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## Employment

University of Connecticut

- Assistant Professor, Political Science Starting Fall 2007

## Education

Ph.D. CANDIDATE, POLITICAL SCIENCE 2001-Present

- Duke University
- Dissertation: The Electoral Politics of Vulnerability and the Incentives to Cast an Economic Vote
- Dissertation Committee: Karen Remmer (Chair), Herbert Kitschelt, John Aldrich.
- Expected Graduation Date: August 2007.
  - *Fields*: Comparative Politics and Methods

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE, *with distinction* 2004

- Duke University

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE, *Summa Cum Laude* 2001

- Brigham Young University

## Publications: Articles and Notes

“Inequality and Deliberative Development: Revisiting Bolivia's Experience with the PRSP.” Development Policy Review (forthcoming 2007)

“The 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Bolivia,” Electoral Studies 26 (March 2007): 200-205.

“The 2004 presidential and parliamentary elections in Panama,” Electoral Studies 24 (September 2005): 531-7.

“The 2002 presidential and parliamentary Elections in Bolivia,” Electoral Studies 23 (March 2004): 172-182. (with Kevin Morrison).

## Publications: Chapters

“Targeting Success: The Enduring Power of the NRA.” In Interest Group Politics, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis, eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press (2006). (With Kelly D. Patterson)

“Trends in Opinion Research in New Democracies: Professionalization and Quality Control?” Public Opinion and Polling Around the World, ed. John Geer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2005): 477-84. (With Thomas Scotto)

“Survey Research In Established Democracies: Towards (or Closer to) a Science of Public Opinion?” Public Opinion and Polling Around the World, ed. John Geer. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2005): 491-6. (With Thomas Scotto)

“The National Rifle Association in the Face of the Clinton Challenge,” In Interest Group Politics, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis, eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press (2002). (With Kelly D. Patterson)

### **Papers Under Review**

“Municipal Governance and Poverty: Evidence from Bolivia,” Under Review and Resubmit at *World Development*.

### **Working Papers**

“Perceptions of Economic Inequality and Presidential Approval: Evidence from Argentina.” Working Paper #5, Observatory on Inequality in Latin America, University of Miami. (With Guillermo Rosas)

### **Research Interests**

I am generally interested in the mechanisms of political accountability and representation, especially how voters define their priorities and then form judgments of policy outcomes and responsibility for them. My dissertation research focuses on the first question, looking at how voters’ economic positions (e.g. contract situation, eligibility for welfare benefits, income level, and job-security) shape their interests in macroeconomic outcomes such as growth, job creation, and inequality. I am also interested in how patterns of party competition and electoral competition and also formal institutions shape these processes and the subsequent policy choices made by elected officials. While my fieldwork has been in Latin America, my dissertation also draws on a cross-national dataset of public opinion surveys and aggregate election results.

### **Fieldwork**

Summer 2006 Mexico City, Mexico  
Spring 2006 Lima, Peru.  
Winter 2006 Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
Summer 2005 Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Summer 2002 La Paz and Cochabamba, Bolivia

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant for Dr. Karen Remmer, Duke (2001-2004)  
Questionnaire designer KBYU Utah College Exit Poll (2000)  
Research Assistant for Dr. Kelly Patterson, BYU (1999-2001)  
Research Assistant for Dr. Daniel Nielson, BYU (2000)

## **Teaching Interests:**

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Latin American Politics, Public Opinion and Political Behavior, Comparative Political Parties, Democratic Institutions, Introduction to Political Science Methodology, Maximum Likelihood Estimation.

## **Teaching Experience:**

### *Instructor*

CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS (PS 137)  
Lecture Course, Summer 2004, Fall 2004  
Department of Political Science, Duke University

CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE (PS 199B)  
Seminar Course, Spring 2007  
Department of Political Science, Duke University

### *Teaching Assistant*

WEST EUROPEAN POLITICS (PS 136)  
Professor Herbert Kitschelt, Spring 2005  
Department of Political Science, Duke University

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD (PS 147)  
Professor Margaret McKean, Fall 2003  
Department of Political Science, Duke University

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS BEYOND BORDERS (PS 148)  
Professor Margaret McKean, Spring 2004  
Department of Political Science, Duke University

INTRO TO AMERICAN POLITICS (PS 91)  
Professor David Paletz, Fall 2002  
Department of Political Science, Duke University

ANCIENT POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (PS 201)  
Damon Linker, Winter 1999  
Department of Political Science, BYU

## **Language Skills:**

SPANISH: Fluency in reading, writing, and speaking

**Professional Service:**

Reviewer: Comparative Political Studies, Public Choice.

**Awards and Fellowships:**

- Bass Instructorship, Duke University (2006-2007)
- Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship in the Areas of Democratic Governance and Human Welfare in South America (2005-2006)
- Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, Duke University (2006)
- Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, Duke University (2005)
- Pass with Distinction, Comparative and Methods Field Exams (2004)
- Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Competition (2001, 2002)
- James B. Duke Fellow, Duke University (2001-2005)
- Valedictorian, Political Science Department, BYU (2001)
- ORCA Undergraduate Research Grant, BYU (2001)
- Best Undergraduate Paper Award, Southwest Political Science Association (2001)
- Howard W. Hunter Presidential Scholarship, BYU (1995-2001)