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CURRENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Cornell University, since July 2008

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Duke University (USA), 2007

- Dissertation: *Non-Taxation and Representation—An Essay on Distribution, Redistribution, and Political Stability in the Modern World.*
- Dissertation Committee: Karen Remmer (Chair), Robert Keohane, Herbert Kitschelt, and David Soskice.

Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development, and Globalization, Summer 2007

- Directed by Joseph Stiglitz at the Brooks World Poverty Institute at the University of Manchester (UK)

Master of Arts, Economics, Duke University (USA), 2004

- Thesis: “A Theory of Aid, Redistribution, and Democratization.”

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Summer 2004

- Directed by John Aldrich at Duke University

Master of Sciences, Development Studies, The London School of Economics (UK), 1997

- Thesis (awarded Distinction): “Democratic Civic Engagement? Business Associations and ‘Making Democracy Work’ in Thailand and Indonesia”

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Emory University (USA), 1995

- Highest honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Regime Change

Globalization and Development

Ethnic Fragmentation and Growth

Poverty and Democracy

Foreign Aid

Democratic Institutions

TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development

International Political Economy

The Politics of Foreign Aid

Comparative Democratization

Latin American Politics

International Institutions

Positive Political Theory

Political Applications of Game Theory

Introductory Statistics

Cross-National Time-Series Analysis

Research Design

Scope and Methods in Political Science

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Books/Articles/Chapters/Reviews

- Forthcoming. “Oil, Non-Tax Revenue, and the Redistributive Foundations of Regime Stability”. *International Organization*.
2007. “Inequality and Deliberative Development: Revisiting Bolivia’s Experience with the PRSP” (with Matthew M. Singer). *Development Policy Review* 25(6): 721-740.
2007. “Natural Resources, Aid, and Democratization: A Best-Case Scenario.” *Public Choice* 131: 365-386.
2007. “Review of *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson.” *Democratization* 14: 331-2.
2005. “Aid Effectiveness: The World Bank and Japan.” In David Arase, ed. *Japanese ODA in the New Millennium*. London: Routledge.
2004. “The Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Bolivia, June 2002” (with Matthew M. Singer). *Electoral Studies* 23(1): 172-182.
1999. “A Radical Approach to Development Assistance” (with Ravi Kanbur and Todd Sandler). *Development Outreach* 1(2): 15-17.
1999. *The Future of Development Assistance: Common Pools and International Public Goods* (with Ravi Kanbur and Todd Sandler). Policy Essay No. 25. Washington, DC: Overseas Development Council and Johns Hopkins University Press.
1998. “The UN and Development” (with Catherine Gwin). In John Tessimore and Susan Woolfson, eds., *A Global Agenda: Issues Before the 53rd General Assembly of the United Nations*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Unpublished Papers

- “Intergovernmental Transfers and Electoral Outcomes: Quasi-experimental Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities, 1982-1989” (with Stephan Litschig). Prepared for the meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2008.
- “What Can We Learn about the Management of Natural Resources from the Management of Foreign Aid?” Prepared for a meeting of Columbia University’s Africa Task Force (see below under “Other Experience”). Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 2008.
- “Determining the Political Determinants of World Bank Aid.” Presented at the meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 2008.
- “Ethnic Fragmentation, Electoral Institutions, and Poverty Reduction”. Presented at the 2006 Workshop on Democracy and Poverty at Duke University.

Op-eds/Policy Pieces

- “Mexico Is Still Weighing Its Vote”, *Raleigh News & Observer*, July 12, 2006.
- “Donors Need More ‘Bang for Their Buck’” Letter to the Editor, *Financial Times*, Dec. 8, 2003.
- “Rich Country Trade Barriers Work to Keep Developing Countries Poor.” Op-ed, *Durham Herald-Sun*, Nov. 9, 2001.
- “The Right Role for the IMF in Development” (with John W. Sewell and Nancy Birdsall). *ODC Viewpoint*. Washington, DC: Overseas Development Council, May 2000.
- “We’ll Be 9 Billion Soon, So Start Getting Ready” (with John W. Sewell). Op-ed, *International Herald Tribune*, Oct. 30-31, 1999.

SELECTED HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, 2007-08

Non-Resident Fellow, The Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, 2007-08

Evan Frankel Fellowship, 2006-07. Competitive fellowship from Duke University Graduate School for tuition and stipend while writing dissertation.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2005-06

- To fund travel and expenses for dissertation fieldwork.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, 2005-06

- Tuition and stipend for academic year.

Duke University Vertical Integration Grant, Summer 2005

- To fund an undergraduate research assistant for the summer.

Duke University Graduate Award for International Research, 2005

Best Theme Paper Award, Program for the Study of Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy (DIPE), Duke University, 2004

- For my paper entitled “A Unified Model of World Bank Lending to Africa”

Graduate Research & Training Fellowship, Duke Center for International Studies, 2004

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2001

- Three-year, merit-based, fellowship for graduate study

James B. Duke Fellowship, 2001

- Five-year, merit-based fellowship from Duke University for graduate study

Robert W. Woodruff Scholarship, Emory University

- Four-year, merit-based undergraduate full scholarship

Phi Beta Kappa, Elected Fall 1994.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Member, Africa Task Force, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University

- Current: Group of academics and policymakers focused on African development, directed by Kwesi Botchwey and Joseph Stiglitz.

Fellow, Overseas Development Council (ODC), Washington, DC

- March 1998-Dec. 2000 (Research Analyst until Aug. 2000): Focus on international development cooperation (including development assistance and debt relief) and international financial institutions.

Consultant, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC

- May-October 2004: Co-directed and authored report on U.S. policy towards multilateral development assistance.

Consultant, The World Bank, Development Economics Research Group, Washington, DC

- Oct. 1999-Sept. 2000: Co-author of World Bank’s *World Development Report 2000/01: Attacking Poverty* (Oxford University Press, 2000).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Duke University, 2002-2003

- Spearheaded initiative to revise training in statistical methods.

Peer Reviewer

- *Comparative Political Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, and Public Choice*