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Education

Ph.D. in Government, graduated December 2017

Comparative Politics (major) International Relations (minor)

University of South Florida

Dissertation Title: *“Hidden: A Case Study on Human Trafficking in Costa Rica”*

Committee Chairs: Dr. Harry E. Vanden & Dr. Bernd Reiter

Region Focus: Central America

M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, graduated May 2014

University of South Florida

Thesis Title: *“Human Trafficking from Southern Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala: Why These Victims are Trafficked into Modern Day Florida”*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Harry E. Vanden

B.A. in Spanish, graduated May 2009

University of South Carolina

A.A. in General Education, graduated May 2007

Technical College of the Lowcountry

Teaching Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Centenary College of Louisiana

I teach classes in Political Science. I develop class curriculum, create class content, mentor students, conduct research in my field, and serve as tenure-track faculty. *2025-present*

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Whatcom Community College

I teach classes in Political Science, Regional Studies, and Interdisciplinary Studies. I am the Advisor to the Impact Club. I have hosted workshops and trainings for faculty, presented in forums, participated in student-led events, and assisted in overall school development. *2018-present*

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Hillsborough Community College

I teach classes in Political Science. I was also able to step in and pick up additional classes when another professor left unexpectedly. My supervisor evaluations continue to be outstanding in relation to the classroom, but I also volunteer for events and projects. *2016-present*

Graduate Teaching Associate, Political Science & World Languages, University of South Florida

I taught classes and mentored in Global Studies, Political Science, Development, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Latin America, Spanish, and Globalization. I received perpetually high evaluative marks from students and supervisors. As a graduate student, I led the graduate organization, hosted events, and mentored. I was also able to serve in a research capacity with my mentor, Dr. Harry E. Vanden. *2012-2017*

Courses Taught

American Government	Interdisciplinary Sustainability	Intro to Sustainability
State and Local Govs	International Relations	Honors: US Asylum Cent. Amer.
Beginning Spanish I	Intro to Political Science	Constitutional Law
Beginning Spanish II	Latin America	Political Analysis
Comparative Politics	Political Theory	Intro to Law
Globalization	Politics of Developing Areas	

Books

- Golob, Adam. 2025. *Foundations of Comparative Politics: Concepts, Systems, and Practices*. Kendall Hunt Publishing.
- Golob, Adam. 2023. *Global Shifts in Human Trafficking: From Protocol to Practice*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- Golob, Adam. 2022. *Gang Strategies in the Northern Triangle: Coerced Criminality as a Form of Human Trafficking*. Lanham, Lexington Books. <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666909807/Gang-Strategies-in-the-Northern-Triangle-Coerced-Criminality-as-a-Form-of-Human-Trafficking>

Book Chapters

- Golob, Adam. 2025. (forthcoming). "Understanding Nicaragua's New Dictatorship through a Health Service Perspective."

Book Contributions

- Vanden, H. E., & Prevost, G. (2017-2023). *Politics of Latin America* (6th-8th ed.) Oxford University Press.

Articles

- Golob, Adam. 2025. "Asylum Process vs. Asylees: The Plights and Pitfalls of the Central Americans' Flee to the USA." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (forthcoming)
- Golob, Adam & Laurie Lawrence. 2025. "Keyboard Warriors: An Exploration of Free Speech, Defamation, and Digital Discourse in Social Media." (forthcoming)
- Akter, Fahmida, Adam Golob, Rochelle Altman, Sharaf Samin, Leila Larson. 2025. "Effect of Perinatal Intervention on Attachment Relationship between Mother and Young Child: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis." *Archives of Disease in Childhood* (under review)
- Golob, Adam. 2024. "Nicaragua's New Dictatorship: Impacts of Authoritarian Rule on the Health Sector and Civil Society" *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*. doi: 10.1016/j.ssaho.2024.100878
- Golob, Adam. 2022. "The Resurgence of *Mano Dura* in Guatemala." *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*. doi: 10.1007/s41134-022-00231-2
- Golob, A. & Boerman T. 2020 "Gangs and Modern-Day Slavery in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala: A Non-Traditional Model of Human Trafficking." *Journal of Human Trafficking*, doi: 10.1080/23322705.2020.1719343

Golob, Adam. 2020 “Costa Rica’s Historical Development and its New Age of Progress,” In the *Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.01711

Other Publications

Golob, Adam. 2023 *Nemesis Rising*. KD publishing.

Stewart, Carolyn & Golob, Adam. 2019 “Decreasing Carbon Emissions through Increased Public Transit Usage and Sustainability.” *Mother Pelican: A Journal of Solidarity and Sustainability*.

Conference Presentations

“Reframing Human Trafficking: Global Shifts from Protocol to Practice,” International Studies Association (ISA) South 2025 Conference, Lubbock, TX October 3—October 4, 2025

“Trauma and Child Development in Gang-Controlled Areas of the Northern Triangle: A Qualitative Study” and “The Rapid Decrease in Gangs’ Conscription Age: Implications for Child Development across the Northern Triangle,” Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biannual Meeting, in Minneapolis, MN May 1—3, 2025

“Global migrations in the Americas from South to North: Policies and Practices,” roundtable discussion at International Studies Association (ISA) South 2024 Conference, St Petersburg, FL October 5—October 6, 2024

“Global Movement: Arms, Funds, and People,” presentation at International Studies Association (ISA) South 2024 Conference, St Petersburg, FL October 5—October 6, 2024

“Central American Criminal Justice: Nuances of Exploitation, Impunity, and Victimization,” ongoing research presented at Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean, USF Global Symposium, Tampa, FL April 11—April 12, 2024

“Human Trafficking: A Developing Perspective,” paper presented at Southern Political Science Association “95th Annual Meeting,” New Orleans, LA Jan 10—Jan 13, 2024

“Understanding Nicaragua’s New Dictatorship through a Health Service Perspective,” Pacific Northwest Political Science Association “2023 Annual Meeting,” Vancouver, Canada Nov 10—Nov 11, 2023

“Nicaragua’s Oppressive State,” paper presented at Southern Political Science Association “2023 Summer Conference,” June 15—June 17, 2023

“Criminality, State Impotence, and Gang Dynamics in the Northern Triangle,” paper presented at Latin American Studies Association (LASA) “2023 Conference,” Vancouver, Canada May 23—May 27, 2023

“Coerced Criminality in the Northern Triangle” paper presented at Southern Political Science Association “94th Annual Meeting,” St. Pete Beach, FL January 11—January 14, 2023

“Coercive Recruitment” presentation at Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Walla Walla, WA November 10—12, 2022

“Ungoverned Spaces and the Threat of Coercive Rule of the Quasi-State Government in Honduras,” paper presented at Latin American Studies Association (LASA) “2022 Conference,” San Francisco, CA May 5—May 8, 2022

“Gangs and Modern-Day Slavery in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala: A Non-Traditional Model of Human Trafficking,” paper presented at Latin American Studies Association (LASA) “2021 Conference,” Virtual, May 26—May 29, 2021

“An Exceptional Case,” roundtable discussion chair and paper presented at Latin American Studies Association (LASA) “2019 Conference,” Boston, MA May 24—May 27, 2019

“2017 Costa Rican Study on Human Trafficking,” study submitted and discussed for LASA “2018 Conference,” Barcelona, Spain May 23—May 26, 2018

“Costa Rica and the End of Exceptionalism,” paper presented at International Studies Association (ISA) South Conference “Bridging the Gap: International Studies, Policy, and Global Politics,” Orlando, FL October 20—October 21, 2017

“Enslaved Tourism in Costa Rica,” paper presented at Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) Annual Conference “Dynamics of Globalization in the 21st Century: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference,” Tampa, FL April 8, 2016

“The Struggle to Combat Human Trafficking in Costa Rica,” paper presented at Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) Conference “Annual Meeting,” Lakeland, FL April 2, 2016

“Rehabilitation Does not Begin with a ‘P’: Incorporating a Victim-Centered Approach of Human Trafficking,” paper presented at the ISA South Conference “Conflicts and Threats,” Tampa, FL October 23—October 24, 2015

“Broken Silence: Multiethnic and Multicultural Movements in Guatemala,” paper presented at GAPS Annual Conference “Global Governance & Sustainable Communities,” Tampa, FL April 12, 2013

Professional Talks & Presentations

“Immigration, the USA, and Where We Fit,” Know Your Rights Event, Gulf Coast State College, December 4, 2024

“Criminal Governance in Central America,” Washington Model Organization of American States, Shippensburg University, February 6, 2024

“Nicaragua: Country Conditions,” *Representing Asylum Applicants from Nicaragua*, San Francisco Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education, Nov 29, 2023

“Coerced Criminality in the Northern Triangle: Understanding MS 13 and M 18,” Miniature Course, Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI), Oct 26, 2023

“Panama’s Human Rights Dilemma,” Panama City Civic Presentation, Oct 20, 2023

College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, “Understanding Gang Dynamics and Forced Recruitment,” *Special Topics in Latin America*. 2023

Stanford University, Stanford, CA, “Coerced Recruitment and Asylum.” *Migration, Asylum, and Human Rights at the Border*. 2022

League of Women Voters, Bellingham, WA, “Is There a Better Way to Elect a President?: A Discussion of the Electoral College.” 2019

International Studies Society, Tampa, FL, “Discussing Trump’s Executive Order on Immigration: The Refugee Ban and its Global Impacts.” 2017

Florida Department of Health, Barstow, FL, “Persistent Slavery: Trafficking in Persons and the Modern-Day Slave.” 2016

International Studies Society, Tampa, FL, “Adaptive Slavery: Trafficking in Persons as Modern-Day Slavery.” 2016

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards

Outstanding Achievement Award, (nominated), 2025

Outstanding Achievement Award, (nominated), 2024

Artinian Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2022

Graduate Assistantship, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies

University of South Florida, 2014-2017

Graduate Assistantship, World Language Department, University of South Florida, 2012-2014

Spanish Award, Spanish Department, University of South Carolina—Beaufort, 2009

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, State of South Carolina,

University of South Carolina—Beaufort, 2007-2009

Leadership & Service

Quality Matters Certified Peer Reviewer, *2025-present*

A.I Committee, GCSC, *2024-present*

Institutional Review Board Member, GCSC, *2024-present*

Culture of Service Workgroup, GCSC, *2024-present*

College Democrats, Faculty Advisor, *2023-present*

Expert Witness/Country Conditions Specialist, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, *2021-present*

Chartered Member, Los Angeles SPA 4 Anti-Violence Coalition, 2022-2024

Reviewer for *Journal of Human Trafficking & International Journal of Sociology*, 2019-present

IMPACT Club, Faculty Adviser, 2018-2022

Global Studies Scholars (GSS) Annual Conference “Challenges of our Times,” Organizer, 2016

GAPS Annual Conference “Dynamics of Globalization in the 21st Century,” Organizer, 2016

Global Studies Scholars, President, 2016-2017

Graduate Association for Political Scientists, Treasurer/Co-President, 2015-2016

People Against the Trafficking of Humans, President/Founder (Working Group Leader), 2013-2014

Professional Memberships

Society for Research in Child Development, 2024-present

Circuit 14 Human Trafficking Task Force, 2024-present

Southern Political Science Association, 2022-present

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, 2022-present

Latin American Studies Association, 2017-present

Latin American Perspectives, 2017-present