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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley / Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Berkeley, CA
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) July 2017 - *present*
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center on the Politics of Development (CPD) July 2017 - *present*

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA
Political Science May 2018
Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology and Formal Theory, Latin American Politics
Advisors: Ruth Berins Collier (co-chair), Thad Dunning (co-chair), Leonardo Arriola, Pradeep Chhibber, David Collier, Edward Miguel (Economics)

M.A. **University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA
Political Science May 2012

M.A. **School of International Service (SIS), American University** Washington, DC
International Affairs: International Politics, *with distinction* May 2011
Specialization: International Organization; Related field: International Peace and Conflict Resolution

Dickinson College Carlisle, PA
Undergraduate study abroad year August 2008 - May 2009

B.A. **University of Bremen** Bremen, Germany
Political Science / Law June 2009

BOOK PROJECT

Creating Partisans: The Organizational Roots of New Parties in Latin America

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground: Parameter Sensitivity and Confirmation Bias in fsQCA,” with Chris Kroglund and Donghyun Danny Choi, *Political Analysis* 23 (1), Winter 2015, pp. 21-41.
“Venezuelan Oil Diplomacy and Voting in the U.N. General Assembly,” *Journal of International Service* (20), Spring 2011, pp. 85-107.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Morales: Continuity and Change,” *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2015, pp. 77-79.
“Inequality - A Challenge for Prosperity,” *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Fall 2012, pp. 7-9.

WORKING PAPERS

“Citizens’ Views of Programmatic and Clientelistic Social Benefits in Mexico,” with Candelaria Garay and Brian Palmer-Rubin.
“Amassing Support: Vote Choice and Partisanship in New Parties,” under review.
“Incentives for Organizational Participation: A Recruitment Experiment in Mexico,” with Candelaria Garay and Brian Palmer-Rubin, under review.
“Institutional Capacity for Compliance: Domestic Compliance with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights”

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Beyond Ethnicity? The Political Construction of Ethnic Identities in Bolivia”
- “Class Revisited: Exploring the Persistence of Class Cleavages in Latin America”
- “Corruption and Political Participation: Evidence from Two Natural Experiments,” with Nan Zhang.
- “From Sugar to Representation: The Rise of Programmatic Politics in Clientelist Systems”
- “Identity, Assimilation, and Discrimination Against Immigrants: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Germany,” with Donghyun Danny Choi and Nicholas Sambanis.
- “Organizing the Vote: Interest Organizations and Party-Voter Linkages in Mexico,” with Candelaria Garay and Brian Palmer-Rubin.
- “Religion, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants: A Field Experiment in Germany,” with Donghyun Danny Choi and Nicholas Sambanis.
- “Representation and Party Building: Evidence from a Party Candidate Lottery in Mexico”
- “Rupture of Representation? Political Elite Survival After Party System Collapse,” with Mariana Giusti-Rodriguez.

GRANTS

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| Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Medium Research Grant,
Harvard University, with Candelaria Garay and Brian Palmer-Rubin (\$25,000) | 2017 - 2018 |
| UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant (\$11,990) | 2016 - 2018 |
| National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$23,530) | 2016 - 2017 |
| Center on the Politics of Development Research Grant, UC Berkeley (\$6,500) | 2015 - 2017 |
| Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley | 2013, 2017 |
| Graduate Assembly Travel Award, UC Berkeley | 2016 |
| Departmental Travel Grant, UC Berkeley | 2013, 2014, 2016 |
| Tinker Field Research Grant (\$1,643) | 2013 |

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| University of California Dissertation-Year Fellowship | 2017 - 2018 |
| Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley | Fall 2015, Fall 2017 |
| John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley | 2016 - 2017 |
| Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley | 2016 - 2017 |
| Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (for Dissertation Research in Spanish) | 2016 - 2017 |
| Departmental & Graduate Division Fellowships, UC Berkeley | 2011 - 2017 |
| Departmental Summer Research Stipend, UC Berkeley | 2016 |
| Mentored Research Award, UC Berkeley | 2014 - 2015 |
| Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship (for Portuguese) | 2014 |
| Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley | 2013, 2014 |
| Best Thesis Award, IP Graduate Student Research Conference, SIS, American University | 2011 |
| DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Graduate Scholarship | 2010 - 2011 |
| School of International Service Graduate Research Award | 2010 |
| Dickinson College Overseas Student Assistant Fellowship | 2008 - 2009 |
| Friedrich Ebert Foundation Fellowship | 2007 - 2011 |

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

NYU Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Winter Experimental Social Science Institute	January 2016
Consortium for Qualitative Research Methods	Syracuse, NY
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	June 2014
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research	Berkeley, CA
Summer Institute on Transparency Practices for Empirical Social Science Research	June 2014

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Stanford-Berkeley Political Economy Working Group, October 2017.

Comparative Politics Colloquium, UC Berkeley, September 2017.

Center on the Politics of Development Faculty/Graduate Working Group, UC Berkeley, September 2017.

Seminar on Development Politics & Impact Evaluation, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, May 2017.

Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Spring Seminar, UC Berkeley, April 2017.

Center on the Politics of Development Faculty/Graduate Working Group, UC Berkeley, April 2017.

Development Economics Research Workshop, UC Berkeley, March 2017.

Center on the Politics of Development Faculty/Graduate Working Group, UC Berkeley, August 2016.

Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, January 2016.

Center on the Politics of Development Faculty/Graduate Working Group, UC Berkeley, August 2015.

Development Economics Research Workshop, UC Berkeley, August 2015.

Workshop for Work in Progress, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, July 2015.

Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, June 2015.

Faculty/Graduate Working Group, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley, April 2015.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, NY, June 2014.

Workshop on Case Study and Medium-N Analysis, University of Texas, Austin, May 2013.

Workshop on Small-N/Medium-N Analysis, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, UC Berkeley, March 2013.

Workshop on Medium-N Analysis, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, UC Berkeley, November 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2018 (scheduled).

Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Mini-Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2017.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2017.

European Political Science Association Annual General Conference, Milan, Italy, June 2017.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

“A New Critical Juncture? Changing Patterns of Interest Representation and Regime Politics in Contemporary Latin America,” Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, April 2014.

4th Annual Graduate Conference of the Cluster of Excellence “The Formation of Normative Orders,” Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main, December 2013.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2013.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, virtually due to conference cancellation, September 2012.

International Studies Association-West Annual Conference, Pasadena, CA, September 2011.

International Politics Graduate Student Research Conference, School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC, April 2011.

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, UC Berkeley	August 2012 - May 2018
Mentor, Undergraduate Fellows Program, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley	2016 - <i>present</i>
Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley	Fall 2014 - <i>present</i>
Undergraduate Thesis Co-Advisor in Political Science, UC Berkeley	Fall 2016 - Spring 2017
Graduate Student Instructor, Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley	
<i>Civil Conflict and International Intervention</i> (upper-division undergraduate course)	Spring 2014
<i>Introduction to Comparative Politics</i> (introductory undergraduate course)	Spring 2013
<i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (introductory undergraduate course)	Fall 2012
Mentor, Summer Research Opportunity Program, UC Berkeley	Summer 2013
Teaching Assistant, German Department, Dickinson College	Fall 2008 - Spring 2009

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
Research Associate	May 2014 - <i>present</i>
Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
Research Fellow	August 2013 - May 2018
Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)	Mexico City, Mexico
Visiting Professor	March - July 2016
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)	Mexico City, Mexico
Visiting Scholar	March - July 2016
Postgrado en Ciencias del Desarrollo (CIDES), Universidad Mayor de San Andrés	La Paz, Bolivia
Visiting Researcher	September - December 2014 & January - February 2016
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales - FLACSO Ecuador	Quito, Ecuador
Visiting Researcher	September - December 2015
Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Berlin, Germany
Guest Researcher	May - July 2015

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Professor Thad Dunning, UC Berkeley	2015
Research Assistant, Professor Ruth Berins Collier, UC Berkeley	2014 - 2015
Research Assistant, Professor David Collier, UC Berkeley	2012
Research Assistant, Professor Harley Shaiken, UC Berkeley	2012
Research Assistant, Professor Eric Hershberg, American University	2010
Research Assistant, Dr. Kathrin Leuze & Dr. Anja Jakobi, University of Bremen	2007 - 2008

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES-ILDIS)	Quito, Ecuador
External Evaluator, Foundation's Activities with Labor Unions in Ecuador	January - May 2016
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)/Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)	
Evaluation Design Consultant	January - February 2016
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	La Paz, Bolivia
Statistical Consultant	October - December 2014
Organization of American States (OAS)	La Paz and Santa Cruz, Bolivia
International Election Observer	October 2014
Open Door International	Cologne, Germany
Vice-Chairman	May 2007 - April 2013
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany	Washington, DC
Intern in the Economics Department	July - August 2010

European Parliament Intern in the Vice-President's Office	Brussels, Belgium February - April 2008
Amanecer Bolivia Social Work Volunteer	Cochabamba, Bolivia September 2005 - May 2006
Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament) Intern	Berlin, Germany October 2004
European Parliament Intern	Brussels, Belgium August - September 2004

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE DISCIPLINE

Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley Selection Committee Member for the Undergraduate Fellows Program	Berkeley, CA 2016 - 2018
Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley Co-Organizer, Working Group on State-Society Relations in Latin America	Berkeley, CA Fall 2013 - Spring 2015
Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley Admitted Students Visit Days Coordinator	Berkeley, CA Spring 2014
School of International Service (SIS), American University Graduate Student Representative on Two Search Committees for Tenure-Track Positions	Washington, DC Fall 2010
Referee for <i>Political Analysis</i>	

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficiency in ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Python (basic), Qualtrics, R, SPSS, Stata, z-Tree

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: near-native speaker; German: native speaker; Spanish: fluent command; Portuguese: advanced knowledge; Latin: solid translation proficiency; Italian: basic knowledge

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Argentina (January 2014)
 Bolivia (January - March 2016, September - December 2014, January 2014, September 2005 - May 2006)
 Brazil (July - August 2014)
 Chile (January 2006)
 Colombia (June 2010)
 Ecuador (October - November 2016, April 2016, September - December 2015, July 2008)
 Israel/West Bank (May - June 2010)
 Mexico (June - July 2018, December 2017, May - August 2017, February 2017, March - July 2016, January 2013, May 2011, July - August 2009, May 2009, July 2008, December 2007 - January 2008, July - August 2004, October - November 2003, May - June 2003)
 Nicaragua (July - August 2005)
 Peru (January 2006)
 Venezuela (January 2009)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
 Organized Section for Comparative Politics
 Organized Section for Experimental Research
 Organized Section for Political Methodology
 Organized Section for Political Organizations & Parties
 Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
 European Political Science Association (EPSA)
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

REFERENCES

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