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Education

- Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University** *Aug. 2017-
Present*
Ph.D. Candidate (ABD) in International Relations
Fields of Study: Global Institutions and Issues & Foreign Policy and Security Studies
Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Miami, FL
- Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver** *Sept. 2015-
June 2017*
M.A. in International Studies
Field: International Politics
Concentrations: Latin America, Democratization, and Quantitative Methods
Sié Fellow- Full Tuition Scholarship and Leadership Development Program
Denver, CO
- Tulane University** *Aug. 2009-
May 2013*
B.A. in International Relations, Economics and Latin American Studies
Triple major
New Orleans, LA
- Rotary Foreign Exchange Student** *Aug. 2008-
July 2009*
Minas Gerais, Brazil

Career History & Professional Development

- Pan-American Strategic Advisors** *April 2025-
Present*
Founder and CEO | Miami, FL
- Serve as thought leader on Inter-American affairs by publishing op-eds, writing reports, and providing keynote speeches.
 - Engage with public and private sector decision makers to provide detailed analyses and strategic guidance on how to approach the Americas.
 - Run day-to-day operations of a boutique consulting firm and think tank.
 - Raise funds for thought leadership operations through grant writing and securing donations.
 - Identify clients' needs and match them with our team of advisors.
- Diplomatic Courier** *Aug. 2024-
Present*
World in 2050 Brain Trust Member | Washington, DC
- Provide expert commentary for Diplomatic Courier and special reports.
 - Participate in Diplomatic Courier's World in 2050 events.
 - Engage in World in 2050 Ideas Labs.
- Independent Consultant and Analyst on Inter-American Affairs** *July 2023-
May 2025*
Freelance | Miami, FL
- Met with relevant officials on issues related to the state of U.S.-Latin American affairs.
 - Wrote articles and analyses for various sites and publications.
 - Produced reports on Chinese engagement in the Americas—one focused on Chinese engagement with the region through regional organizations and forums and one focused on Chinese technology and science partnerships—for the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University.
 - Interviewed for the *JGI Pulse* and Southern Pulse's *La Sobremesa* podcasts.
- Diplomatic Courier** *Feb. 2024-
July 2024*
Correspondent | Washington, DC
- Wrote 1-2 op-eds and articles per month analyzing current events and issues in the Americas.

Global Americans*Deputy Director* | Washington, DC & Miami, FLOct. 2022-
July 2023

- Served as thought leader on issues related to Inter-American affairs and Latin American politics.
- Managed day-to-day operations of Global Americans, overseeing a staff of editors and consultants working on various projects.
- Provided substantive and editorial feedback on reports and briefs.
- Redesigned editorial process and trained editors resulting in a 34.6% increase in article publications in the first six months of 2023 relative to the first six months of 2022.
- Supported planning and coordination of Global Americans' public and private events, including 13 public events in the first six months of 2023, more than a 50% increase in the total number of public events hosted in 2022.

Commitment to Equity Institute (CEQ)*Non-Resident Research Associate* | New Orleans, LAJune 2016-
Present

- Assisted in development of fiscal incidence analysis methodology across ethno-racial lines.
- Worked with CEQ team to develop Excel workbooks for comparative fiscal incidence analyses.
- Co-Authored chapter and an on-line companion for the Commitment to Equity Handbook (2018).

World in 2050*Editor & Analyst* | Washington, DCJan. 2022-
Oct. 2022

- Conducted analyses of current issues and future trends.
- Wrote reports on challenges facing the Americas.
- Provided editorial support for the production of reports and magazines produced by the think tank.

Diplomatic Courier*Special Series and Contributing Editor* | Washington, DCJune 2020-
Oct. 2022

- Wrote op-eds analyzing key current events and issues.
- Edited submissions for print and online editions of *Diplomatic Courier*.
- Moderated panels at conferences as representative of *Diplomatic Courier*.
- Promoted to Special Series Editor in September 2021.

Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations*Adjunct Professor* | Miami, FLAug. 2019-
Aug. 2022

- Taught undergraduate courses in International Relations.
- Courses taught:
 - INR 2001: Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2020)
 - INR 3081: Contemporary International Problems (Summer 2022; Summer 2025)
 - INR 3703: International Political Economy (Fall 2019, Spring 2022)

U.S. Department of State*Consultant on Summit of the Americas* | Washington, DC

May 2022

Inter-American Development Bank, Gender and Diversity Division (SCL/GDI)*Remote Consultant* | Washington, DCJune 2020-
May 2022

- Conducted analyses of Latin American government spending on inequality in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- Developed methodology and wrote report on the state of National Systems for Social Management across the Bank's 26 borrowing member states with policy recommendations.
- Supported analysis and editing for operational and strategic documents.
- Produced policy papers to circulate and disperse results of IDB analyses.

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF), Charged Affairs*Senior Staff Writer* | Washington, DCMay 2019-
May 2020

- Wrote blogs and op-eds for *Charged Affairs*.
- Assisted in editorial process.

<p>Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF), Charged Affairs <i>Staff Writer</i> Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote blogs and op-eds for <i>Charged Affairs</i>. 	<p>Dec. 2016- May 2019</p>
<p>Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Gender and Diversity Division (SCL/GDI) <i>Remote Consultant</i> Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiled final report analyzing the impact of fiscal policies across ethno-racial lines in Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, and Uruguay. • Prepared technical notes and briefs on ethno-racial equality in various Latin American countries. • Checked results of fiscal incidence analyses and answered technical questions from other consultants. • Translated documents on ethno-racial equality (Spanish, Portuguese, and English). 	<p>Sept. 2015- Aug. 2017</p>
<p>Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Gender and Diversity Division (SCL/GDI) <i>Consultant</i> Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted qualitative and quantitative research and wrote briefs and reports on the IDB agenda for the advancement of indigenous peoples and people of African descent. • Conducted oral and written translations (in Spanish, Portuguese, and English). • Supported the production of Sector Strategy through the production of substantive inputs and editorial efforts. • Coordinated efforts of academics from around the Americas on research on fiscal policy. • Assisted in development of methodology and tools for conducting fiscal incidence analysis across ethno-racial lines. • Disseminated research results through brochures, “one-pagers” and data visualizations. 	<p>Apr. 2014- Aug. 2015</p>
<p>Southern Pulse Correspondents <i>Contributing Editor</i> Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracked, reported, and translated news stories on Chile, Peru, and Bolivia. • Created news briefs with fellow editors. • Wrote articles and blogs about critical current events in Latin America. 	<p>Jan. 2014- Apr. 2014</p>
<p>World Bank, Latin America and Caribbean Poverty, Gender and Equity Unit (LCSP) <i>Economic Research Analyst</i> Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzed trends and drafted reports on poverty, equity and shared prosperity in the LAC region. • Developed internal data bank of poverty, inequality and shared prosperity indicators for Brazil at the subnational level. • Worked with Team for Statistical Development in verification of dashboards and production of instructional videos for the beta version of the LAC Equity Lab website. • Produced presentations on World Bank strategy and poverty trends. • Received Spot Award for going above and beyond expectations. 	<p>July 2013- Apr. 2014</p>
<p>Tulane University, Department of Housing and Residence Life (HRL) <i>Resident Advisor</i> New Orleans, LA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed co-ed floor of 48 college students, freshmen through juniors. • Mediated conflict and enforced university policy. • Organized programs, film screenings, and lectures. • Received Resident Advisor of the Year (2011) and Pelican Award (2012). 	<p>Aug. 2010- Sept. 2012</p>
<p>United States Senate, Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) <i>Constituent Services Intern</i> Santa Fe, NM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewed constituents about problems and concerns in person and via telephone. • Corresponded with relevant federal agencies and followed up with constituents. • Drafted speeches for staff. 	<p>June 2011- Aug. 2011</p>

Teaching Assistantships

Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University

- INR 3102: American Foreign Policy, Professor Thomas Breslin (Spring 2019)
- INR 3102: American Foreign Policy, Professor Alexander Barder (Fall 2018)
- INR 4013: Development of International Relations Thought, Professor Alexander Barder (Fall 2018)
- INR 4707: Political Economy of China, Professor Jin “Julie” Zeng (Summer 2018, Summer 2019)
- INR 2001: Introduction to International Relations, Professor Naisy Sarduy (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

- INTS 4700: U.S. Foreign Policy, Professor Thomas J. Farer (Fall 2016)
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Research Assistantships

Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University

- Professor Frank O. Mora, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (Jan. 2020-April 2020)
- Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy (June 2018-July 2018)

Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

- Professor Aaron Schneider (May 2016-June 2017)
- Professor Thomas J. Farer (Dec. 2015-June 2017)
- Sié Chéou-Kang Center, Private Security Monitor (Sept. 2015-July 2016)
- Korbel Latin America Center (Feb. 2016-June 2016)

Tulane University

- Commitment to Equity Project (CEQ) (May 2012-May 2013)
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Publications and Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal Articles

Ratzlaff, Adam. 2023. “Birds of a Feather?: Lessons on U.S. Cultural Diplomacy from Walt Disney during the Good Neighbor Policy.” *International Journal of Cultural Policy*, vol. 29 (4): pp. 415-430.

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Book Chapters

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Reports

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Ratzlaff, Adam. 2023. *Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Organizations in Addressing the Venezuela Crisis and Beyond*. Washington, DC: Global Americans. Available at: <https://theglobalamericans.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Challenges-and-Opportunities-for-Regional-Organizations.pdf>.

Ratzlaff, Adam. 2022. *IX Summit of the Americas*. Washington, DC: Diplomatic Courier. Available at: <https://www.diplomaticcourier.com/issue/ix-summit-of-the-americas>.

Lustig, Nora, Judith Morrison, and Adam Ratzlaff. 2019. *Splitting the Bill: Taxing and Spending to Close Ethnic and Racial Gaps in Latin America*. Washington, DC: Inter-American Development Bank. Available at: <https://publications.iadb.org/handle/11319/9318?locale-attribute=en>. (Also Available in Spanish).

Florida International University and the Global Americans. 2018. *South America by 2030: Political, Economic and Security Outlook*. Miami, FL: Florida International University. Available at: https://theglobalamericans.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/DOD_South-America_FINAL.pdf.

Florida International University and the Global Americans. 2018. *Central America 2030: Political, Economic and Security Outlook*. Miami, FL: Florida International University. Available at: https://theglobalamericans.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/DOD_Central-America.pdf.

Florida International University and the Global Americans. 2018. *The Caribbean Basin 2030: Political, Economic and Security Outlook*. Miami, FL: Florida International University. Available at: https://theglobalamericans.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/DOD_Caribbean.pdf.

World Bank. 2015. *Poverty and Shared Prosperity in Brazil's Metropolitan Regions: Taking Stock and Identifying Priorities*. Washington, DC: World Bank. Available at: <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/22316>.

World Bank. 2014. "Social Gains in the Balance: A Fiscal Policy Challenge for Latin America and the Caribbean." *Poverty and Labor Brief*. Washington, DC: World Bank. Available at: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/2014/02/19567116/social-gains-balance-fiscal-policy-challenge-latin-america-caribbean>. (Also available in Spanish).

Student Journals

Ratzlaff, Adam. 2018. "Unlocking Potential: Affirmative Action Policies and Pitfalls in India and Brazil." *Paterson Review of International Affairs*, vol. 17: pp. 23-44. Available at: <https://carleton.ca/npsia/wp-content/uploads/PRIA-2018.pdf>.

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Towards a New Analytic Framework for U.S.-Latin American Foreign Policy. 24th Annual Conference on the Americas, University of Georgia. Panel: Regional Politics and Foreign Policy. February, 2021.

Norm Perversion and Weaponization: The Organization of American States and the Contestation of Democratic Norms in the Americas. 2020 Southeastern Council for Latin American Studies (SECOLAS). Panel: Perspectives on Latin American Relations. March, 2020.

When Pawns Remain Pawns: The 'Country of the Future' and Overextension. 2019 ISSS-IS Joint Annual Conference. Panel: When Pawns Become Queens. October, 2019.

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Stillborn Conferences and the Western Hemisphere Idea: Comparing U.S. Attempts at Forging Pan-American Cooperation in 1889 and 1994. CLAS Tri-University Graduate Student Conference on Latin American Studies. Panel: Politics and Society. March, 2019.

Birds of a Feather?: Lessons on U.S. Cultural Diplomacy from Walt Disney during the Good Neighbor Policy. Florida Political Science Association Conference. Panel: Foreign and Security Policies. March, 2019.

Supporters or Satisfiers: Socio-Economic Class Divisions and Perspectives on Democracy in Latin America. Florida Political Science Association Conference. Panel: Democracy and Political Instability. March, 2019.

The Obama Administration's Cuban Policy Shift: A Levels-of-Analysis Assessment of the U.S.-Cuban Détente. Twelfth Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies. Panel: Cuba under the Castros: Civil Society, Dissidence, Diaspora, and Détente. February, 2019.

China's New Deal: Foreign "Aid" and Keynesian Fiscal Policy in a Globalized World. International Studies Association (ISA) - North East Conference. Panel: Foreign Aid in a World of Hierarchy. November, 2018.

The Organization of American States and Changing Incentives for Democratic Breakdowns. FLACSO-ISA Joint International Conference. Panel: Democratic Aberrations & Challenges. July, 2018.

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Languages

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Additional Skills

- Public Speaking
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Organizations

- Salzburg Global - Salzburg Global Fellow (2022-Present)
- Politics and International Relations Graduate Student Organization (PIRGSO)- Florida International University
 - President (2019-2020)
- Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (2015-2023)
 - Latin American Discussion Group Member (2021-2023)
 - *Charged Affairs* Senior Staff Writer (2019-2020)
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- International Studies Association (2017-Present)
- Florida Political Science Association (2017-Present)
- Korbel Latin American Studies Association- Josef Korbel School of International Studies (2015-2017)
 - President (2016-2017)
- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (2016-2017)
- Washington Model Organization of American States, Haitian Delegation- Tulane University (2012)
- Foreign Film Society- Tulane University (2009-2013)
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Mentoring

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 - Graduate Student groups within the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs (November 2019; February 2020)
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 - The Eugene Scassa Model Organization of American States Conference (September 2020)
 - Florida International University’s International Relations Undergraduate Honor Society, Sigma Iota Rho (October 2020)
 - American University’s A Better U Workshop Series (October 2020)
 - Dr. Bibek Chand’s Security Studies courses, University of North Georgia (March 2021)
 - Dr. Luisa Diaz-Kope’s Senior Seminar, University of North Georgia (February 2022)
 - Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University (October 2024)
 - Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico (March 2025)
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Awards and Distinctions

- Best Graduate Instructor Award (2019-2020), Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University
- Excellence in Service Award (2019-2020), Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University
- Best Teaching Assistant (2018-2019), Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University
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- Passed with Distinction all three sections of Comprehensive exams (Core, International Issues & Institutions, and Foreign Policy & Security Studies), Florida International University (2019)
- Sié Chéou-Kang Fellowship, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver (2015-2017): Leadership Program and full tuition scholarship
- Spot Award, World Bank (2014)
- Pelican Award, Department of Housing and Residence Life (HRL), Tulane University (2012)
- Resident Advisor of the Year, Department of Housing and Residence Life (HRL), Tulane University (2011)
- National Silver Emblem in Marketing, Future Farmers of America (2007)