

**CURRICULUM VITA**  
**SARAH WHEELER**

**Education**     **Ph.D** 2001, Public and International Affairs, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.  
Dissertation: Determinants of Unmet Need for Contraception in Brazil and an Evaluation of Brazil's Family Planning Programs.

**Master's Degree** 1989, Public and International Affairs,  
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh.

**Bachelor of Arts** 1983 University of Notre Dame  
Major: Government and International Relations.

**Certificate in Latin American Studies** 1989, University of Pittsburgh.

**Teaching Certificate in Social Studies** 2001, Robert Morris College.

**Honors**

2003     IUP R.O.S.E. Award for Recognition of Superior Effort. Award sponsored by the Office of Housing and Residence Life designed to provide residential students an opportunity to recognize faculty members whose insight and guidance have profoundly influenced their lives.

**Peer-reviewed Journal Arti**

. Vol 2 (3): 331-347, 2006.

**Conference and Seminar Participation**

Paper presented at the Political Science Association of Pennsylvania, Robert Morris University, Moon, PA March 31, 2017. "Teaching Political Science to Bridge the Divide Between Domestic and Global Affairs." Also Chair and Discussant of the panel.

Paper presented at the National Social Science Association Conference, Portland, Oregon August 2-5, 2015 "Interdisciplinary Approach to Investigating the Effects of Decentralization in LDCs."

Paper presented at Global Studies Conference University of Toledo, Ohio June 12-13, 2015 “A Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Decentralization in LDCs.”

Paper presented at the Global Awareness Society Conference, Montego Bay June 5-8, 2014. “Integrating International Students in the study of International Relations.”

Paper presented at the Natl Social Science Assoc Conference, Las Vegas, NV March 24-27, 2013. “Health Care Reform in LDCs.”

Paper presented at the World International Studies Conference, Porto, Portugal. August 17-20, 2011 Topic: “The Impact of Decentralization on Health Care Programs in Less Developed Countries.”

Paper presented at the Northeast Political Science Association’s annual meeting November 2009, Philadelphia, PA. Topic: Decentralization in Less Developed Countries.

Paper Presented Sept. 12 and 19, 2000 Robert Morris College, Teaching Social Studies Workshop presented to secondary teachers of social studies. Topic: Group simulation exercises.

Dissertation Overview Sept. 2001 GSPIA, U. of Pittsburgh.  
Presentation on the Politics of Brazil's Family Planning Program and a statistical analysis of determinants of unmet need in Brazil.

### **Grants**

IUP University Senate Research Award for an International Conference 2006.

### **Book Reviews**

Book review of Mexican Governance: From Single-Party Rule to Divide Government eds. Armand B. Peschard-Sverdrup and Sara R. Riof, CSIS Press, 2005 in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*.

Book review of Troubled neighbors: the story of US-Latin American relations, from FDR to the present by Henry Raymont. Westview Press, 2005 in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*.

Book review of Plaza of Sacrifices: gender, power, and terror in 1968

Mexico by Elaine Carey.2 (n )s77(M)>.ai2 -0 0 12 126 466 (u)1 3 EMC (e)4 ( 12t4o(e)6 411./c)1

## **Service**

### **To the University:**

IUP's Career and Professional Development Center's Advisory Board. 2015-Present.

Local CAP chair for APSCUF. 2011-2014. CAP stands for Committee for Action Through Politics. As such I am also a member of IUP APSCUF's Executive Council and Rep Council. I attend state CAP meetings twice/semester in Harrisburg and locally twice/month as part of Executive Council.

University Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – elected office; term 2005-2007.

University Senate as an at large member 2007-2011, subcommittee: Academic Affairs.

IUP Foundation Board of Directors Member 2004-07.

University Strategic Planning Committee 2006-07

Advisor to the International Student Club 2006-07.

Advisor for IUP's chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the honor society for the Social Sciences from 2002 until present.

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**Professional Service to the Department:**

Graduate Coordinator of MAPA program May 2010 – present.

Internship Director for PLSC Dept Jan. 2014-present.

Graduate Program Revision Committee 2008-present.

Coordinator of a PLSC sponsored university-wide presentation entitled: Nations without a State: Palestinians and Kurds with two IUP faculty as presenters: Dr. I. Affaneh and Dr. Azad Ali.

Judge and Advisor to Model United Nations 2005- Present. I recruit and coach students to participate in these intercollegiate competitions. I also serve as a judge during the competitions, which are held on Saturdays.

Chair of the thesis for Joseph Clites whose graduation was Dec 2010. I served as a Masters Thesis committee member for Benson Musila, Clair Waki, Suat Aybars Erdemli and Ipek Ayden.

McNair Scholar advisor for PLSC student Jarred Smith 2010-2011.

Internship Coordinator for PLSC dept Spr 11, replacement for colleague on sabbatical.

PLSC Scholarship Committee 2010-2011.

Dept Representative to the CHSS Outcomes Assessment Committee 2005 to 2008.

Department Faculty Search Committee Chair 2003-2004. In this role I attended the APSA annual conference in August and interviewed 17 potential candidates. I also completed the necessary paperwork for the interviews and coordinated the evaluation and interviewing process.

Judge, American Mock Trial Association's Regional Tournament Feb. 27, 2004.  
I served as a judge for two separate mock trial sessions held at IUP.

Working with the admissions office, I have called, emailed and sent letters to many prospective students. 2003 to 2008.

**Professional Service to the Community:**

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2017 Topic: Latin America's Political Pendulum.

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2015 Topic: Brazil's Metamorphosis.

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2013 Topic: Intervention: R2P.

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2011 Topic: Global Governance/Multilateralism.

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2008 Topic: Latin America: Turn to the Left?

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2007 Topic: Mexico's elections.

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2006. Topic: Brazil's current situation

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series March 2005. Topic: The Widening Poverty Gap Worldwide. This was coordinated by IUP's Continuing Education Dept.

Lecturer, Great Decisions Series April 2004. I presented an overview of U.S.- Latin American relations. This was coordinated by IUP's Continuing Education Dept.

Evaluator for ARC of Indiana and Armstrong Counties, 2001-2002. I evaluated two programs for ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens). I evaluated their Educational Advocacy/Parent Mentor Program and their local implementation of the statewide IM4Q assessments. In each case I interviewed numerous clients, parents, caseworkers and several IM4Q monitors. I also attended training sessions for evaluators and monitors.

**Membership in Professional Organization**

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Association for Women in Development (AWID)