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EMPLOYMENT

University of Chicago

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2012-

Stanford Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL)

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2011-12

EDUCATION

Stanford University

Ph.D. in Political Science, September 2011

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Methodology

Dissertation: "Political Regimes and Redistribution"

Committee: David Laitin (chair), Jonathan Rodden, James Fearon, Stephen Haber

Fieldwork: Peru and Bolivia (June-August 2008); Venezuela and Colombia (Jan.-April 2009);

Colombia and Ecuador (April-June 2011)

Language Skills: Spanish (highly proficient); French (intermediate)

University of Michigan

B.S. in Political Science, high honors, 2005

B.S.E. in Electrical Engineering, *summa cum laude*, 2005

B.S. in Mathematical Sciences, 2005

BOOK PROJECT

Autocracy and Redistribution: The Politics of Land Reform. Forthcoming at Cambridge University Press in the Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics series.

PUBLICATIONS

"Explaining Patterns of Redistribution Under Autocracy: The Case of Peru's Revolution from Above." 2015. *Latin American Research Review* 50(2).

"Dealing with Dictators: Negotiated Democratization and the Fate of Outgoing Autocrats." 2014. Co-authored with Victor Menaldo. *International Studies Quarterly* 58(3): 550-65.

"Gaming Democracy: Elite Dominance During Transition and the Prospects for Redistribution." 2014. Co-authored with Victor Menaldo. *British Journal of Political Science* 44(3): 575-603.

"The Political Economy of Autocratic Constitutions." 2014. Co-authored with Victor Menaldo. In Tom Ginsburg and Alberto Simpser, eds. *Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 5, pp. 53-82.

"Vote Buying with Multiple Distributive Goods." 2013. *Comparative Political Studies* 46(9): 1082-1111.

"Land Reform as a Counterinsurgency Policy: Evidence from Colombia." 2013. Co-authored with Oliver Kaplan. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(2): 198-231.

"Dictators as Founding Fathers? The Role of Constitutions Under Autocracy." 2012. Co-authored with Victor Menaldo. *Economics & Politics* 24(3): 279-306.

"If You're Against Them You're With Us: The Effect of Expropriation on Autocratic Survival." 2012. Co-authored with Victor Menaldo. *Comparative Political Studies* 45: 973-1003.

"Coercive Capacity and the Prospects for Democratization." 2012. Co-authored with Victor Menaldo. *Comparative Politics* 19(2): 151-69.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

"The Role of Local Politicians in Distributive Politics." *Under review*.

"Authoritarian Survival and Poverty Traps: Land Reform in Mexico." Co-authored with Beatriz Magaloni, Barry Weingast, and Alberto Diaz-Cayeros. *Under review*.

"Coercive Distribution: Authoritarian Public Goods in Ethnically Divided Societies." Co-authored with Sofia Fenner and Dan Slater. *Under review*.

"Land Inequality and Rural Unrest: Theory and Evidence from Brazil." Co-authored with Thomas Brambor and Ricardo Ceneviva.

"The Social Origins of Democracy Reconsidered."

"Regime Types and Distributive Politics." Co-authored with Victor Menaldo. Invited by the *Annual Review of Political Science*.

"Democracy and Macroeconomic Policy." Co-authored with Victor Menaldo.

"Autocratic Cabinet Volatility and Democratic Transitions."

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Research Grant for data collection on fate of former dictators, 2014.

University of Chicago Center in Beijing Grant for international conference in Beijing in summer 2015, "The Politics of Land Reform and Development," 2014.

University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Research Grant for data collection on land reform, 2013.

Hewlett Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, 2011-12.

Bradley Graduate Research Predoctoral Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), 2010-11.

O'Bie Shultz Dissertation Completion Grant, 2010-11.

Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation (SCICN) Grant for fieldwork in Colombia, 2010.

Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation Graduate Fellow, 2009-10.

Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity Grant for research assistance on coding Bolivia and Peru land data from Stanford Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, 2009.

Ayacucho Foundation Grant for fieldwork in Venezuela (January-April 2009) from Stanford Center for Latin American Studies, 2008.

Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity Grant for Venezuela and Colombia fieldwork (January-April 2009) from Stanford Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, 2008.

Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity (GRO) Grant for fieldwork in Peru and Bolivia (June-August 2008), 2008.

John E. Sawyer Graduate Fellow at the Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality (SCSPI), 2007-8.

Melvin and Joan Lane Stanford Graduate Fellowship, 2006-10.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS, AND LECTURES

"Autocracy and Redistribution: The Politics of Land Reform," presented at the conference "New Knowledge Frontiers in Political Economy," Institute of Political Science of the Pontificia Universidad Católica in Santiago, Chile, June 2014, at the conference "Causes and Consequences of Socio-Economic Inequality," Washington University in St. Louis, MO, May 2014, and at the University of Illinois Comparative Politics Workshop, Urbana-Champaign, IL, April 2013.

"Democratic Design 'Flaws': Upending Autocratic Legacies," presented at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2014.

"Democracy and the Threat of Redistribution in Latin America," presented at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 2011, at Australia National University, January 2011, at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, November 2010, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, November 2010, at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, November 2010, at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008, and at the Stanford Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford, CA, January 2008.

"A Revolution for Whom?: Measuring Political Bias in the Venezuelan Land Reform Using *Maisanta*," presented at the University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Chicago, IL, April 2013, Stanford's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, December 2011, at the Symposium on "Venezuela from the Neutral Ground", Tulane

University, January 2011, at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2010, at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2010, at the Stanford Comparative Politics Workshop, Stanford, CA, January 2010, and at the Stanford Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford, CA, December 2009.

“Dictators as Founding Fathers? The Role of Constitutions Under Autocracy” (with Victor Menaldo), to be presented at conference on “Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes,” University of Chicago Law School, October 2011, and presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 2011.

“Regime Transitions and Policy Uncertainty: The Effect of Autocratic Cabinet Volatility on Autocratic Regime Failure and Democratization,” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 2011.

“Gaming Democracy: The Role of Elite Welfare in Democratic Transitions” (with Victor Menaldo), presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

“Land Reform as a Counterinsurgency Policy: Evidence from Colombia,” (with Oliver Kaplan), presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2010, and at the Stanford International Relations Workshop, Stanford, CA, February 2010.

“Sowing the Land and Harvesting Votes: The Political Logic of Land Reform in Venezuela,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2009, and at the Berkeley-Stanford Comparative Politics Conference, Berkeley, CA, April 2009, and at the Stanford International Relations Workshop, Stanford, CA, October 2008.

“Political Regimes and Poverty Reduction, 1950-2002,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

“The Determinants of Redistribution Under Autocracy” (with Victor Menaldo), presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008, and at the Berkeley-Stanford Comparative Politics Conference, Stanford, CA, May 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago

Democracy and the Politics of Wealth Redistribution (Fall 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2014), undergraduate course.

The Politics of Wealth Redistribution (Fall 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2014), graduate course.

Political Regimes and Transitions (Spring 2014), graduate course.

Latin American Civilizations III (Winter 2013, in Oaxaca, Mexico), undergraduate course.

Social Science Inquiry III (Spring 2014), undergraduate course.

Stanford University

Democracy and the Politics of Wealth Redistribution (Winter 2011), undergraduate course.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Best Paper Award Committee for the Comparative Democratization Section of APSA, 2014-2015.

Op-ed article, "Land and Conflict in Brazil." *International Relations and Security Network* (9/2/2014).

Op-ed article, "Land Reform and Rural Conflict in the Developing World." *International Relations and Security Network* (Week of 6/2/2014).

Op-ed article, "How Democracies are Gamed for Power and Profit: An Addendum to Picketty's 'Capital'." *Washington Post*, "The Monkey Cage" (5/27/2014). With Victor Menaldo.

Op-ed article, "A Glimmer of Hope for Democracy in Egypt." *Seattle Times*, (1/31/2014). With Victor Menaldo.

Op-ed article, "Why Egypt's New Constitution May Not Turn Out As Badly As You Think." *Washington Post*, "The Monkey Cage" (1/16/2014). With Victor Menaldo.

Op-ed article, "South Africa, Unequal by Design." *Foreign Policy* (1/3/2014). With Victor Menaldo.

Op-ed article, "The Odds are Good for Egypt." *Foreign Policy* (7/18/2013). With Victor Menaldo.

Op-ed article, "Land for Peace in Colombia." *Foreign Affairs* (4/16/2013). With Oliver Kaplan.

Op-ed article, "Aftermath of Revolution." *New York Times, Global/IHT* (2/14/2013). With Victor Menaldo.

Op-ed article, "Chávez Rides Again." *Foreign Policy* (10/10/2012).

Op-ed article, "Colombia's Rebels and Land Reform." *New York Times, Global/IHT* (10/9/2012). With Oliver Kaplan.

Op-ed article, "Burma Can Bring It: Burma faces an uphill climb in its transition to democracy. But the odds may be better than you think." *Foreign Policy* (5/14/2012). With Victor Menaldo.

Op-ed article, "Needles Into Ploughshares: Want to fight Latin America's drug problem? Try land reform." *Foreign Policy* (4/12/2012). With Oliver Kaplan.

Op-ed article, "For Enduring Democracies, Revolutions are the Best Bet." *USA Today* (3/2/2011). With Victor Menaldo.

Visiting Scholar at the *Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración*. Caracas, Venezuela, February-March 2009.

Peer reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and the *Economic Journal*.