

Gina Amatangelo

Teaching Experience

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Department of Public Administration

Lecturer II, Undergraduate Advisor of Record, Internship Coordinator January 2016 - present

Adjunct Lecturer June 2012 - Dec 2013

Teaching Innovation

College to Career: Prepare students for the workforce through a Career Unit in which students create a career portfolio and practice interview skills. Expanded internship offerings for students.

Experiential Learning: Lead community engaged research and service learning opportunities for students including the creation of the “Civic Leadership Academy” at Lanier High School, coaching for Speak Up Speak Out teams, and the development of a policy agenda for two citywide youth networks. Recipient of 2019 Sawtelle Teaching Innovation Grant.

Open Education Resources: Led the development of course materials for all sections of PAD1113 using OER materials. Cost savings to UTSA students is estimated to be \$5-10,000 per semester.

Globally Engaged Learning: Provided UTSA students the opportunity to participate in a virtual exchange program that uses videoconferencing to connect students from around the world to discuss policy issues and current events. Students built skills in conflict resolution, distance collaboration and critical thinking. Secured student fee waivers: \$10,000 in-kind value. Presented to National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation regarding the use of virtual exchange in the classroom in November 2018.

City Manager in Residence Program: Serve as department liaison for this program which offers students ongoing professional mentoring and networking opportunities. Recruited and coached team of students who won 2nd place statewide in a June 2019 competition including research, service and networking.

Courses Taught

PAD 1113 Public Administration in American Society

PAD 3013 Introduction to Public Policy

PAD 3073 Civic Leadership Seminar

PAD 3043 Public and Nonprofit Financial Management

PAD 3113 Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations

PAD 4853 Contemporary Issues in Public Administration

PAD 4933, 4936, 6963, 6966 Internship in Public Administration (BPA and MPA Program)

Service Highlights

- Faculty Senate, College of Public Policy NTT Representative Fall 2019 - present
- HCAP Dean Search Committee Fall 2019 - present
- Faculty Learning Community 2018 - 2019
- Core Curriculum Committee Spring 2019 - present
- Coordinated Dean’s Distinguished Lecture, Dr. Jennifer Carlson November 2018
- Moderate panel discussions and facilitate high profile community conversations
 - Religion and Violence: It’s Complicated January 2020
 - Community Conversation on Gun Violence November 2018
 - Mayor’s Housing Summit, Displacement Forum September 2018
 - Immigration and Refugees: Cultural Conversations Spring 2018
 - Texas Public Radio: Dare to Listen Fall 2017

Professional Experience

Common Ground Strategy – San Antonio, TX

Principal

March 2015 - present

Created and operate a consulting firm that leads teams to establish and achieve shared goals. Provide process design and facilitation for strategic planning and collaborative problem-solving.

Select projects:

- **Planning for Growth in Comal County – Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance / League of Women Voters:** Designed and led a collaborative process for local residents, business owners and government leaders to develop plans to preserve water quality and open space in fast-growing communities.
- **Strategic Planning:** Clients include SA2020, The SoL Center, and Northeast Senior Services.

Texas State Representative Mike Villarreal - San Antonio, TX

Chief of Staff

March 2004 - January 2015

(Positions held: Legislative Director and Chief of Operations)

- **Staff Management and Leadership:** Managed exemplary team of staff and interns. Improved caliber of team through role alignment, staff recruitment and increased training.
- **Organizational Effectiveness:** Increased organizational effectiveness through strategic planning, systems analysis and development of new procedures for constituent services, policy development, and communications.
- **Financial Management:** Oversaw \$275K annual budget. Developed accounting systems to ensure compliance and reviewed financial reports.
- **Media Strategy:** Managed highly effective communications program by crafting media strategy, developing key messages and organizing successful press conferences. Wrote speeches and commentary.
- **Policy Development:** Researched and developed legislative agenda, and prepared Representative for committee work and floor debates leading to successful legislative work.

Washington Office on Latin America - Washington, DC

July 2000 - December 2001

Fellow, Andes & International Drug Control Policy

- **Policy Analysis:** Analyzed U.S. policy toward Andean countries and provided policy recommendations to Administration officials, Members of Congress, legislative aides, and grassroots organizations. Monitored developments related to strengthening democracy and human rights in Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia.
- **Media Strategy and Commentary:** Provided commentary to national English and Spanish-language press outlets. Wrote opinion pieces, speeches and editorial memos.
- **U.S. Legislative Advocacy Management:** Coordinated successful legislative advocacy campaign to reform U.S. drug certification process. Collaborated with coalition members and lobbied the U.S. Congress to include human rights provisions in legislation authorizing \$300 million for the Colombian army.
- **International Voter Rights Advocacy:** Participated in the Organization of American States' election monitoring delegation to Peru, July 2002.
- **International Advocacy Management:** Coordinated press campaign mobilizing 120 Latin American political, religious and civic leaders' opposition to "Plan Colombia" during the 2001 Summit of the Americas.
- **Management and Fundraising:** Supervised 2 staff and 1-2 interns. Developed Andean program's strategy documents for fundraising team, and wrote successful grant to fund the Summit of the Americas press campaign.

Amnesty International USA - Washington, DC

March 1998 – June 2000

Campaign Associate

- **Program Management:** Directed corporate social responsibility program. Met with senior executives of multinational companies to encourage corporate compliance with human rights standards, and offered analysis of companies' existing policies.
- **Organizational Development:** Increased capacity of Business and Economic Relations Group through strategic planning, targeted volunteer recruitment and training. Launched shareholder activism project to promote corporate codes of conduct.
- **Advocacy Management:** Coordinated five country campaigns per year; increased visibility and effectiveness, facilitated development of strategic objectives, developed grassroots activity plans.
- **Strategy and Organizational Development:** Facilitated AIUSA's Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Middle East annual strategy meetings in which 20+ country specialists and program staff would set priorities and action plans for each world region.
- **Financial Management:** Managed annual program budget.

Education

Master of Public Affairs

Dec 2003

Duggan Fellow, Spinner Fellow

LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Arts Communications

May 1996

Minor in Science, Technology, and Society and Minor in Spanish

Pennsylvania State University

Professional Training

Advanced Facilitation Training Certificate

May 2018

Soliya, UN Habitat Endorsed Program

Technology of Participation Facilitation Methods

October 2015

Institute of Cultural Affairs

Mediation Course

February 2015

Austin Dispute Resolution Center

Dialogic Facilitation

February 2015

Essential Partners

Fellows Program, Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution

June 2014

University of Texas Law School

Training for Teaching

- Provost's Academy 2016 & 2017
- The Lecture is Dead
- Using Powerpoint for Learning
- Intro to iClicker
- Using Signature Assignments to Facilitate Learning and Assessment
- It's a Textbook Case
- Service and Beyond