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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 (July 2006-present)

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

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING RESEARCH

Books:

Natural Experiments in the Social Sciences. Under contract. Strategies in Social Inquiry Series, Cambridge University Press.

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:

“Fighting and Voting: Violent Conflict and Electoral Politics.” 2011. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 55 (3): 327 – 339.

“Cross-Cutting Cleavages and Ethnic Voting: An Experimental Study of Cousinage in Mali.” 2010. *American Political Science Review* 104 (1): 21-39 (with Lauren Harrison).

“Endogenous Oil Rents.” 2010. *Comparative Political Studies*. 43 (3): 379-410.

“Model Specification in Instrumental-Variables Regression.” 2008. *Political Analysis* 16 (3): 290-302.

“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. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49 (4): 451-482.

“Classic Questions, New Contexts: Development in an Era of Bits and Bytes.” 2005. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40 (2): 3-8 (with Taylor Boas).

“Will the Digital Revolution Revolutionize Development? Drawing Together the Debate.” 2005. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40 (2): 95-110 (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. *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 38 (4) (with Grigore Pop-Eleches).

“Oil and the Political Economy of Conflict in Colombia and Beyond: A linkages approach.” 2004. *Geopolitics*, 9 (1) (with Leslie Wirpsa).

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

“Design-Based Inference: Beyond the Pitfalls of Regression Analysis?” 2010. In Henry E. 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., *Reorganizing Popular Politics: Participation and the New Interest Regime in Latin America*. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press.

“Modeling Selection Effects.” 2007. William Outhwaite and Stephen P. Turner, eds., *The SAGE Handbook of Social Science Methodology*. London: Sage Publications (with David Freedman).

Other Publications and Reviews:

“Does Blocking Reduce Attrition Bias?” May 2011. Newsletter of the Experimental Section of the American Political Science Association.

“Natural Experiments in Latin America.” Forthcoming. In Peter Kingstone and Deborah Yashar, eds., *Handbook of Latin American Politics*. Routledge.

“Instrumental Variables.” Forthcoming. In Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Leonardo Morlino, eds., *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Sage.

“Natural Experiments.” Forthcoming. In Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Leonardo Morlino, eds., *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Sage.

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

“Review of James Habyarimana, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N. Posner, and Jeremy M. Weinstein, *Coethnicity: Diversity and the Dilemmas of Collective Action*.” Forthcoming. *Political Science Quarterly*.

“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:

Buying Votes: Distributive Politics in Democracies. Book Manuscript (with Susan Stokes, Marcelo Nazareno, and Valeria Brusco).

“Do Quotas Promote Ethnic Solidarity? Field and Natural Experimental Evidence from India.” Under review.

“Ethnic Quotas and Political Mobilization: Caste, Parties, and Distribution in Indian Village Councils” (with Janhavi Nilekani). Under review.

“Race, Class, and Voter Preferences in Brazil.” Working Paper.

“The Politics of Language, Race, and Class: Experimental Evidence from South Africa.” Working paper.

Book project: Cleavage Structures and Ethnic Politics in Comparative Perspective.

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

“Clientelism as Persuasion and as Mobilization.” Working paper (with Susan Stokes).

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

“The Analysis of Experimental Data: Comparing Techniques.” Working paper (with Susan Hyde). Presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 29-September 1, 2008.

“Creating Social Facts: Alternative Approaches to Autonomous Action and Political Change.” Presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2-5, 2004.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award for paper presented at the previous APSA meetings, Comparative Democratization Section (with Susan Stokes) (2011)

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

Comparative Politics I: Research Design (Spring 2011)
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 and Syracuse University

Faculty member; led one- or two-day annual courses on natural experiments, multi-method research, and other topics (2005-2011).

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Taught short courses on natural experiments and research design at the annual meetings of APSA (2005-2010).

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

Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2010-2011

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

Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administracion (IESA), Caracas, Venezuela (April-August, 2005)

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

Best Book Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section of the APSA (2010)

Nominating Committee, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of the APSA (2010)

Alex George Prize Committee, Qualitative Methods Section of the APSA (2008)

Advisor/Consultant

Assisted a committee of the National Academy of Sciences in making

recommendations on improving USAID program evaluation, including advice on the introduction 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).

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

Merton College, Univ. of Oxford, Redistributive Preferences Conference, April 15, 2011
University College, University of Oxford, Political Economy Seminar, January 20, 2011
London School of Economics, Political Economy Seminar, January 18, 2011
University of Essex, Political Economy Seminary, January 17, 2011
Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore/U. of Pittsburgh conference, January 5, 2011
University of Texas at Austin, Government Department, October 27, 2010
Columbia University, CSDS Development Seminar, October 22, 2010
University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School, Ph.D. Colloquium, October 14, 2010
Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, October 8, 2010

University of Michigan, Comparative Politics Workshop, October 1, 2010
American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Sept. 4, 2010
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
Dartmouth, Comparative Democracy Series, April 29, 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