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Overview

Expertise *International and comparative political economy, trade economics, quantitative research methods (design and implementation), game theory, research design*

Research *Trade Politics, Institutions of Global Trade and Finance, Judicial Politics and Incarceration, American Political Economy,*

Interests *Monetary Policy, Panel Data Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Conflict Studies, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models*

Education

present Political Science, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, *PhD Candidate*.
With focus on International Relations, Comparative Politics, Research Methodology and Formal Modeling, and Economics

2007 Economics and Political Science, *Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey*, New Brunswick, NJ, *B.A.*
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 other sources.

Dissertation Papers

Worthington, Alton B.H. “Market Access Barriers and Protection-Seeking Coalition Formation.” Dissertation paper, May 2017.

———. “Measuring the Contours of “New Protectionism”.” Dissertation paper, May 2017.

———. “A Typology of Trade Barriers: “Understanding the Effects of New Protectionism”.” Dissertation paper, November 2016.

Publications

Stam, Allan C., Alexander Von Hagen-Jamar, and Alton B.H. Worthington. “Fear and attitudes towards torture and preventive war.” *Twin Research and Human Genetics* 15, no. 01 (2012): 60–70.

Working Papers

Baik, Jinho, Marlyse Baptista, Kenneth Kollman, and Alton B.H. Worthington. “Modelling Dynamic Processes in Creole Genesis.” May 2017.

Kollman, Kenneth, and Alton B.H. Worthington. “Party Systems and Political Centralization and Decentralization.” Submitted for review, May 2017.

Mickey, Robert, and Alton B.H. Worthington. “Pension Underfunding Among the States: Evidence from Major Plans, 1957-2013.” October 2016.

Worthington, Alton B.H. "Tariffs, Tariff-Jumping FDI, and the Proliferation of Bilateral Investment Treaties." September 2013.

Previous Projects

Davenport, Christian, Laura Seago, and Alton B.H. Worthington. "Information, Power, and the Mobilization of Dissent and Repression." November 2014.

Kerner, Andrew, and Alton B.H. Worthington. "The Wages of Sin: Foreign Debt Load, Inflation Credibility, and Institutional Efficacy." June 2014.

Stam, Allan C., Alexander von Hagen-Jamar, and Alton B.H. Worthington. "Combat, PTSD, and the Costs of War." February 2014.

Clark, William Roberts, and Alton B.H. Worthington. "Political Sources of Global Income Inequality." November 2013.

Teaching

- 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).
- 2011-2012 Mathematics for Social Scientists, *Graduate Student Instructor, w/ William Roberts Clark*, (Graduate).
- 2012-2013 Introduction to Formal Theory, *Graduate Student Instructor, w/ William Roberts Clark*, (Graduate).
- 2011-2013 Political Science "Math Camp", *Summer Instructor*, (Graduate).

Research Assistance

- 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.
- 2013-2014 "Shareholders in Crisis: Public Sector Unions Amidst the American Political Economy" and "Pension Underfunding Among the States", w/ Robert Mickey.
- 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.
- 2015-2017 "A Theory of Creole Genesis", w/ Jinho Baik, Marlyse Baptista, and Kenneth Kollman.

Department Service

- 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

- 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
Programming	C++, HTML (basic), Python (basic), Javascript (basic)

References

Research

- Kenneth W. Kollman - Director, UM Center for Political Studies
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- Robert Mickey - Professor, UM Dept. of Political Science
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Academic

- William Roberts Clark - Head of Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
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- Andrew Kerner - Assistant Professor, UM Dept. of Political Science
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- Iain Osgood - Assistant Professor, UM Dept. of Political Science
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Other References

Additional references, as well as phone numbers for references here, available upon request.