculty at the Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas.

## **Research Assistant**

**Nov 2007 – Aug 2008**

### **California State University, Long Beach**

- Position consisted of assisting Political Science Professor, Dr. Amy Cabrera-Rasmussen research the health effects that the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have on the local population. This included researching local government policy, compiling a database on individuals and groups involved in the debate over the issue, as well as helping her conduct interviews with these individuals. Position also consisted of assisting Dr. Rasmussen in her researching of the current local and national debates over reproductive and sexual health.

## **Graduate Assistant**

**Jan 2007 – May 2008**

### **California State University, Long Beach**

- Position consisted of assisting faculty in evaluating the written work of students; maintaining office hours to advise and assist students; preparing and facilitating review sessions for Introduction to American Politics; and assisting the department's staff.

## **Conference Papers & Presentations**

- March, 29, 2013. "The Future of the American Economy: Expanding Democracy to the Workplace." Paper presentation at Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. Hollywood, CA.
- February 22, 2013. "'Under Siege': Drug Violence or U.S. Economic Paternalism in Mexico?" Paper presentation at "Horizons" Global Studies Conference. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA.



- November 15, 2012. “Economic Democracy: The Future of the American Economy.” Paper Presentation at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the New Political Science. Sponsored by La Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosoficas and La Universidad de La Habana, Havana, Cuba.
- May 5, 2012. Conference Organizer for the UC Latino Issues Conference and paper presentation of “Mexico Under Siege: Drug Cartels or American Imperialism?” Sponsored by the UC Berkeley Center for Latino Policy Research. Berkeley, CA.
- April 28, 2011. Conference Participant for “Cuba: The State of UC Research” the UC-Cuba Academic Initiative. Irvine, CA.
- April 22, 2011. “Mexico Under Siege: The Drug Narrative About Mexico and U.S. Imperialism.” Paper presentation at Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX.
- March 31, 2011. “Theories of Economic Democracy: Constructing New Forms of Social, Political and Economic Organization.” National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars Annual Conference. Pasadena, CA.
- March 24, 2009. “Fidel, Che and the Diffusion of Cuban Revolutionary Idealism.” Paper presentation at “Intersecting Histories” Graduate Student Conference. Claremont Graduate University, Claremont CA.
- May 21-22, 1999. Conference Organizer. “El Plan and Chicano Studies: Power, Resistance and Social Change, 30 years of Chicano/a Studies”. University of California, Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara CA.

## Public Presentations, Talks, Guest Lectures & Media Appearances

- October 11, 2012. “the Legacy of Chican@/Latin@ Struggle in the U.S.: Labor Activism in the early 1900’s.” Guest Lecture in Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies (CLS 61). Class of 250 students. University of California, Irvine
- October 31, 2011. “The Law Concerning Diversity in Higher Education” Panel Discussant. Moderated by School of Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky. University of California, Irvine.
- April 22, 2008. “Hispanic voters are the key: Some feel comfortable with Clinton, other young voters leaning to another.” The Asahi Shimbun Japanese Newspaper Circulation: 8 million
- April 15, 2011. “Stagnation and the Economic Crisis” Guest lecture in Introduction to Social Problems (Soc 3) University of California, Irvine
- May 5, 2009. “The Cuban Revolution: Revolutionary Central” Presentation at Chicano/Latino Culture Week. University of California, Santa Barbara
- April 11, 2007. “Social Movements In American Politics” Guest lecture in Introduction to American Politics (POSC 100) . Class of 300 students. California State University, Long Beach
- April 22, 2006. “Politics of Identity” Workshop presentation at Raza College Day high school outreach conference. University of California, Santa Barbara

## Professional Services

- Scholarship Application Reviewer, UC Berkeley Pre-Collegiate Academy 2005 – 2011
- Manuscript Reviewer, Sociologists Without Borders Summer 2012
- Scholarship Application Reviewer, UC Berkeley Incentive Awards Program 2013

## Work Experience

### Organizer

UAW2865, Irvine, CA

March – June 2012



- Position consisted of organizing academic student employees to improve their conditions in the workplace. Specifically to lead an affordable housing campaign and membership drive focusing on workload issues. Duties include visiting workers at home and informing them of their rights as well as organizing and planning events and actions geared towards improving their quality of life.

#### **Independent Consultant**

**2011**

#### **Ersoylu Consulting, Costa Mesa, CA**

- To help Ersoylu provide project planning and research services to philanthropy, non-profit organizations (NGOs), government agencies and other institutions. With a focus on helping Ersoylu clients accurately analyze progressive social issues, make effective policy decisions and measure their community impacts.

#### **Research Consultant**

**Fall 2011**

#### **Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development, Garden Grove, CA**

- Position consisted of analyzing data from campaign contributions for the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim as well as looking at approval process for development projects in both cities.

#### **Los Angeles Outreach and Program Coordinator**

**March 2005 – January 2007**

#### **Incentive Awards Program/Pre-Collegiate Academy, University of California, Berkeley**

- Position consisted of working closely with a group of 44 Academy scholars from 22 low income LAUSD schools, mentoring them and providing academic guidance to them for a period of two years, after which they would have hopefully completed the expected requirements to get into UC Berkeley. If they successfully gain entrance into UCB they receive further support through IAP as well as a Scholarship. During the two years of working with the students the position entails visiting schools to advise students, conducting outreach on behalf of UCB and PCA, work closely with LAUSD school administrators and counselors to ensure the program's success as well as comprehensive administration of all other programmatic needs.

#### **Norwalk High School Bigs Program Manager**

**August 2004 – February 2005**

#### **Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters**

- Position consisted of managing a mentoring program in which High School Students mentor K-5<sup>th</sup> children at an after-school program based at their school. Duties included, recruiting and screening mentors and mentees, enrolling them into the program and case-managing a caseload of about 80 matches (160 students) to provide support for the match, as well as all other administrative aspects involved in program, all in hopes to provide guidance and support for the young children as well as experience in working with youth for the High School students.

#### **Recreation Assistant II**

**May 2004 – June 2005**

#### **Los Angeles Recreation and Parks**

- Position consisted of assisting the Teen Program supervisor, plan and coordinate events and programming for the Teen club. Events and programs were all geared towards helping teens improve self-esteem and teach gang, drug, and alcohol prevention. Programs and events also taught students leadership skills as well as the value of teamwork. Duties consisted of supervising students on outings as well as coordinate with other parks when involved in team sports tournaments as well as being a positive role model.

#### **Program Leader**

**April 2004 – August 2004**

#### **Richstone Family Center, Hawthorne, CA**

- Position consisted of working effectively and cooperatively with parents, teachers, and community partners to supervise and ensure quality services and safety of all students as well as oversee and direct academic, homework and enrichment/



recreation activities with a cluster of 15 to 20 students. Also responsible for developing and implementing lesson plans based on fun, skill-based learning activities, implement classroom behavior management and provide homework assistance. Located at Anderson Elementary School.

### **Union Organizer**

**Nov 2003 – Dec 2003**

#### **United Farm Workers of America, Oxnard, CA**

- Position consisted of organizing workers to form a union so that they may improve their conditions in the workplace. Such conditions are better pay, medical plans, respect from management, and pensions plans. Duties included visiting workers at home and informing them of their rights as well as organizing and planning events and actions geared towards improving their quality of life.

### **Truancy Case Manager**

**Dec 2002 – June 2003**

#### **Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Santa Barbara, CA**

- Position consisted of working with youth that were at the last step within the District Attorney's truancy program and were in danger of being placed on probation. Duties included visiting homes and assisting families by acting as a resource, visiting youth at schools and providing guidance to these students in order for them to improve their performance in school and avoid being placed on probation.

### **Academic Intervention Through Mentoring Program Coordinator**

**January 2001 – June 2002**

#### **Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara, CA**

- Position consisted of coordinating a mentoring program that consisted of pairing up "at risk" youth with positive role models from UCSB. Tracking youth academic progress by monitoring grades, attendance, and suspensions. Work also included working closely with parents, mentor and youth to encourage youth's personal growth.

### **Teaching Responsibility and Independence By Education, Educator/Facilitator**

**Oct 2000 – Jan 2001**

#### **Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara, CA**

- Position consisted of teaching progressive and alternative curriculum, which attempts to educate teens on issues that are not covered in mainstream schooling as well as organizing recreation activities, such as Sports, Art, Cultural etc. Work also consisted of developing teaching material that sought to get youth to think critically about the world they live in.

### **Peer Advisor / Resident Assistant / Team Leader**

**Sep 1999 – March 2000**

#### **Educational Opportunity Program, University of California, Santa Barbara**

**Summer 99' 01' 02**

- The position consisted of working as a Resident Assistant for a summer transition program for low-income and/or first generation college students. Duties included guiding a team of resident assistants in organizing events and services geared towards acclimatizing incoming students to the university environment for a period of 2 weeks as well as assisting students with their transition issues. These duties continued into the school year with a specific caseload of students through the peer advisor position.



## Service

- 2011 - present
  - Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion, Workgroup on Constructive Engagement, Policing and Crisis Response
  - Member of the Dean of Graduate Division's, Council on Diversity, University of California, Irvine.
  - Mentor, Los Angeles Harbor College PUENTE program.
  - Graduate Mentor, Graduate Division and Campuswide Honors Program's THINK program for Honor Transfer Students
  - Mentor of 6 undergraduates seeking to apply to Graduate School
  - UAW Local 2865, Active Member, University of California, Irvine
- 2011
  - UAW Local 2865 Head Steward, University of California, Irvine
- 2009 - 2011
  - Co-founder and Co-Chair, Chican@/Latin@ Graduate Student Collective, University of California, Irvine
  - Department and Graduate Committee Representative, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine.
- 2007 - 2008
  - Co-founder and Co-Chair, Graduate Student Political Science Association, California State University, Long Beach
- 2003 - 2004
  - Carson/Wilmington Little League Baseball, Coach
- 2002 - 2003
  - Vice President of the Board of Directors, La Casa De La Raza Community Center, Santa Barbara
  - Chair of El Congreso, UCSB (Chicano/a Student Union)
- 2001 - 2002
  - External Co-chair of El Congreso, UCSB
  - Board of Directors, Coalition for a Living Wage, Santa Barbara
  - Spokesperson for Carnales In Aztlan
  - Volunteer for Los Compadres, works with at risk young men, Santa Barbara
- 2000 - 2001
  - Active member of El Congreso and external organizer, UCSB
  - Spokesperson for Carnales In Aztlan, UCSB
  - Volunteer for Los Compadres, works with at risk young men. Community Action Commission, SB
  - Chicano Studies Major Representative, UCSB
- 1999 - 2000
  - Treasurer of El Congreso, Co-Founder for Carnales In Aztlan. Both UC Santa Barbara
- 1998 - 1999
  - First Year Representative for El Congreso, UC Santa Barbara