Rafael Arias Achío

Email: [rafaelariasa@gmail.com](mailto:rafaelariasa@gmail.com) / arias058@umn.edu

Academic Studies

Ph.D. Organizational Leadership, Policy and development – Education Policy and Leadership | University of Minnesota | 2021-Present

* Advisor: Nicola Alexander
* Graduate instructor | Human Relations: Applied Skills for School and Society

Masters degree in Government and Public affairs | 2018-2020 | Facultad Latinoamericana de ciencias sociales (FLACSO), Mexico

* Master’s thesis “School funding in Mexico’s Basic Public Education: Horizontal and Vertical (in)Equity among Mexican states” under the supervision of Giovanna Valenti Nigrini Ph.D. and Martin de los Heros Rondenil Ph.D.
* Highest possible grade was obtained
* Visiting student scholar at the College of Education and Human Development, University of Minnesota (September-October, 2019)
* Member of the Methods Laboratory (LabDeM) under the supervision of Rodrigo Salazar Elena Ph.D.

Licensee in International RElations| 2019 | Universidad Nacional, Costa rica

* Emphasis in Foreign Policy and Diplomacy
* Graduation project on the concept of social justice in International Relations normative theory under the supervision of Carlos Murillo Zamora Ph.D.

Bachelor in International Relations | 2012 | Universidad Nacional, Costa rica

Conferences and Seminars

* Lecture *“Paridad Participativa: la reproducción de la desigualdad social en los sistemas de enseñanza”* Presented at the *XV Congreso Centroamericano de Sociología*, 2016.
* Lecture “Activismo Hashtag: la construcción de nuevos simbolismos e identidades políticas” Presented at the *Jornadas Centroamericanas de Estudios del Discurso*, at the University of Costa Rica.
* Invited speaker for the confrence: "Indigenous Movements in Latin America: the struggle for autonomy, human rights, and recognition" at the University of Cincinnati on the 10th of March for World Fest 2015
  + Also presented on the 10th of March at the Center for Race, Gender and Social Justice del College of Law de la Universidad de Cincinnati.
* Lecture: “El Buen Vivir y la Plurinacionalidad en Ecuador y Bolivia: reconocimiento, reformas e inclusión.” Presented at *Encuentro Nuevas Voces de las Ciencias Sociales 2014*, at the University of Costa Rica.

Publications

Arias Achío, R. (2018). En búsqueda de la justicia social: acercamientos desde la filosofía política y la teoría normativa de Relaciones Internacionales / In Search of Social Justice: Approaches from Political Philosophy and the Normative Theory of International Relations. Estudios del Desarrollo Social: Cuba y América Latina (Vol. 7). Retrieved from <http://www.revflacso.uh.cu/index.php/EDS/article/view/307>

Arias Achío, R. et al (n.d.). Horizontal Equity and Vertical Equity in School Funding among Mexican States. (Working Paper).

**Scholarships**

* National Scholarship on behalf of the National Council for Science and Technology of Mexico (CONACYT) for graduate studies (2018-2020)
  + This scholarship covered tuiton fees and offered a monthly stipend during the duration of master’s degree studies.
* Mixed Scholarship on behalf of the National Council for Science and Technology of Mexico (CONACYT) (2019).
  + This scholarship supported being a visiting student scholar at the University of Minnesota.

**Editorial Boards**

* Member of the editorial board for the Latin American Student Journal of Social Sciences (Revista estudiantil latinoamericana de ciencias sociales). FLACSO, Mexico. 2018-Present

Profesional Experience

Student Advocate | Student Advocate Services | University of Minnesota | 2021-Present

Secondary Teacher | Pan-American School | 2020-Present

* High School | Individuals and Societies department
* Social and Cultural Anthropology
* Information Technology in a Global Society
* Theory of Knowledge
* World History

Secondary Teacher | international christian school | 2017-2018

* Coordinator of the Research and Technology department
* Teacher of Research and Technology (grades 6-9)
* Social studies (grades 7-8)

Secondary Teacher | Pan-American School | 2015-2017

**High School and Middle School teacher| Global Studies Department**

* IB Theory of Knowledge (grade 12)
* Introduction to Business Management and Leadership (grade 10)
* Pilot AP Human Geography (grade 9)
* Physical and Human Geography (grade 9)
* Regional Studies (grade 7)
* Research (grades7-8)
* Co-Coordinator of the Innovation and Creation Task Force
* Coordinator of the Middle School Internl Model United Nations
* Student Government Supervisor

International Baccalaureate Certifications

* Theory of knowledge
* Global politics

**Other Professional Experience**

Project Researcher | Idespo-Universidad Nacional | 2015

* Demographic study on the benficiaries of a joint program with the UNHCR

**Software**

* LaTeX/BibTex
* Mendeley / Zotero
* STATA
* R
* MPlus
* Microsoft Office

**Languages**

* Spanish (native)
* English (native)