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TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2006 - Present.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, HOOVER INSTITUTION
National Fellow, Winter 2011.

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: Why Parties and Governments Manipulate Elections, book manuscript. Under review at Cambridge University Press.

“Can International Election Monitoring Harm Governance?” with Daniela Donno. Forthcoming in *Journal of Politics*.

“The Manipulation of Social Spending by Local Government: A Study of the 3x1 Program in Mexico,” with Juan Fernando Ibarra, Jose Antonio Hernandez, and Lauren Duquette, under review at *Latin American Research Review*.

“Does Electoral Manipulation Discourage Voter Turnout? Evidence from Mexico.” Under review at *Journal of Politics*.

“Electoral Manipulation as Bureaucratic Control,” with Scott Gehlbach,

working paper (2011).

“The Political Origins of Sub-National Democracy and Authoritarianism,” with Juan Fernando Ibarra, working paper (2011).

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

“Comparing the Accuracy of RDD Telephone Surveys and Internet Surveys Conducted with Probability and Non-Probability Samples,” with John Krosnick and others. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 75(4): 709-747 (Winter 2011).

“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).

“Electoral Observation,” working paper (2006).

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

“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.

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

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

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

International Anti-Corruption Summit, Bogotá, Colombia December 2011.

University of California Los Angeles Comparative Politics Seminar. March 2011.

Asian Development Bank, Conference on Development Issues in Asia, Manila, Philippines, January 2011.

University of Chicago, Gleacher Center, Ronald Coase Institute Workshop. May 2011.

Harvard-MIT Political Economy Seminar. April 2010.

Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University. February 2010.

Higher School of Economics, Moscow State University, Ronald Coase Institute Workshop (faculty and presenter). May 2010

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

Book Conference for *More than Winning* sponsored by Princeton University, Niehaus Center, November 2009.

“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

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

Political Economy of Corruption and Development (PhD seminar)

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)

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES (BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA)

Corruption, Government and Development (Summer 2011)

Corruption Causes, Consequences and Strategies (Programa de Alto Gobierno, Summer 2011)

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

Latin American Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, World Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Journal of Latin American Politics, TESS (Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences)

University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies, Steering Committee

University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies, Faculty Associate

University of Chicago Katz Center for Mexican Studies, Faculty Associate

University of Chicago Committee on International Relations, Faculty Associate
2006-2009

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

Lecturer in Latin American Studies Search Committee, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, 2006-07 and 2007-08

Goettler Political Institutions Prize committee, April 2007

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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