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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley (Political Science, 2006)
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley (Economics, 2006; Political Science, 2002)
- M.A. Stanford University (Latin American Studies, 2000)
- B.A. Brown University (Independent/Politics, 1996, with highest honors).

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Berkeley (July 2013-present)

Robson Professor of Political Science
Director, Center on the Politics of Development (CPD)

Yale University (July 2006-June 2013)

Professor of Political Science (February 2013-June 2013)
Associate Professor of Political Science (July 2009-January 2013)
(With tenure, July 2010-February 2013; without tenure, July 2009-June 2010)
Assistant Professor of Political Science (July 2006-June 2009)
Co-Director, Leitner Program in Political Economy (July 2012-June 2013)
Fellow, MacMillan Center; Affiliated Faculty, Institution for Social and Policy Studies

RESEARCH—PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING

Books

Brokers, Voters, and Clientelism: The Puzzle of Distributive Politics. 2013. Cambridge University Press (with Susan Stokes, Marcelo Nazareno, and Valeria Brusco).

Natural Experiments in the Social Sciences: A Design-Based Approach. 2012. Cambridge University Press.

Awards for *Natural Experiments in the Social Sciences*: Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section of the American Political Science Association

Crude Democracy: Natural Resource Wealth and Political Regimes. 2008. Cambridge University Press.

Awards for *Crude Democracy*: Best Book Award, Comparative Democratization Section of APSA (2009); Gaddis Smith Prize, for the best first book on an

international subject by a Yale faculty member (2009); Mancur Olson Award for the best dissertation in previous two years (Political Economy Section of APSA, 2008).

Journal Articles

- “Ethnic Quotas and Political Mobilization: Caste, Parties, and Distribution in Indian Village Councils.” 2013. *American Political Science Review* 107 (1): 35-56 (with Janhavi Nilekani).
- “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:

- “Natural and Field Experiments in the Study of Latin American Politics.” 2012. In Peter Kingstone and Deborah Yashar, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Latin American Politics*. Routledge (Taylor & Francis).
- “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.
- “Direct Action and Associational Participation: Problem-Solving Repertoires of Individuals.” 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:

- “Instrumental Variables.” 2011. In Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Leonardo Morlino, eds., *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Sage.
- “Does Blocking Reduce Attrition Bias?” 2011. Newsletter of the Experimental Section of the American Political Science Association, May 2011.
- “Review of Jared Diamond and James Robinson, eds., *Natural Experiments of History*.” 2011. *Perspectives on Politics* 9: 201-2.
- “Review of James Habyarimana, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N. Posner, and Jeremy M. Weinstein, *Coethnicity: Diversity and the Dilemmas of Collective Action*.” 2011. *Political Science Quarterly*. 126 (1): 161-3.
- “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:

“Improving Process Tracing: The Case of Multi-Method Research.” To be included in Andrew Bennett and Jeffrey Checkel, *Process Tracing in the Social Sciences: From Metaphor to Analytic Tool*. Under contract, Cambridge University Press.

“Do Quotas Promote Ethnic Solidarity? Field and Natural Experimental Evidence from India.” Revise and Resubmit from the *American Journal of Political Science*.

“Race, Class, and Representation in Brazil.” Working Paper (with Natalia Bueno).

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

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Best Book Award (Co-Winner, 2013), for *Natural Experiments in the Social Science*
Experimental Research Section of the American Political Science Association
Runner-Up, Award for Best Paper Published on African Politics in 2010, African Politics
Conference Group of the APSA/MPSA/ISA/ASA (with Lauren Harrison)

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

Best Book Award (2009), for *Crude Democracy*
Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association

Gaddis Smith International Book Prize (2009), for *Crude Democracy*
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 in 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

Undergraduate:

Cause and Effect: Research Methods in the Social Sciences (Fall 2012)

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)

Graduate:

Research & Writing (Fall-Spring 2012)
Comparative Politics I: Research Design (Spring 2011)
PLSC 503: Quantitative Methods (Linear Regression) (Spring 2010, 2012)
Formal Models of Comparative Politics (Spring 2007, Fall 2009, Fall 2012)

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 (2005-2012).

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Taught short courses on natural experiments and research design at the annual meetings of APSA (2005-2011).

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, World Politics

Discussant, Book-in-Progress Workshops

Stephen Kaplan (George Washington University); Kate Baldwin (University of Florida/Yale, January 17, 2013); Gabi Kruks-Wisner (Boston College/Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, September 28, 2013).

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 and Board 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, 2013)

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

University of Chicago, Methodological Innovations series, October 31, 2013 (planned)
Universidade de São Paulo, October 17, 2013 (planned)
New York University, Political Economy Workshop, December 14, 2012
Harvard University, Latin American Politics Workshop, October 16, 2012
University of California, Berkeley, Political Science Department, May 2, 2012
University of British Columbia, Experiments in Development Workshop, March 19, 2012
Columbia University, Political Economy Seminar, December 5, 2011
Harvard University, Ruling Politics Conference, November 21, 2011
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