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Researcher of economic, environmental, and social policy in middle-income countries and related outcomes in the areas of sustainable development, human welfare, social mobility, and inequality.

EDUCATION:

PhD Student in Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst Expected, 2017

MA, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC 2008
International Development Studies (Concentration: Economic Development Policy)

BA, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC 2000
International Studies and Sociology/Anthropology (Minors: Economics and Spanish)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Global Economic Governance Initiative, Boston University, Boston, MA 2013-Present
Research Fellow

- Conduct research on the social and environmental impacts of China’s economic activity in Latin America.
- Serve as project manager for the region-wide, book-length “China’s Global Reach” project, including co-authoring two chapters and overseeing workflow and production.
- Produce the annual China-Latin America Economic Bulletin, covering regional trends in trade, investment, and finance aspects of this important burgeoning relationship.
- Represent GEGI in conferences and grantee meetings internationally, including Hong Kong, Peru, Mexico, and Ecuador.

Center for Economic and Policy Research, Washington, DC 2006-2012
Research Associate, 2010-2012
Research Assistant, 2007-2010
Program Assistant, 2006-2007

- Developed and produced the Latin America Data Bytes series: brief analyses of major statistical releases from Latin American governments, including national accounts, employment, and inflation.
- Researched and wrote country-level profiles of economic and social well-being in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Haiti, Latvia, Mexico, and Venezuela.
- Researched and wrote on comparative labor policy across OECD countries, and comparative analyses of International Monetary Fund agreements.
- Performed in-depth analyses of US household-level wellbeing using the Survey of Income and Program Participation and the Current Population Survey.

Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 2005
Research Intern

- Performed comparative analyses of the content, sustainability, and outcomes of municipal water privatization in Latin America, Europe, and Asia for a book-length project by Mark Amen.
- Performed qualitative and quantitative research into the causes and mitigation efforts surrounding deforestation in Costa Rica.

Economic Policy Institute, Washington, DC 2004-2006
Policy and Communications Assistant

- Coordinated press releases, events, and outreach to Capitol Hill staff and media.
- Performed cost-effectiveness analyses of EPI’s press outreach work.

PRESENTATIONS:

“Beyond Resources — Diversification and Sustainability of LAC-China Trade Relations for the Long Run” at the “Exploring New Path for Development: Experience from Latin America and China” Conference, Columbia University Initiative for Policy Dialogue and Renmin University, Beijing, China, August 28, 2015.

“China in Latin America: Implications for South-South Cooperation and Sustainable Development” at the “Chinese Overseas Investment and its Environmental and Social Impacts” Conference, Yale University, April 4, 2015.

“China in Latin America: Lessons for South-South Cooperation and Sustainable Development” at the 41st Eastern Economics Association, New York, March 1, 2015.

“China in Latin America: Implications for Sustainable Development” at the “Chinese-Latin American Relations in a Warming World: Toward a More Sustainable Paradigm?” Conference, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, November 21, 2014.

“China y ALC: Implicaciones para el desarrollo sostenido” at the Segundo Seminario Internacional América Latina y el Caribe y China: Condiciones y retos para el siglo XXI, Centro de Estudios China-México (CECHIMEX), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, June 26-28 2014.

"Between a Rock and a Workplace: Workers Without Paid Sick Days or Family Leave," and "How Secure Will You Be? Strategies for Women's Old-Age Security and Mid-Life Momentum," at the 2008 Summit on Economic Justice for Women, organized by the NOW Foundation, the Institute for Women's Policy Research, and the National Council of Negro Women, Atlanta, GA, April 11-12, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Kozameh, Sara and Rebecca Ray. (2012). El Desempeño de la Economía de Ecuador desde 2007. *Ensayos: Revista de Economía* 22(41), 175-200. <http://www.revistas.unal.edu.co/index.php/ede/article/view/35892>.

Ray, Rebecca, Janet Gornick, and John Schmitt. (2010). Who Cares? Assessing Generosity and Gender Equality in Parental Leave Policy Designs in 21 Countries. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 20 (3/4), 196-216. doi: 10.1177/0958928710364434. <http://esp.sagepub.com/content/20/3/196.abstract>.

Ray, Rebecca, and John Schmitt. (2008). The Right to Vacation: An International Perspective. *International Journal of Health Services*, 38(1/4), 21-45. doi: 10.2190/HS.38.1.b. <http://baywood.metapress.com/link.asp?id=pw4125612146312v>

Other Publications:

Ray, Rebecca, Kevin Gallagher, Andrés López and Cynthia Sanborn (2015). China in Latin America: Lessons for South-South Cooperation and Sustainable Development. BU: GEGI Discussion Paper.

Ray, Rebecca and Adam Chimienti (2015). A Line in the Equatorial Forests: Chinese Investment and the Environmental and Social Impacts of Extractive Industries in Ecuador. Boston: GEGI Discussion Paper.

Ray, Rebecca and Kevin Gallagher (2015). 2015 China – Latin America Economic Bulletin. Boston: GEGI.

Ray, Rebecca. (2014). Latin America's Risky China Boom. *NACLA Report on the Americas*. <https://nacla.org/edition/10609>.

Ray, Rebecca and Kevin Gallagher (2014). 2013 China – Latin America Economic Bulletin. Boston: GEGI. <http://www.bu.edu/pardee/files/2014/01/Economic-Bulletin-2013.pdf>.

Kozameh, Sara and Rebecca Ray. (2012). Surviving the Global Recession: Poverty and Inequality in Latin America. *NACLA Report on the Americas*. <https://nacla.org/edition/8228>.

Weisbrot, Mark, and Rebecca Ray. (2011). The Scorecard on Development, 1960-2010: Closing the Gap? United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Working Paper No. 106. http://www.un.org/esa/desa/papers/2011/wp106_2011.pdf.