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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, 2006.
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Economics, 2006.
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, 2002.
M.A. Stanford University, Latin American Studies, 2000.
B.A. Brown University, 1996. With highest honors.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Yale University (2006-present)
Department of Political Science
Associate Professor (with tenure, July 2010-present)
Associate Professor (without tenure, July 2009-June 2010)
Assistant Professor (July 2006-June 2009)
Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Affiliated Faculty
MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Research Fellow
International Studies Major, Director of Undergraduate Studies (2007-2008)

PUBLICATIONS

Book: *Crude Democracy: Natural Resource Wealth and Political Regimes*. 2008.
Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, Cambridge University Press.

Winner of the 2009 Best Book award from the Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association and the 2009 MacMillan Center's Gaddis Smith International Book Prize, for the best first book on an international subject by a member of the Yale faculty. The dissertation on which the book is based received the Mancur Olson award from the Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association in 2008, for the best dissertation in political economy in the previous two years.

Journal Articles:

“Cross-Cutting Cleavages and Ethnic Voting: An Experimental Study of Cousinage in Mali.” 2010. *American Political Science Review* 104 (1): 19-32 (co-authored with Lauren Harrison).

- “Endogenous Oil Rents.” 2010. *Comparative Political Studies* 43 (4): 379-410.
- “Model Specification in Instrumental-Variables Regression.” 2008. *Political Analysis* 16 (3): 290-302. Online version published as doi:10.1093/pan/mpm039.
- “Improving Causal Inference: Strengths and Limitations of Natural Experiments.” 2008. *Political Research Quarterly* 61 (2): 282-293.
- “Resource Dependence, Economic Performance, and Political Stability.” 2005. *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49 (4): 451-482.
- “Classic Questions, New Contexts: Development in an Era of Bits and Bytes.” 2005. Introduction to special issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40 (2): 3-8 (co-authored with Taylor Boas).
- “Will the Digital Revolution Revolutionize Development? Drawing Together the Debate.” 2005. Conclusion to special issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40 (2): 95-110 (co-authored with Taylor Boas and Jennifer Bussell).
- “Conditioning the Effects of Aid: Cold War Politics, Donor Credibility, and Democracy in Africa.” 2004. *International Organization*, 58 (2): 409-423.
- “From Transplants to Hybrids: Exploring Institutional Pathways to Growth.” 2004. Introduction to special issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 38 (4) (co-authored with Grigore Pop-Eleches).
- “Oil and the Political Economy of Conflict in Colombia and Beyond: A linkages approach.” 2004. *Geopolitics*, 9 (1) (co-authored with Leslie Wirpsa).

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

- “Design-Based Inference: Beyond the Pitfalls of Regression Analysis?” 2010. In Henry Brady and David Collier, eds, *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2nd edition.
- “Individual Participation in the Interest Arena.” 2009. In Ruth Berins Collier and Samuel Handlin, eds., *Popular Participation and the Interest Regime in Latin America: From Union-Party Hubs to Associational Networks*. Penn State University Press, forthcoming.
- “Modeling Selection Effects.” 2007. William Outhwaite and Stephen P. Turner, eds., *The SAGE Handbook of Social Science Methodology*. London: Sage Publications (co-authored with David Freedman).

Other Publications and Reviews:

“Review of Jared Diamond and James Robinson, eds., *Natural Experiments of History*.”
Forthcoming, *Perspectives on Politics*.

“Instrumental Variables.” Forthcoming, *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*.

“Comment on Daniel Lederman and William F. Maloney, ‘In search of the Missing
Resource Curse.’” 2009. *Economía* 9 (1).

“Natural and Field Experiments: The Role of Qualitative Methods.” 2008. *Qualitative
Methods* 6 (2).

“Review of John Gerring, *Case Study Research: Principles and Practices*, Cambridge
University Press.” 2008. In *The Journal of Politics*, 70 (1): 282-83.

“The Role of Iteration in Multi-Method Research.” 2007. *Qualitative Methods* 5 (1).

Work in Progress:

“The Salience of Ethnic Categories: Field and Natural Experimental Evidence from
Indian Village Councils.” Presented at the Faculty Colloquium in Comparative
Politics, Princeton University, April 30, 2009.

“When Formal Institutions Are Not Enough: Electoral Quotas, Party Competition, and
Distribution in Indian Village Councils.” (Co-authored with Janhavi Nilekani).

“Fighting and Voting: Violent Conflict and Electoral Politics.” Introduction to a proposed
special issue of *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

“The Politics of Race, Class, and Language in South Africa.” Working paper.

“Persuasion vs. Mobilization: What is the Electoral Logic of Social Spending in
Venezuela?” Working paper (co-authored with Susan Stokes).

“Why Do Clientelist Parties Target the Poor?” (co-authored with Valeria Brusco,
Marcelo Nazareno, and Susan Stokes).

Book project on cleavage structures in comparative perspective.

Book project on clientelism, vote-buying, and turnout-buying (co-authored with Valeria
Brusco, Marcelo Nazareno, and Susan Stokes, in process).

Book project on the use of natural experiments in the social sciences.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Best Book Award (2009)

Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association

Gaddis Smith International Book Prize (2009)

Awarded by the MacMillan Center for the best first book on an international topic by a member of the Yale faculty.

Mancur Olson Award (2008)

Given by the Political Economy Section of American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in political economy, for a Ph.D. completed in the previous two years.

Peter Odegard Memorial Award (2005)

Given annually to three graduate students in Political Science at UC Berkeley who are judged to display outstanding scholarly promise.

Allan Sharlin Memorial Fellowship, IIS, UC Berkeley (2004-2005)

Reinhard Bendix Memorial Research Fellowship, IIS, UC Berkeley (2004-2005)

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, IIS, UC Berkeley (2004-2005)

Political Science Training Fellowship in Formal Modeling, UC Berkeley (2002-2003)

Chancellor's Research Grant, UC Berkeley (Summer 2003)

Political Science Departmental Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2001-02)

Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) fellowship, Stanford (1999-2000)

Awarded by the Center for Latin American Studies to study Portuguese.

TEACHING

Department of Political Science, Yale University

PLSC 503, Quantitative Methods (Linear Regression) (Spring 2010)

Formal Models of Comparative Politics (Fall 2009)

Democracy and Development (Fall 2008)

Senior Seminar in International Studies (Spring 2007-Fall 2008)

Researching Ethnic Politics (Spring 2007)

Formal Models of Comparative Politics (Spring 2007)

Ethnic Politics in Comparative Perspective (Fall 2006)

Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University

Faculty member; lectured on natural experiments, multi-method research, and other topics (January 2005, 2007, 2008, and June 2009).

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Taught short courses on natural experiments and research design at the 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 annual meetings of APSA.

Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley

Method in Comparative Analysis.

Graduate Student Instructor for Professor David Collier (Spring 2004).

- Received Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award from the Graduate Division, a prize received by approximately 10 percent of Graduate Student Instructors at Berkeley

Department of Statistics, UC Berkeley

Linear Modeling: Theory and Applications.

Graduate Student Instructor for Professor David Freedman (Fall 2004).

- Nominated by Statistics Department for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award

Statistical Inferences for the Social and Life Sciences.

Graduate Student Instructor for Professor David Freedman (Fall 2003).

USAID Democracy and Governance Officers Workshop

Taught workshop on impact evaluation methods, including randomized trials, to 75 Democracy and Governance officers at USAID, Washington, D.C. (June 9-10, 2008, co-taught with Devra Moehler).

Hydrocarbon Executive Education Program, IESA, Caracas, Venezuela

Lectured on the politics of natural resource wealth (August 2005).

LANGUAGES

Fluent, research-level French, Spanish, and Portuguese. Some Mandarin Chinese.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Journal Referee

- *American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, The Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Studies in Comparative International Development*

Visiting Researcher

Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), Harvard University, Fall 2009.

Founding Member

Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) network.

Editorial Board Member

Comparative Political Economy eJournal, Political Science Network (PSN) of the Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

Prize Committee Member

Alex George Prize Committee, Qualitative Methods Section of the APSA

Best Book Award, Comparative Democratization Section of the APSA

Advisor/Consultant

Advised a committee of the National Academy of Sciences on improving USAID program evaluation, including the use of randomized impact evaluations. Methodological consultant on a field visit to Peru, June 2007.

Assisted in the selection of municipalities for USAID decentralization programming in Albania, with randomized assignment of treatment and control municipalities.

Assisted the law firm of Morrison & Foerster and Professor Terry Karl, Stanford University, in preparation of expert testimony for *Romagoza et al v. Garcia and Vides Casanova* (2000-2002) (Salvadoran generals found liable for human rights abuses).

Visiting Researcher, Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, *Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración* (IESA), Caracas, Venezuela. (April 2005-present).

Editorial assistant, *Studies in Comparative International Development (SCID)* UC Berkeley (2002-2005).

Coordinator, Positive Political Theory Seminar
Institute for Government Studies, UC Berkeley (2002-03).

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)

University of California, Berkeley (June-July 2005). An NSF-funded project designed to improve the integration of theoretical models and empirical research in political science.

Institute on Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM)

Arizona State University (January 2004). A project of the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods designed to improve qualitative research in political science.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

University of Michigan (Summer 2002). Summer program on statistical methods.

PRESENTATIONS

Columbia University, CSDS Development Seminar, October 22, 2010 (planned)
University of Michigan, Comparative Politics Workshop, October 1, 2010 (planned)
Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, October 8, 2010 (planned)

University of California San Diego, African Politics Seminar, May 18, 2010
University of California Los Angeles, Comparative Politics Workshop, May 17, 2010
New York University, CAPERS African Political Economy conference, May 13, 2010
Georgetown University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April 9, 2010
Harvard University, Harvard-MIT-Brown Seminar on South Asian Politics, April 8, 2010
Princeton University, Department of Politics, March 24, 2010
Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Dec. 3, 2009
Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, October 1, 2009
University of British Columbia, Political Science, Sept. 28, 2009
American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, August 28-31, 2009
Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político, Santa Fe, Argentina, August 20, 2009
Yale University, Political Methodology Society meetings, July 23-25, 2009
Yale University, "Fighting and Voting" conference, May 14-15, 2009 (organizer)
Yale University, Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP), April 23-24, 2009
Princeton University, Faculty Colloquium in Comparative Politics, April 30, 2009
Washington University in St. Louis, Political Economy Workshop, Dec. 5, 2008
Stanford University, Comparative Politics Workshop, November 10, 2008
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 31, 2008
American Political Science Association meetings, August 2008
Yale University, Economía meetings (discussant), May 3, 2008
Duke University, Methodological Advances in Comparative Politics, April 11-12, 2008
Columbia University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April 9, 2008
Yale University, Conference on Venezuela, November 30, 2007
The University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop, November 1, 2007
University of Rochester, Wallis Institute of Political Economy, October 25, 2007
Latin American Studies Association meetings, September 2007
American Political Science Association meetings, August-September 2007
Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, May 11, 2007
Stanford University, Comparative Politics Workshop, May 7, 2007
Yale University, Council on Latin American Studies, April 26, 2007
Harvard University, Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, April 10, 2007
Brown University, Colloquium on Comparative Research, March 7, 2007
Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop, February 27, 2007
American Political Science Association meetings, August 2006
American Political Science Association meetings, September 2005
Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas, Venezuela, June 2005
American Political Science Association meetings, September 2004
Conference on Natural Resources and War, McGill University, September 2003.
Conference settlement of civil conflicts, Santa Fe Institute, Bogotá, Colombia, May 2003
UC Davis, Hemispheric Institute on the Americas, October 2001
International Political Science Association meetings, Durban, South Africa, June 2003
International Studies Association meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2002
Latin American Studies Association meetings, Washington, D.C., September, 2001