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College of Criminal Justice  
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#### **Degrees Earned**

<b>Bachelors</b>	<i>UC Berkeley</i>	Political Science with High Honors	2003
<b>Masters</b>	<i>UC Irvine</i>	Political Science	2008
<b>Doctorate</b>	<i>UC Irvine</i>	Political Science	2011

#### **Professional Licensure and Certifications**

- Texas A&M Extension Services (TEEX) Certificate of Completion: MGT 310 Threat and Risk Assessment, AWR 213 Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Awareness, and MGT 314 Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection.
- Certificate of Completion: IS-860.b National Infrastructure Protection Plan

#### **Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions**

##### **Articles**

- Jones, Nathan. "The Unintended Consequences of Kingpin Strategies: Kidnap Rates and the Arellano-Félix Organization." *Trends in Organized Crime* (January 16, 2013). doi:DOI 10.1007/s12117-012-9185-x.

##### **Books**

A conversion of Dissertation Manuscript to Book is currently under review with Georgetown University Press. It will be titled "The Lesser Evil: The State and Mexican Drug Network Resilience."

##### **Chapters**

- Jones, Nathan. "No Half-Measures: Mexico's Quixotic Policy on California's Proposition 19." In *Something's in the Air: Race, Crime, and the Legalization of Marijuana*, edited by Katherine Tate, James Lance Taylor, and Mark Q. Sawyer, 190. Routledge, 2013. <http://routledge-ny.com/books/details/9780415842402/>.

##### **Proceedings**

- Served as expert witness in immigration and criminal cases involving organized crime in Mexico.

##### **Artistic Performances**

N/A

##### **Artistic Exhibitions**

N/A

#### **Research Monographs and Technical Reports**

- Drug Policy Collaboration 2013 Executive Summary. March 14, 2014.  
<http://bakerinstitute.org/research/drug-policy-collaboration-2013/>
- Explaining the Slight Uptick in Violence in Tijuana. September 2013.  
<http://www.bakerinstitute.org/publications/DP-Pub-TijuanaViolence-091713.pdf>
- Jones, Nathan. "Understanding and Addressing Youth in 'Gangs' in Mexico." Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars Mexico Institute, August 2013.  
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/understanding-youth-gangs-mexico>.
- "Goat-Horns, Blackbirds and Copkillers: The Flow of Guns from the United States into Mexico." November 22, 2010. Appendix of the Center For Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) policy proposal report on US-Mexico Counternarcotics Efforts organized by Sidney Weintraub and Duncan Wood.  
[http://csis.org/files/publication/101108\\_Weintraub\\_MexicanUSAntinarc\\_web.pdf](http://csis.org/files/publication/101108_Weintraub_MexicanUSAntinarc_web.pdf)

### Op-eds

- Marijuana's Legalization Can Crimp Power of Mexican Cartels. February 27, 2014.  
<http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Jones-Marijuana-s-legalization-can-crimp-power-5274566.php?cmpid=opedhphcat>
- Politics Slows Legalization Effort. January 25, 2014.  
<http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Jones-Politics-slows-legalization-effort-5174983.php>
- Bhalesha, Jones: Its Time for Texas to Support the Legalization of Marijuana. October 25, 2013.  
<http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Bhalesha-Jones-It-s-time-for-Texas-to-support-4926522.php>
- Rethinking the War on Drugs. August 16, 2013.  
<http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Rethinking-the-war-on-drugs-4739180.php>
- Texas should not mandate drug tests for unemployment benefits, Mar 29, 2013. Op-ed Houston Chronicle. <http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Texas-should-not-mandate-drug-tests-for-4393012.php>

### Blog: Public Policy

- Death of Zeta "Founder" A Symbolic Victory. May 13, 2014.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2014/05/death-of-zeta-founder-a-symbolic-victory/>
- Managing the Self-Defense Forces in Michoacán. February 19, 2014.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2014/02/managing-the-self-defense-forces-in-michoacan/>
- Will recreational Marijuana Sales Colorado hurt Mexican Cartels? January 2, 2014.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2014/01/will-recreational-marijuana-sales-in-colorado-hurt-mexican-cartels/>
- Mexico Must Address violence and Profitability. October 25, 2013.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2013/10/mexico-must-address-violence-and-profitability/>
- Youth Gang Prevention in Mexico. August 28, 2013.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2013/08/youth-gang-prevention-in-mexico/>
- Less Fence, More Taskforce. August 5, 2013.

- <http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2013/08/less-fence-more-task-force/>
- On the Arrest of Mexican Drug Kingpin Z-40. July 16, 2013.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2013/07/on-the-arrest-of-mexican-drug-kingpin-z-40/>
- Mexico's use of the military in the drug war: Why no alternative?  
Friday, June 7, 2013. <http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2013/06/mexicos-use-of-the-military-in-the-drug-war-why-no-alternative/>
- Who is targeting Texas prosecutors? An analysis. Thursday, April 4, 2013.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2013/04/who-is-targeting-texas-prosecutors-an-analysis/>
- Optimal marijuana regulation. Tuesday, February 5, 2013.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2013/02/optimal-marijuana-regulation/>
- Mexico Drug Policy and Security Review 2012, Jan 11 2013.  
Small Wars Journal Blog. <http://www.bakerinstitute.org/publications/mexico-drug-policy-and-security-review-2012>
- U.S. pill abuse may not make cartels completely irrelevant.  
Wednesday, December 5, 2012.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/12/u-s-pill-abuse-may-not-make-cartels-completely-irrelevant/>
- Potential impact on Mexico of U.S. marijuana initiatives  
Friday, November 9, 2012.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/11/potential-impact-on-mexico-of-u-s-marijuana-initiatives/>
- Eliminate root causes to "manage" Mexico's drug war. October 26, 2012. Baker Institute Blog. <http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/10/eliminate-root-causes-of-violence-to-manage-drug-cartels/>
- The use of Symbolic Violence in Mexico's drug war. October 11, 2012. Baker Institute Blog. <http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/10/the-use-of-symbolic-violence-in-mexicos-drug-war/>
- Gulf Cartel will likely survive despite recent arrest of high-level leaders. September 14, 2012. Baker Institute Blog. <http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/09/gulf-cartel-will-likely-survive-arrest-of-high-level-leaders/>
- Monopoly of Force Does Not Always Explain Peace: Illicit Network Evolution Does.  
Small Wars Journal Blog. August 29, 2012.  
<http://smallwarsjournal.com/blog/monopoly-of-force-does-not-always-explain-peace-illicit-network-evolution-does>
- Colombia's coca production is down – does it matter? Baker Institute Blog. August 6, 2012. <http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/08/colombia's-coca-production-is-down--does-it-matter/>
- Mexico, drugs and a possible way forward. Baker Institute Blog. July 28, 2012.  
[http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/07/mexico-drugs-and-a-way-forward/A new anti-drug strategy in Mexico? June 26, 2012.](http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/07/mexico-drugs-and-a-way-forward/A%20new%20anti-drug%20strategy%20in%20Mexico%20June%2026,%202012)
- Uruguay: A state marijuana monopoly? Baker Institute Blog. July 10, 2012.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/07/uruguay-a-state-marijuana-monopoly/>
- A New Anti-Drug Strategy in Mexico? June 26, 2012.  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/06/a-new-anti-drug-strategy-in-mexico/>

- U.S. congressman piques Mexico's presidential frontrunner. Baker Institute Blog. June 22, 2012  
<http://blog.chron.com/bakerblog/2012/06/u-s-congressman-piques-mexicos-presidential-frontrunner/>
- Tijuana Cartel Survives, Despite Decade-Long Onslaught. Insight Crime. June 20, 2012.  
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- Tijuana's Uneasy Peace may Endure, Despite Arrests. Insight Crime. Wednesday, 16 November 2011. Nathan Jones and Stacey Cooper. <http://insightcrime.org/insight-latest-news/item/1854-tijuanas-uneasy-peace-may-endure-despite-arrests>
- Why Extraditing Mexico Traffickers Could Strengthen US Gangs. Insight crime. August 18, 2011. <http://insightcrime.org/insight-latest-news/item/1431-why-extraditing-mexico-drug-traffickers-could-strengthen-us-gangs>
- Why the US Doesn't Have Mexico-Style Drug Cartels... Yet. August 16, 2011. Insight Crime. <http://www.insightcrime.org/insight-latest-news/item/1414-why-the-us-doesnt-have-mexico-style-drug-cartels-yet>
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- Measuring Reforms to Mexico's Broken Justice System. Insight Crime. June 28, 2011. <http://insightcrime.org/insight-latest-news/item/1148-measuring-reforms-to-mexicos-broken-justice-system>
- Key Lieutenant's Testimony Could Bring Tijuana Drug Lord to Justice. Insight Crime. July 11, 2011. <http://insightcrime.org/insight-latest-news/item/1213-key-lieutenants-testimony-could-bring-tijuana-drug-lord-to-justice>
- <http://mexicoinstitute.wordpress.com/2010/12/03/applying-lessons-from-colombia-to-mexico/>
- Arrest of Tijuana Ex-Mayor: Putting Crime in the 'Freezer'? Insight Crime. June 5, 2011. <http://www.insightcrime.org/insight-latest-news/item/1033-arrest-of-tijuana-ex-mayor-putting-crime-in-the-freezer>
- "Kidnapping in Tijuana: The New Normal." Insight Crime. May 31, 2011. <http://insightcrime.org/investigations/insight-exclusives/item/1002-kidnapping-in-tijuana-the-new-normal>
- "InSight: Report Tracks How Intra-Cartel Wars Exploded in Mexico." Insight Crime. Wednesday, February 09, 2011. <http://insightcrime.org/insight-latest-news/item/548-insight-report-tracks-how-intra-cartel-wars-exploded-in-mexico>
- "Applying Lessons From Colombia to Mexico" Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars: Mexico Institute. Al Dia. December 2, 2010.

#### Funded External Grants

- Coauthored proposal for the Mexico Center at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy with Professor Tony Payan. Successfully raised \$1.8 million over 3 years to fund the establishment of the Center.

#### Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

- SHACS Conference 2014 The Use of Technology by Illicit Networks.
- 2014 ISA Toronto Explaining the Rapid Geographic Expansion of a Territorial Illicit Network: Los Zetas and the Mexican State.
- 2013 ISA Presentation Youth Gang Prevention Programs in Mexico. Project Sponsored by Woodrow Wilson Center and the Trans-Border Institute of the University of San Diego.
- *The Tijuana Counter-narcotic Strategy as Counterinsurgency*. Latin American Studies Association San Francisco May 24, 2012.
- Illicit Network Business Models. Kidnapping and the Tijuana Cartel. Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies. UC Irvine Campus. April 2011.
- *"Ejércitos de usuarios y el uso del secuestro por los carteles de las drogas: Consecuencias no intencionales de las estrategias de los barones de las drogas."* (An Army of Users and the Use of Kidnapping by Drug Cartels: The Unintended Consequences of King-pin Strategies.) Nathan Jones. Universidad Autónoma Baja California, Mexicali. October 27-28, 2011 en la Segundo Foro Binacional: El Impacto Social de la Inseguridad Pública en la Frontera México-Estados Unidos.
- Armies of Users and the Unintended Consequences of King-Pin Strategies in the Fight against Drug Trafficking Organizations. Pacific Coast Latin American Studies Association Conference. October 29, 2011.
- Three Levels of Illicit Network Analysis: A Literature Review. International Studies Association West 2011, Pasadena 2011.
- "La reacción del Estado mexicano frente al crimen organizado: una teoría de la elasticidad" Colegio de la Frontera Norte de Tijuana. June 16, 2011. Presentation in Spanish.
- *"Ejércitos de usuarios y el uso del secuestro por los carteles de las drogas: Consecuencias no intencionales de las estrategias de los barones de las drogas."* (An Army of Users and the Use of Kidnapping by Drug Cartels: The Unintended Consequences of King-pin Strategies.) Nathan Jones. Colegio de la frontera Norte de Tijuana. June 29, 2011.
- *The State and Illicit Network Structures*. Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation Southern California Symposium. UC Irvine campus. January 14, 2011.
- Panel Chair ISA West 2010 – Los Angeles. Panel on Counterinsurgency.
- *The Four Phases of the Arellano-Felix Organization*. Presented in Guadalajara Mexico at *Universidad de Guadalajara* February 18-21, 2010. National Defense Intelligence College (Defense Intelligence Agency).
- *The Four Phases of the Arellano-Felix Organization*. Presented in Washington, DC. May 25, 2010. National Defense Intelligence College (Defense Intelligence Agency).
- *Territorial Cartels and the Reaction of the State: The Arellano Felix Organization in Mexico*. Panel Discussant *The War on Terror and Counterinsurgency Issues*. International Studies Association-West -- Los Angeles. September 25-26, 2010.
- ISA National New York 2009 -- *Using Counterinsurgency Strategy to Reassert the Westphalian State Against Criminal Networks: The Case of the Gulf Cartel in Mexico*

- ISA West San Francisco 2008-- *Using Counterinsurgency Strategy to Reassert the Westphalian State Against Criminal Networks: The Case of the Gulf Cartel in Mexico*
- International Studies Association February/March 2007 *The Decision to Invade and the Iraqi Insurgency as a Market Entry/Exit Game*
- International Studies Association March 2006 *Just War, Pacifism and the Holy See* a panel presentation.

## **Work or Professional Experiences**

### **Sam Houston State University**

- Assistant Professor Security Studies College of Criminal Justice (2014-Present)

### **Rice University**

- Baker Institute Nonresident Scholar (2014-Present)
- Alfred C. Glassell III Postdoctoral Fellow in Drug Policy (2012-2014)

### **University of San Diego**

- Adjunct Lecturer Introduction to International Relations 2011-2012

### **Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation**

- Dissertation Fellow 2010-11
- Fieldwork on Organized Crime in Mexico
- Attended *Colegio de La Frontera Norte* in Tijuana a graduate University Specializing in the Northern border of Mexico 2010-2011 academic year.

### **University of California Irvine**

- Adjunct Lecturer International Relations 2010
- Adjunct Lecturer International Issues and Institutions 2009
- Teaching Assistant 2004-2009

## **Honors and Awards**

- Best Dissertation Western Political Science Association 2012
- James A. Danziger Award for Teaching Excellence 2011 UC Irvine Political Science.
- Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Award Recipient and Affiliate 2010.
- Excellence in Teaching Award from the Department of Political Science for Winter 2010 US Coercive Diplomacy.
- Global Connect Award 2009 for Graduate student Presentation on Counterinsurgency and Failed States.
- Global Connect Award 2008 for Graduate Student Presentation on *What Is Terrorism?*
- Excellence in Teaching Award from the Department of Political Science for Winter 2006 US Coercive Diplomacy.
- Letter of congratulations from the Dean of Social Sciences on Top 10 ranking for all social science TAs (March, 2005).

## **Other Competencies**

- Lived in Cuernavaca Mexico for three months in the summer of 2007 and took six weeks of intensive immersion language courses at Universidad Internacional (UNINTER) (3 years of study equivalent). Proficient in written and spoken Spanish.