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One Thing Led to Another

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I was introduced to the work of Professor Norman Master's degree in Political Science at Brooklyn C had never taken any classes which specifically de development for that matter. So, as the lecturer, D dependency theory, I felt as if that theory was mea speak of a development theory this way, but as I s political theory, I knew that this was my worldview. Professor Girvan struck a deeper chord within me. Común del Sur (MERCOSUR) at a time when Ven and this is how one thing led to another.

After a year of teaching an introductory Political Sc myself back in Trinidad. I was to start a PhD in Inte for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS), UW

I remember the proposal I wrote as part of the prog women and development in the Caribbean and of dependency theory. In 2009, about a year and half truly decide on a thesis research topic, I looked at Fernandez had been elected President, but as I lo piqued, but stole my interest. A revolution of which unquestionable, in addition to a leader in Presiden Venezuela. As we sat in class discussing our topic Graduate Coordinator of IGDS wondered aloud ab her and the class loudly, "Where is he?"

"He is right next door, in IR" she said, IR is the Inst door to the IGDS.

"Maybe we can see if he can be your supervisor," : me that he was considering it but wanted to meet i out, I said to myself. But that is how one thing led :

He would always say to me that he was not a 'gen studied gender, his ability to create connections based on a solid epistemological foundation, w further unravel the theoretical gendered underpinnings of my work. This was late 2009 to early support in Venezuela for my first trip there, scheduled for April 2010, fell through. I was working Girvan called. The conversation was a very hard one as I declared that I would visit Venezuela While he did not agree, he stood by me and when I got back from Venezuela after a preliminary relationship had changed. He knew that I was committed to my research, to my PhD and to wo supporter.

When President Hugo Chávez passed away on March 5, 2013, Professor Girvan called me for persons who understood how this had and would affect me and how deep a loss I felt.

Throughout December 2013, Professor Girvan and I went through my thesis page by page. We have Skype meetings. Often I would get tired going through my work, the words I had written at never tire and this would push me to get the work done. We spoke on December 30th 2013. At would not speak to him again until the new year, so I took the opportunity to not only wish him a support. We promised to speak soon in the New Year after his family vacation. The new year ca

It is hard to put into words the impact that Professor Girvan has had on my life, and not just from was my teacher. He was my supporter. He was my defender (especially when my research seen person who made me feel that my work would make a difference. He was that person that mad person who has brought me to a 300 page thesis; and now I am ready to submit and I want him and children, for the world. I believe Professor Girvan to be one of the greatest intellectual mind and I know many will mourn him. Speaking of himself in his 2007 essay, 'One Thing Led to Another do not see how thinking and informed people of today can fail to address these issues; or at least that they do.'

One thing did lead to another and I worked with a man whose works I read, whose theories I created and done, became my teacher. He will always be my teacher. There is so much he has written as I write, the work of Professor Girvan will continue. I will never forget him and while my heart respect, admiration and love I have for him. So again, one thing led to another and I am proud of Norman Girvan.

The late Professor Norman Girvan was the supervisor for PhD student of IGDS, Aleah Ranjitsingh '[One Thing Led to Another](#)'.