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TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2006 - Present.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL,
CENTER FOR GLOBALIZATION AND GOVERNANCE
Research Fellow, 2005 - 2006.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Visiting Scholar (honorary position), 2005 - 2006.

STANFORD INSTITUTE FOR THE QUANTITATIVE STUDY OF SOCIETY

Head Research Assistant, 2004 - 2005; Research Assistant 2002 - 2004.

EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2005.

M.A. in Economics, 2005.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

B.Sc. in Engineering Sciences (Environmental), honors program, March 1996.

RESEARCH

More than Winning: The Strategic Logic of Electoral Manipulation, book manuscript, in process.

“Empty Promises? Development Spending and the Incentives of Local Governments: A Study of the 3x1 Program in Mexico,” with Juan Fernando Ibarra, Jose Antonio Hernandez, Lauren Duquette and Andrea Escobedo, working paper (2009).

“Can International Election Monitoring Harm Governance?” with Daniela Donno, under review at *American Journal of Political Science* (2009).

“Unintended Consequences of Election Monitoring,” chapter in Alvarez, Hall and Hyde, 2008, *Election Fraud: Detecting and Deterring Electoral*

Manipulation, Brookings.

“Cheating Big: On the Logic of Electoral Corruption in Developing Countries,” working paper (2008).

“The Measurement of Electoral Corruption: Some Issues and a Cross-National Dataset,” working paper (2008).

“Development, Electoral Manipulation and Turnout in Mexico under the PRI,” working paper (2007).

“Electoral Fraud and Development in Mexico: A State-Level Analysis Using Reform-Induced Discontinuity in PRI Support,” working paper (2006).

“Electoral Observation,” working paper (2006).

“International Influences on the Quality of Elections,” working paper (2006).

“Comparing the Results of Probability and Non-Probability Sample Surveys” (with Doug Rivers, Jon Krosnick, Matt Levendusky, and LinChiat Chang), presented by Krosnick at the 2005 American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Meeting, Miami, FL.

“Education and Social Outcomes: Human Capital vs. Sorting Explanations,” with Norman Nie (Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society), working paper.

“What do American internet users do online? Analysis of the Knowledge Networks Panel Survey,” with Norman Nie, Lu Zheng, and Irena Stepanikova (Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society), working paper.

Dataset on Electoral Manipulation, cross country for 1990-2007 (2006-2009).

Dataset on Municipal Government in Mexico, municipality-level for 1988-2007, with Juan Fernando Ibarra, Jose Antonio Hernandez, Lauren Duquette and Andrea Escobedo (2009).

Dataset on International Election Monitoring and Governance, cross-country for 1990-2007, with Daniela Donno (2008).

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Comparative Politics Workshop, March 2009.

Peking University, China Center for Economic Research, Ronald Coase

Institute Workshop (faculty and presenter) December 2008.

Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar, October 2008.

Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, invited course lecture on political economy of development. June 2008.

Political Economy in Chicago Conference, organized jointly by University of Chicago and Northwestern University, Gleacher Center, May 2008.

Singapore National University, Ronald Coase Institute Workshop, Singapore (faculty and presenter) January 2008.

University of British Columbia, Peter Wall Center for Advanced Studies, Corruption and Democracy Conference, June 2007.

Elections and Political Identities in New Democracies Conference, Yale University / Yale Program on Democracy (discussant) April 2007

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Political Economy Colloquium, April 2007

University of Chicago, Political Economy Workshop, February 2007

University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Ronald Coase Institute Alumni Conference, Chicago, IL, December 2006

U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, IL, November 2006

MIT-Utah Vote Fraud Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, September 2006

International Society for New Institutional Economics, Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, September 2006

Ronald Coase Institute Workshop (faculty), Boulder, CO, September 2006

Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, March 2006

Yale University, Comparative Politics Seminar, November 2005

Princeton University, International Relations Colloquium, November 2005

Stanford Graduate School of Business, Political Economy Workshop, November 2004

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Empty Promises? Development Spending and the Incentives of Local Governments: A Study of the 3x1 Program in Mexico,” Midwest Political

Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, 2009

“Cheating Big: On the Logic of Electoral Corruption in Developing Countries,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008

“Unintended Consequences of Election Monitoring: Theory and Empirics,” with Daniela Donno, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008

“International Influences on the Quality of Elections,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, 2006

“Strategic Incentives for Electoral Corruption,” presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C. Also presented at the 2005 Pacific Conference for Development Economics, San Francisco, CA.

“Making Votes Not Count: Expectations and Electoral Corruption,” presented at the 2004 American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Are Close Elections More Likely to be Corrupt? IV and Matching Estimates on Cross-National Data,” poster presented at the 2004 Society for Political Methodology Meeting, Stanford, CA.

“The Manipulation of Mass Elections: Corruption, Expectations, and Turnout,” presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL

RESEARCH GRANTS

Center for International Studies, Norman Wait Harris Grant, University of Chicago, June 2009.

Center for Latin American Studies, Junior Faculty Mini Grant, University of Chicago, June 2008.

Division of Social Sciences Research Grant, University of Chicago, July 2007.

Division of Social Sciences Research Grant, University of Chicago, July 2006.

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, Spring 2005.

Graduate Research Opportunity Award (field research), Stanford Humanities and Sciences Dean’s Office, Summer 2003.

Center for Latin American Studies Summer Research Grant (field

research), Stanford University, Summer 2003.

SHORT COURSES

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, participant, University of California Berkeley, 2005.

Ronald Coase Institute Fellow, Barcelona, September 2005.

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Undemocratic Elections (PhD seminar)

Political Economy of Development: Selected Topics (PhD seminar)

Research Approaches in Political Science (PhD seminar)

Introduction to the Political Economy of Development (undergraduate lecture course)

Social Science Inquiry (undergraduate lecture course)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY – TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Politics and Development in Latin America (Professor Robert Packenham, 1999).

Political Economy of Development (Professor Alberto Díaz-Cayeros, 2000).

Politics of Welfare State Expansion and Reform (Professor Isabela Mares, 2000).

Organizations and Public Policy (Professor Jon Bendor, 2001).

Introduction to International Relations (Professor Michael Tomz, 2001).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

American Economic Association

International Society for New Institutional Economics

Bay Area Development Economics Association

International Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for American Political Science Review, Perspectives on Politics, TESS (Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences)

University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies, Steering Committee

University of Chicago Committee on International Relations, Faculty Associate

University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies, Faculty Associate

University of Chicago Katz Center for Mexican Studies, Faculty Associate

Tinker Visiting Professorship Committee, University of Chicago, 2006-07 and 2007-08

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Analyst, McKinsey & Company, 1996-1998.

Projects: Fuels policy, optimization modeling of Mexican energy sector, financial valuation of public companies. Hugo García Prize, 1998 (Awarded to one member of Analyst class).

LANGUAGES

Fluent Spanish, English, Hebrew; basic French.

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