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## Overview

Expertise International and comparative political economy, trade economics, quantitative research methods (design and implementation), statistical computing, data visualization, research

design

Research Trade Politics, Institutions of Global Trade and Finance, Judicial Politics and Incarceration, Interests American Political Economy, Monetary Policy, Panel Data Analysis, Structural Equation

Modeling, Conflict Studies, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models

### Education

2019 **Political Science**, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, *PhD*.

With focus on International Relations, Comparative Politics, Research Methodology, and Economics

2007 **Economics and Political Science**, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ. BA.

Graduated with Honors

## Dissertation Summary

title MNCs, NTBs, and New Protectionism: Industrial Protection Coalitions in an Era of Global Capital

advisors William R. Clark (TAMU), Andrew M. Kerner (UM), Iain G. Osgood (UM)

summary The dissertation explains the conditional rise of non-tariff protections as tariffs declined in postwar global economy. The core claim is that global capital flows created political incentives which changed the politics of protectionism in many countries. I advance a new typology of "market access barriers", an improvement over the existing tariff/NTM framing which clarifies, both empirically and theoretically, the effect of trade-distorting policies. From this, I develop a model of industrial coalitional politics in support of or opposition to different policy options. I present empirical support for hypothesized divergence across industries and countries in the nature of protection using a new dataset developed from the UNCTAD TRAINS database and

## Teaching

other sources.

2019-2021 Stata for Public Policy, Lecturer, (Undergraduate/Graduate).

2019-2021 R for Public Policy, Lecturer, (Undergraduate/Graduate).

2018-2021 Data Visualization for Public Policy, Lecturer, (Undergraduate/Graduate).

2018-2021 Excel for Public Policy, Lecturer, (Undergraduate/Graduate).

2020 **Stata Practicum**, *Lecturer*, (Graduate).

2016-2017 Introduction to World Politics, Graduate Student Instructor of Record, (Undergraduate).

2015 Introduction to International Studies, Graduate Student Instructor of Record, (Undergraduate).

- 2014 Intermediate Statistical Methods for Political Scientists, Graduate Student Instructor, w/ Rocio Titunik, (Graduate).
- 2009-2013 **Introduction to World Politics**, *Graduate Student Instructor*, w/James Morrow and Allan Stam, (Undergraduate).
- 2012-2013 **Introduction to Formal Theory**, *Graduate Student Instructor*, *w/ William Roberts Clark*, (Graduate).
- 2011-2013 **Political Science "Math Camp"**, Summer Instructor, (Graduate).
- 2011-2012 **Mathematics for Social Scientists**, Graduate Student Instructor, w/ Scott Page (2011) and William Roberts Clark (2012), (Graduate).

## Research Assistance

- 2015-2017 "A Theory of Creole Genesis", w/ Jinho Baik, Marlyse Baptista, and Kenneth Kollman.
- 2015-2016 "Distributive Politics under Authoritarian Conditions: Does Goods Delivery Generate Positive Evaluations of Government Performance?", w/ Anne Pitcher.
- 2015-2016 "Regional Parties and Decentralization", w/ Kenneth Kollman.
- 2013-2014 "Shareholders in Crisis: Public Sector Unions Amidst the American Political Economy" and "Pension Underfunding Among the States", w/ Robert Mickey.
- 2009-2011 "Combat Environment and Long-term Costs of War: Evidence from Behavioral Genetics" and "Behavioral Genetics and Foreign Policy Cues", w/ Allan C Stam.

## Department/University Service

- 2017-2018 **Big Ten Voting Challenge/Turn Up Turnout**, *Graduate Student Assistant*, w/ Edie Goldenberg.
- 2013-2014 **Political Economy Group/Workshop**, *Student Co-founder and Organizer*, w/ Vincent Arel-Bundock and Amy Pond.
- 2009,2012 Graduate Student Peer Mentor.

**University of Michigan**, *Member/Discussant*, Political Economy Workshop, Comparative Politics Workshop, Conflict and Peace Research and Development Workshop, Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics.

#### Conference Presentations

- 2017 "Public Pension Underfunding among the States", APSA Section Panel, w/ Robert Mickey.
- 2016 **"Causes of Pension Underfunding Among the States, 1957-2013"**, APSA Section Panel, w/Robert Mickey.
- 2016 "Electoral Responsiveness in Judicial Selection", MPSA Section Panel, w/ Shaun C. McGirr.
- 2015 **"Who's Minding the Gap? Public Pension Underfunding among the States"**, APSA Organized Panel: "The Right Turn Against Workers in the American States", w/ Robert Mickey.
- 2015 "Electoral Responsiveness in Judicial Selection", APSA Section Panel, w/ Shaun C. McGirr.
- 2014 "Information, Power, and the Mobilization of Dissent and Repression", APSA Section Panel, w/ Christian Davenport and Laura Seago, (cancelled due to fire).
- 2014 "The Wages of Sin: Foreign Debt Load, Inflation Credibility, and Institutional Efficacy", EPSA Section Panel, w/ Andrew Kerner, (served as panel chair and discussant).
- 2013 "The Political Sources of Global Income Inequality", IPES, w/ William Roberts Clark.
- 2013 "Tariff-Jumping FDI, Capital Openness, and the Proliferation of Bilateral Investment Treaties", EPSA Section Panel.
- 2013 **"Electoral Responsiveness in Criminal Justice Institutions"**, *EPSA Section Panel*, w/ Shaun McGirr.

- 2013 **"The Political Sources of Global Income Inequality"**, *EPSA Section Panel*, w/ William Roberts Clark.
- 2012 "Tariff-Jumping FDI, Capital Openness, and the Proliferation of Bilateral Investment Treaties", EPSA Section Panel.
- 2011 "Inflation Targeting: Distributional Consequences and Constraints", MPSA Section Panel, w/ Andrew Kerner.

#### Other Academic Work

2014 Visiting Scholar, Creation of Course Program in "Social and Behavioral Research", Ural Federal University, Institute of Public Administration and Entrepreneurship.

## Grant-funded Research Projects

- 2012 Rackham Spring-Summer Research Grant, "The Political Sources of Global Income Inequality", w/ William R. Clark.
- 2010 Roy Pierce Scholars Fund Award, "Calling the Shot: The Political Economy of Inflation Targeting", w/ Andrew M. Kerner.
- 2009 Bobbe Jon Bridge Research Award, "Say Anything: Central Bank Independence, Coordinated Wage Bargaining, and Monetary Policy Transparency in Developed Economies", w/ Robert J. Franzese.

## Computing skills

Statistical R (advanced, including visualization and interaction), Stata, SQL (basic) Collaboration Git/Github, Dropbox/Box ProgrammingC++, HTML (basic), Python (basic), Javascript (basic)

#### References

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