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STATEMENT

Arnold August, M.A. in Political Science from McGill University, where he also completed two years of Ph.D. studies in the same field, is a Montreal-based author and journalist specializing in geopolitics and international relations, Global South, multipolarity, Russia-Ukraine-NATO, Palestine, Iran, Latin America, Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA), Venezuela, Cuba, First Peoples, China, BRICS, West Asia and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). He is a member of the Canadian Freelance Union (CFU) of UNIFOR.

EDUCATION

- 1965 **B.A. (Political Science)**
McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- 1969 **M.A. (Political Science)**
McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Concentration: Advanced Political Theory, Political Development in the New Nations (India and China), Recent Theory in International Relations – State Behaviour, Recent Theory in International Relations – International Systems
 - M.A. Comprehensive Examination (Pass with Distinction)
 - Master’s Thesis: “The Incremental-Pragmatic and the Revolutionary-Dialectic Approaches to Third World Change: The Case of India”
- 1968–70 **Ph.D. studies (Political Science) (incomplete)**
McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Concentration: South Asian Politics and Asian Political Philosophy (India and China)
 - Roles: Teaching assistant; Fellow at the Centre for Developing-Areas Studies

CAREER

- 1970–76; 1988–95 **Political activist and researcher** of the Ideological Studies Centre linked to the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist–Leninist) (no political affiliation since 1995)
- 1976–88 **Worker/union activist** at Notre-Dame Hospital, Montreal at the time the largest francophone hospital in the province of Quebec
- Served as shop steward in the union section (Operating Room)
 - Edited a workers’ newsletter *Non aux coupures (No to Cuts)*, opposing neoliberal cuts in the public sector
- 1968 **Founding Chair of the Political Science Students’ Association (PSSA)** at McGill University, the first political science students’ association at a Canadian university
- Played a key role, along with other Executive members of the PSSA, in the fall of 1968 during the occupation and strike at the Political Science Faculty of

McGill University, which advocated for expanding the curriculum to incorporate new approaches that aimed to move beyond theories rooted in a U.S.-centric racist view that dominated political science, and for the University to play a critical role in society. (Watch the 1970 National Film Board documentary for an intimate, 24-hour, behind-the-scenes look at the tensions and conflicts between the students and the Faculty/Administration, including PSSA Executive members' stirring statements challenging the Faculty, all of which remain relevant today [\[video\]](#).)

1996–2005

Founder, Voyage Culture Cuba

- Established a Montreal-based licensed cultural travel agency
- Organized accredited two-week university study tours (20 to 30 students per trip) in collaboration with the Facultad de Filosofía, Historia y Sociología de la Universidad de La Habana for the following institutions: Université de Montréal (4 trips), Queen's University (4 trips), and the University of Saskatchewan (7 trips), among other university exchange programs from the U.S. and Canada

1998–Present

Author and journalist

HONOURS

2013

Félix Elmusa Distinction, the highest award given at the proposal of the Presidency of the Union of Journalists of Cuba, to Cuban and foreign journalists

2017

Friendship Medal conferred by the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba (Consejo de Estado de la República de Cuba), awarded at the proposal of ICAP ([article](#); [video](#))

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (JOURNALISM AND ORGANIZATIONS)

Journalism

Member of the Editorial Board of the International Manifesto Group/New Cold War: geopolitics, multipolarity, BRICS, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and Russia–Ukraine–NATO

Articles and TV interviews with CGTN (China); teleSUR and teleSUR TV (Venezuela and Cuba); Press TV (Iran); Friends of Socialist China (USA and UK); several TV and radio platforms of Russia Today (RT) from Washington, D.C., and worldwide; Global Times (China)

Organizations

Black Alliance for Peace Solidarity Network (USA); Central South University Human Rights Center Changsha (China); Secretariat of the Network in Defense of Humanity (Venezuela); Secretariat of the Quebec Chapter of the Network in Defense of Humanity (Canada)

SELECTED INTERVIEWS WITH ARNOLD (ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH)

The following is a selection of interviews with Arnold from the hundreds he has participated in over the years, encompassing written interviews as well as radio and TV appearances.

2016-03-20

[Arnold August: Cuba empezó a empoderarse desde 1959](#) (video; Spanish; **live from Havana during Obama's visit to Cuba**)

2016-03-20

[Arnold August: Se violaban DDHH en Cuba antes de la Revolución](#) (video; Spanish; **live from Havana during Obama's visit to Cuba**)

- 2017-01-10 [“End of Ideology” Rears Its Ugly Head in Cuba](#) (opinion article; English)
- 2017-03-06 [Arnold August: El pueblo venezolano tiene conciencia gracias a Chávez](#) (video; Spanish; **interview by Rei Gómez**)
- 2018-01-02 [teleSUR speaks to Cuba expert Arnold August about Raul Castro's impending retirement and U.S.-Cuba relations](#) (text; English)
- 2018-04-30 [RT TV: The Cuban National Assembly has elected Miguel Díaz-Canel as the country's new president](#) (video; English; **interview hours after Díaz-Canel was elected**)
- 2019-01-21 [Radio Interview/YouTube: Loud and Clear, Washington, DC with Brian Becker on Venezuela](#) (radio; English; **Venezuela Constituent Assembly Elections, Interview with Arnold August, July 3, 2017**)
- 2019-01-23 [TV teleSUR Entrevista con Jorge Gestoso: Conversamos con Arnold August](#) (video; Spanish)
- 2019-01-29 [teleSur TV Interview with Jorge Gestoso, from Washington DC: Arnold August](#) (video; English)
- 2019-02-18 [Arnold August: Canada and US imperial policy in Latin America](#) (video; Spanish with English subtitles)
- 2019-02-18 [La politique impérialiste canadienne et américaine en Amérique latine](#) (video; Spanish with French subtitles)
- 2019-02-19 [Arnold August Canada y la política imperial de EEUU en América Latina](#) (video; Spanish)
- 2019-03-07 [Washington D.C. Interview with Arnold August: Report from Caracas, February 2019](#) (radio; English; **interview by Eugene Puryear and Sean Blackmon**)
- 2019-04-05 [From Washington D.C.: Loud and Clear Interview with Arnold August on Julian Assange. March 28, 2019](#) (radio; English; **interview by John Kiriakou and Brian Becker**)
- 2019-04-25 [By Any Means Necessary with Arnold August – new US sanctions against Cuba](#) (radio; English; **interview by Eugene Puryear and Sean Blackmon**)
- 2019-06-07 [Televisión Cubana/Revista Buenos Días/Cuban TV/Arnold August](#) (video; Spanish with English subtitles; **on First Peoples, Indigenous Peoples**)
- 2019-07-25 [Interview with Arnold August on His Recent Book on Cuba](#) (text; English)
- 2019-08-06 [Canada/Arnold August/Caracas FORO y millones via TV vs Trump/Lima](#) (video; Spanish with English subtitles)
- 2019-09-04 [Foro Sao Paulo/Caracas-25/7/19. teleSUR/Arnold August](#) (video; English)
- 2019-10-24 [Entrevista con Arnold August: “El golpe de Estado orquestado por Guaidó fracasa también en Montreal”](#) (text)
- 2019-11-12 [EVO MORALES: Appeal/Appel/Llamamiento. Arnold August. Canada 11/11/19](#) (video; mix of English, French, Spanish; **in support of Evo Morales**)
- 2019-11-18 [Arnold August/Habana. Trudeau: Venezuela, Cuba, Chile, Bolivia, Haití](#) (video; Spanish with [English subtitles](#); with [French subtitles](#); **going against the narrative, Arnold deconstructs in just 14 minutes the Trudeau liberal poster boy image regarding Latin America**)

- 2020-01-11 [Cuba Información TV: Hay una guerra planificada contra la cultura socialista cubana, Arnold August](#) (video)
- 2020-06-12 [#NoUNSC4Canada #UNSCelections #ElectionsCSNU Arnold August, Montreal](#) (video; English with captions in English, Spanish and French; **why Arnold opposed Justin Trudeau’s bid for a seat on the United Nations Security Council – as a result of grassroots movement and international support, Trudeau lost!**)
- 2020-11-30 [Arnold August, “Trump o Biden, ¿existe un mal menor?”](#) (text; Spanish)
- 2021-01-07 [teleSUR: “Arnold August-Violence at US Capitol shows double standard”](#) (video; English)
- 2021-04-27 George Floyd’s murderer [Chauvin. August Entrevista-teleSur. Pronóstico correcto](#) (video; English with Spanish subtitles; **one hour after the interview, Arnold’s prediction of Chauvin’s sentencing proved to be correct**)
- 2021-07-04 [Arnold August: Intercambio con el presidente Nicolás Maduro: guerra híbrida EEUU y Canadá vs Venezuela](#) (video; Spanish)
- 2021-07-14 [August: The United States does not want Cuba to be sovereign](#) (video; English)
- 2021-08-10 [Arnold August/July 26 Panel: Cuba? Video Paul Graham](#) (video; English; **on the violent notorious incidents that transpired on July 11, 2021, in Cuba**)
- 2021-09-05 [US Economic War on Cuba Continues, Even after War in Afghanistan Ends](#) (video; English)
- 2022-04-23 [Palestinian Resistance: Journalists Khaled Barakat/Arnold August](#) (video; English)
- 2022-10-29 [Ukraine. March 10/22 Arnold August with Scott Ritter. Russian viewpoint](#) (video; English)
- 2023-10-23 [Arnold August on Press TV: Tide Turning in Favour of Palestine in the West](#) (video; English)
- 2024-07-06 [Press TV coverage Iran elections: Scott Ritter & Arnold August](#) (video, text; English)
- 2024-07-16 [Assange is free... for now](#) (video; English)
- 2024-08-05 [Latin Waves Arnold August Interview](#) (audio; English; **Stuart Richardson interview with Arnold**)
- 2024-08-11 [Venezuela bans X – Maduro vs Elon? – Political crisis?](#) (audio begins at 3:25; English; **Host Mario Nawfal**)
- 2024-08-18 [MOATS with George Galloway interviewing Arnold August on Hamas, Palestine, DNC, Ukraine](#) (video; English)
- 2024-08-22 [Arnold August / Venezuela’s presidential election](#) (video; English; **Camila Escalante interview with Arnold in Caracas**)
- 2024-08-22 [“Why U.S. wants Maduro out?” Arnold August: “Not just about oil”](#) (video clip; English; **Isabel Fiorella interview with Arnold**)
- 2024-08-23 [#Venezuela #Maduro #elections](#) (video clip; English; **Beyond Headlines interview with Arnold**)
- 2024-08-25 [Arnold August, Canada, comments on 2024 cyberattack, Venezuela](#) (video clip; English; **International Manifesto Group and Orinoco Tribune**)

2024-08-25	Arnold August/Jesús Rodríguez-Espinoza on 2019 cyberattack, Venezuela (video clip; English; International Manifesto Group and Orinoco Tribune)
2024-08-27	August provides an easy-to-follow timeline of just how quickly Nicolás Maduro & his administration, along with Chavistas, managed to stop a Washington-backed coup (video clip; English; Isabel Fiorella interview with Arnold)
2024-09-24	Interview Press TV Arnold August: Lebanon/Pager Attack/Palestine 9/24/24 (video; English)
2024-10-07	Press TV interview “Gaza, Lebanon direct from Beirut Khaled Barakat & Arnold August” (video; English)
2024-11-04	“From the South” teleSUR TV interview Nov. 4, 2025 on U.S. elections (video; English)
2024-11-05	teleSUR U.S. Elections Nov. 5, 2024 (video; English)
2024-11-12	<i>TRT World</i> , “Amsterdam attacks: Why did Western media get it so wrong?” (text; English)
2024-11-13	@hoopoeplatform1 TikTok interview Journalist and author @arnold.august.3 tells RedPilled #Trump won’t end #Israel’s war on #Gaza and #Lebanon, and it’s up to the resistance and the people to stop it (video clip; English)
2024-11-15	“From the South” teleSUR TV. The vote in the U.N. on the American blockade of Cuba: the geopolitics (video; English)
2024-11-15	Webinar. The vote in the U.N. on the American blockade of Cuba (video; English; Vancouver Communities in Solidarity with Cuba)

TRAVEL

VENEZUELA

2013–2024 Five trips, including as an International Observer for the July 28, 2024, presidential election

PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

2016; 2023 One-month familiarization trip (2016); two-week trip to [Tibet \(Xizang\) and Qinghai](#) (2023)

CUBA

Summer of 1997 Following a study trip organized by Université de Montréal in collaboration with the University of Havana and Cuban university experts on Cuban democracy and elections, undertook a detailed study of Cuba’s political and electoral system

Ongoing (1991–Present) Dozens of trips to Cuba, with frequent stays of several months, including one period between 1997 and 1998 in Cuba researching his first book

OTHER GLOBAL SOUTH REGIONS AND EUROPE

Fall 1965–Summer 1967 Travelled and worked abroad in South Asia (mainly India), Europe, North Africa and the Middle East in search for alternative ideas and values as opposed to the status quo in Canada, while preparing for the M.A. program in Political Science and thesis on India at McGill, reading extensively on China, India and international relations.

BOOK TOURS

1999–2016: *Democracy in Cuba and the 1997–98 Elections*

This is the only book authored by a non-Cuban that thoroughly explores Cuba’s electoral process. Based on the author’s 18-month stay on the island, it provides a comprehensive account of the entire process, enriched with dozens of his original photos, making you feel as if you were there!

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| 1999 New York, USA | Brecht Forum, Brooklyn |
| 2000–2005 CANADA | Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver |
| 2008 California, USA | San Francisco State University; the University of California, Santa Barbara; Los Angeles High School, San Pedro; California State University, Los Angeles; the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center, Palo Alto; Interfaith Working Group on the Americas, San Rafael |
| 2016 Troy, NY, USA | James Connolly Forum, Albany (video presentation) |

2013–2016: *Cuba and Its Neighbours: Democracy in Motion*

In examining Cuba’s neighbours, the focus is on Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador. The book provides insightful background on the development of democracy and elections in these countries. For Cuba, the author expands on his groundbreaking 1999 book, offering for the first time in English a critical look at the political system through the eyes of his fellow Cuban revolutionaries. The author delves into Cuban voting trends where no one else dares, revealing statistics from 2013 that predicted the major problems currently facing the political system. This analysis of the Cuban, Venezuelan, Bolivian and Ecuadorian experiences (the latter under Correa) contrasts sharply with that of the U.S. Chapter 2, “Democracy in the U.S.,” is the author’s highlight, as he explores how the core of the U.S. system is sustained by cooptation and racial dynamics. This chapter is also essential for understanding the 2024 U.S. election.

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| 2013 CANADA | Université Laval, Québec City; Círculo Cervantes-Camoens, Québec City; Concordia University, Montreal |
| 2013 East Coast, USA | Lehman College, Bronx, NY; City University of New York, NY; Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY; Eastern Connecticut State University, CT; New Haven Free Public Library, CT; Central Connecticut State University, CT; Consulate General of Venezuela, New York, NY; Left Forum, New York, NY |
| 2013 CUBA | University of Havana in collaboration with the Center for Global Justice (USA) |
| 2013-16 UNITED KINGDOM | University of Cambridge, University of Nottingham, University of Sheffield |
| 2014 Mid-West, USA | Loyola University, Chicago, IL; Purdue University, Westville, IN; Consulate General of Venezuela, Chicago, IL; Purdue University, Calumet, IN; DePaul University, Chicago, IL; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; Saint John’s University, Collegeville, MN; University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN; Macalester College, St. Paul, MN |
| 2014 PUERTO RICO | Universidad Recinto de Río Piedras, San Juan |
| 2016 New York, USA | Latin American Studies Association (LASA) |

2017–2018: *Cuba–U.S. Relations: Obama and Beyond* (conferences also included the theme of growing multipolarity)

To understand the U.S. policy of undermining Cuba through cultural wars, this book is essential. It is the only one in English dedicated to this aspect and accurately predicted the outcome. And the results are far from pretty.

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| 2017 CUBA | English-language bookstore Cuba Libro, Havana |
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- 2017–2018 NEW YORK Alfred University, Alfred; Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs; University at Albany, Albany; The Book House, Albany
- 2017–2018 CANADA Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver High School Che Conference, Vancouver Bookstore, University of New Brunswick, Mount Allison University (Sackville, NB), Winnipeg. **Watch Arnold deal with [multipolarity back in 2018!](#)** (video by Paul S. Graham)
- 2018 UNITED KINGDOM (ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND WALES) London, Norwich, Brighton, Northampton, Canterbury, Leicester, Sheffield, Birmingham, Manchester, Oxford, Bristol; Edinburgh (Scottish Parliament) and Glasgow in Scotland; Cardiff in Wales

2017–2019: *Relaciones Cuba-Estados Unidos: ¿Que Ha Cambiado?*

This Spanish-language book is an updated and improved version of the original English-language edition *Cuba–U.S. Relations: Obama and Beyond*.

- 2017–2019 CUBA Talks on relations with the United States and Marxism-Leninism by two Cuba Ministry of Higher Education (MES) universities and the rectors of these two universities, one at the University of Informatics Sciences and three at the Higher School of the Nico López Party
- 2018 CUBA In collaboration with the MES and the Cuban Book Institute: Book Saturday, University of Havana (Faculty of Communication), Museum of the Denunciation, Headquarters of the Ministry of Higher Education, Higher School of the Nico López Party, University of Matanzas Camilo Cienfuegos, Higher Institute of International Relations “Raúl Roa,” University of Informatics Sciences

2021–2022: *Cuba–U.S. Relations: Obama and Beyond (Farsi Edition)*

Farsi translation of *Cuba–U.S. Relations: Obama and Beyond*, published by Masmoon Books, Tehran, Iran, 2021.

- 2021 **Book launch written presentation** to “His Excellency Alexis Bandrich Vega, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to the Islamic Republic of Iran,” when it was launched in Tehran
- July 26, 2021 **Webinars on Cuba “July 11,” International Manifesto Group** – Contribution to the organization and panelist on “What’s Happening in Cuba?”
- August 29, 2021 **Webinars on Cuba “July 11,” International Manifesto Group** – Contribution to the organization and panelist on “Ending U.S. aggression against Cuba is the key to world peace”
- February 12, 2022 **International Manifesto Group [webinar](#) on Cuba-Iran** – Contribution to the organization and panelist at the event celebrating the 43rd anniversary of the Islamic Revolution with the presentation of the Iranian Farsi edition of the book *Cuba–U.S. Relations: Obama and Beyond*. Also dealt with multipolarity.

2024: *Fidel Castro: La visión de un canadiense*

The untold story of Fidel, the man behind the myth, featuring impactful, never-before-published original photos. Includes insights on Pierre Trudeau and China. Forthcoming in English as *Fidel Castro and Pierre Trudeau: Lessons Learned from Cuba, Canada and China* (working title), Iskra Books, 2025.

- 2024 CANADA Montreal

SOME OF ARNOLD’S ACTIVITIES ON VENEZUELA

IN CANADA

- 2013 School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa; Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Canada, “The Legacy of Hugo Chávez,” Ottawa
- 2015 Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS), “The Alba Alternative,” Ottawa
- 2018 Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), “Les politiques de Washington envers Cuba et le Venezuela : une démarche qui chercherait à diviser” [“Washington’s policy toward Cuba and Venezuela: A divisive approach”], Montreal
- 2019 York University, “The Cuban Revolution at 60 and CALACS at 50: Some Highlights as published in CJLACS since 1976,” Toronto

IN VENEZUELA

- June 18, 2021 Virtual – International Forum CARABOBO XXI CENTURY: Challenges of Independence “Supreme Commander Hugo Chávez: ‘Venezuela is the epicenter in the world of the revolutionary and socialist struggle,’” Caracas
- June 19, 2021 Virtual – Caracas 2021 International Forum CARABOBO SIGLO XXIB, “Exchange with Maduro: US and Canada hybrid war against Venezuela”
- 2013–2024 On-site visits in Caracas (2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2024)

SOME OF ARNOLD’S ACTIVITIES ON THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- 2016 One-month familiarization trip
- February 27, 2022 Virtual conference on Human Rights Today: Universal and Global? organized by Central South University, Changsha. Title: “Revolutionary democracy in China and Cuba has led to enormous advances in human rights,” published by [Friends of Socialist China](#)
- May 2022 “BRICS expansion in the context of increasing multipolarity,” Press TV interview, published by [Friends of Socialist China](#)
- July 2, 2022 “Press TV’s record countering disinformation against China,” Press TV interview published by [Friends of Socialist China](#)
- September 2023 Two-week trip to [Tibet \(Xizang\) and Qinghai](#)
- September 25, 2024 Guest at Embassy of China, Ottawa, for celebrations for 75th anniversary of the People’s Republic of China, with keynote speech by Ambassador H.E. Wang Di
- September 29, 2024 Speaker at all-day assembly “China at 75: Changes Unseen in a Century,” Friends of Socialist China, New York City, organized by Friends of Socialist China and Workers World Party; 9-min. talk and [video based on my visit to Xizang \(Tibet\) and Qinghai](#), with [introduction \(video\)](#) by panel chair Margaret Kimberley, Black Agenda Report