

# Miguel Alberto Novoa Cipriani

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## EDUCATION

University of California, Davis Davis, CA  
• **Doctor of Philosophy, Latin American History** **GPA: 3.93 | June 2022**  
Minors: United States History, World History

The Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University College Station, TX  
• **Master of International Affairs, International Development & Economic Policy** **GPA: 3.65 | May 2015**  
Concentrations: International Economic Development, International Nongovernmental Organizations  
Capstone Project: "The Relevance of Labor Regulations in Ghana." The World Bank, Ghana Office  
• **Graduate Certificate, Nonprofit Management** **GPA: 3.75 | May 2015**  
Emphasis in Fundraising and Philanthropy; with coursework on International Non-Governmental Organizations

Texas A&M University College Station, TX  
• **Bachelor of Arts, History and Economics; Anthropology** **GPA: 3.88 | May 2013**  
Honors Thesis: "Resistance to the Inca Empire's Expansion and its Effects on the Spanish Conquest"

## HIGHLIGHTED COURSEWORK

- **International Trade Theory & Policy:**
  - Scrutinized growth, market distortion, income distribution, comparative advantage, free trade and protectionism
- **Latin American Cultural & Intellectual History:**
  - Studied developments in Latin American social thought since 1821, including mestizaje, indigenismo, & racial democracy
- **Volunteer & Human Resources Management:**
  - Reviewed theories, practice and strategies of managing personnel and human resources (both paid and volunteer)
- **Grant Writing & Project Management:**
  - Learned how to design and manage projects of various sizes, and practiced the skills to seek external funding.
- **Politics & Development Policies:**
  - Assessed issues of policymaking & implementation, such as institutions, local elite capture, & corruption
- **Finance for Development:**
  - Addressed microfinance and economic development from the context of financial risk, cash flows, and technology

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Spanish Language Discussion Leader** | Bush School of Government | College Station, TX **Sep. 2014—May 2015**  
• Organizing language group discussions and designing lesson plans to help students learn how to speak Spanish  
• Preparing students with basic and intermediate Spanish vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar  
• Created online group discussion webpage to share information about the world's Spanish-speaking cultures

**Graduate Writing Consultant** | Texas A&M University Writing Center | College Station, TX **Aug. 2014—May 2015**  
• Advising clients how to improve their presentations and their document's composition, clarity, flow, and argument  
• Assisting doctoral and masters candidates with their research structure, dissertation (thesis), and speech  
• Educating international students about the academic culture of the United States

**Editor in Chief** | *The Public Servant*, Bush School's Official Student Journal | College Station, TX **May 2014—May 2015**  
• Revitalized the organizational structure and laid the foundations for a redevelopment of the publication's mission  
• Developed a new, free website to allow current & former students to share views on world & local current events  
• Advertised, wrote, collected, and published articles on the website, including digitalizing past print material

**Student Researcher** | Virginia Tech Research Center | Washington, D.C. **Aug. 2014—Oct. 2014**  
• Created a short and long timetable system chronology of United States Federal Congressional Legislation  
• Published fiscal budget chronology in Global Issues Initiative (GII) of Institute for Society, Culture and Environment

**Research Assistant** | International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) | Washington, D.C. **May 2014—Aug. 2014**  
• Researched legislative operations of the U.S. Federal Budget, including appropriations bills & continuing resolutions  
• Examined national political occurrences that shaped the U.S. Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill)  
• Conducted a historical study of the United States Federal Budget from fiscal years 2008 to 2014

## LANGUAGE & TECHNOLOGY

- Native fluency to read, write, speak **Spanish & English**
- Experienced with **STATA**, a data and statistical software
- Adept in **technical writing** (designing and redesigning documents to make them understandable to readers)
- Composed & edited case statements, memos, reports, newsletters, brochures, proposals, and manuals
- Proficient in **Microsoft Office** applications (Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Excel)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Volunteer Judge, Student Research Week** | TAMU Graduate Student Council | College Station, TX **March 2014**

- Judged oral presentations in the subjects of history, literature, fine arts, communication, languages, and philosophy
- Provided verbal and written feedback, praising qualities and suggesting improvements on their speech and research

**Online Volunteer for Research, Writing, & Copy Editing** | Wikimedia Foundation | Online **Aug. 2006—Present**

- Cooperated in projects with online users through the application of technical writing techniques
- Explored topics on archaeology, country profiles, copyright & public domain, and Latin American history & culture
- Authored featured articles, digitally restored old photographs, and practiced cartography (map-making)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Novoa, Miguel (2015). "Bicycle kick." *English Wikipedia*. Washington, D.C.: Wikimedia Foundation.
- Novoa, Miguel, Caesar Cororaton, and David Orden (2014). "Legislative Chronology of the 2014 Farm Bill." *Global Issues Initiative Working Paper 2014-2*. Blacksburg, VA: Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment, Virginia Tech.
- Novoa, Miguel, and Justin A. Kuntz (2014). "Falkland Islands." *English Wikipedia*. Washington, D.C.: Wikimedia Foundation. Translated into Chinese, "福克兰群岛" (2015), by Jarod Alien.
- Novoa, Miguel (2014). "Peru national football team." *English Wikipedia*. Washington, D.C.: Wikimedia Foundation.
- Novoa, Miguel (2014). "Pisco sour." *English Wikipedia*. Washington, D.C.: Wikimedia Foundation.

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Perspectives in Eternal Discord: A Comparative Historiography on the Origins of the War of the Pacific." UC Davis Graduate History Conference, 1st Annual, Davis (California), April 10, 2016.
- "Pacific Interests Over the South Atlantic: The Falklands War and the Balance of Power in Western South America," Texas A&M Student Research Week, College Station (Texas), March 25, 2014.
- "Triumph of Andean Liberty: The Role and Effect of Foreign Forces in Peruvian Abolitionism," Texas A&M History Conference, 4th Annual, College Station (Texas), February 23, 2013.
- "Conflict in the South Pacific: Analysis of the Development of the Chile, Bolivia, Peru Territory & Marine Dispute in West South America," Texas A&M History Conference, 3rd Annual, College Station (Texas), February 25, 2012.

## HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND SCHOLASTIC ORGANIZATIONS

Honor Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phi Beta Kappa</li> <li>• Phi Kappa Phi</li> <li>• Phi Alpha Theta</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member, United States Academic Honor Society</li> <li>Member, Academic Honor Society (all-discipline)</li> <li>Member, International Honor Society (History)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013-Present</li> <li>2013-Present</li> <li>2011-2013</li> </ul>
Writing & Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAMU Student Research Week</li> <li>• Conference Excellence Award</li> <li>• Research Paper Award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Award, First place among graduate researchers</li> <li>Award, Best history paper submitted by B.A. student</li> <li>Award, Winner of History undergraduate competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2014</li> <li>2013</li> <li>2012</li> </ul>
Academic Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James McGrew Research Award</li> <li>• Liberal Arts Honors</li> <li>• Foundation &amp; University Honors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinction, ASPA outstanding research paper award</li> <li>Distinction, TAMU Honors department award</li> <li>Distinction, TAMU academic achievement award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2015</li> <li>2013</li> <li>2010-2013</li> </ul>
Financial Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UC Davis Provost's Fellowship</li> <li>• Puig-Mueller Endowed Fellowship</li> <li>• College Board Scholarship</li> <li>• Neal Hahn Memorial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences award</li> <li>Scholarship, Bush School academic excellence award</li> <li>Scholarship, TAMU National Hispanic Scholar</li> <li>Scholarship, TAMU Economics department award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2015-2016</li> <li>2013-2015</li> <li>2009-2013</li> <li>2011-2012</li> </ul>

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- “Environmental NGOs & Amerindians, A Partnership for Success: Identity & Rainforest Conservation in the Peruvian Amazon”  
**Course:** International NGOs. Khaldoun AbouAssi, Associate Professor at The Bush School of Government. Spring 2015.
- “Sociofinancial Microfinance: Developing an Innovative Strategy for Microfinance in Peru” [GROUP PROJECT]  
**Course:** Finance for Microfinance. Kishore Gawande, Professor at The Bush School of Government. Spring 2014.
- “Educational Empowerment, Political Disenfranchisement: Inequality, Indigenous Education, and Development in Peru”  
**Course:** Politics & Development Policies. Xiaobo Lü, Assistant Professor at The Bush School of Government. Fall 2013.
- “Maritime Litigation: The Legal & Economic Effects of the Chile-Peru Delimitation Dispute at the ICJ” [GROUP PROJECT]  
**Course:** Law & Economics. Silvana Krasteva, Assistant Professor of Economics at Texas A&M. Spring 2013.
- “Operation Chavin de Huantar: Analysis of the Peruvian Government's Handling of the Japanese Embassy Hostage Crisis”  
**Course:** International Crisis Management. James Olson, Senior Lecturer at The Bush School of Government. Fall 2014.

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