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EDUCATION Ph.I

Ph.D. Government

2015-2021

Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations Committee: Thomas Pepinsky (chair), Rachel Beatty Riedl, Kenneth Roberts, and Nic van de Walle

M.A. Government, Cornell University	2018
M.P.P. Brigham Young University	2013
B.A. Political Science, Brigham Young University	2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarianism, Democratization, Democratic Development, Political Parties, Party Systems, Military Politics, Civilian-military Relations, Southeast Asian Politics, Latin American Politics

DISSERTATION

From taking direct control of politics, to setting conditions on democratization, or to yielding entirely to civilians, there is substantial variation in how militaries behave in a transitions from a military regime. I argue that the extent to which a military sets parameters on electoral and political institutions during a regime transition, what I call bounded democratization, is a function of a military's confidence that parties will protect the military's corporate interests following a regime transition. A military's confidence in political parties is influenced by the degree of trust between parties and the military, the institutionalization of the incumbent party, as well as the electoral and political strength of the incumbent party. When these factors are high, the military's confidence increases and it becomes more willing to yield to civilian parties. I show that these are causal mechanisms using a comparative historical analysis and, with quantitative analysis using an original dataset, that they are generalizable.

Works in Progress

Under Review

"The V-Dem Party Institutionalization Index: A New Global Indicator (1900-2018)" (with Fernando Bizzarro and Allen Hicken)

"Authoritarian Legacies and Democratic Party Buildings" (with Allen Hicken)

"Survival Through Strength: How Strong Party Organizations Help Authoritarian Regimes Survive" (Revise and Resubmit)

"Putting on the Civilian's Uniform: Understanding Authoritarian Legacies in Civilian-military Relations"

In progress	Security and Economic Performance: Assessing Popular Support for Democracy with a Conjoint Experiment in Mexico (with Jessica Zarkin)	
	Why Populism? How Parties Shape the Electoral Fortunes of Populists (with Allen Hicken)	
	"Datasets, Definitions, and Coding Decisions: Assessing the Effect of Electoral Rules" (with Joel Selway and Desiree Jacobson)	
GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS		
External	Fulbright Fellowship (declined) AIFIS Henry Luce Foundation Research Grant SEAREG Pre-dissertation Fellowship	2019 2019 2018
CORNELL UNIVERSITY	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant Latin American Studies Graduate Fellowship Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship Deborah Homsher Research Grant	2016/17/18 2017/19 2017 2017 2016
Presentations		
TALKS & LECTURES	$\label{eq:military Professionalism} \mbox{ in the Democratic Era, University of Indonesia}$	2019
Annual meetings	American Political Science Association (APSA) Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2016/18 2016/18
Workshops and other conferences	Notes on Authoritarian Diasporas – Oxford University Varieties of Democracy Annual Meeting	2018 2018
TEACHING		
Assistantships	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Prof. Nic van de Walle) Making Sense World Politics (Prof. Sarah Kreps)	2020 2019
Training	Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom	2019
OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES		
SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE	Referee: International Studies Quarterly	

Research	Allen Hicken, P.h.D	2015-2017
ASSISTANCE	Joel Selway, Ph.D.	2010-2013
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PREVIOUSWorld Bank2015-2016EMPLOYMENTTeaching, Research, and International Policy – William & Mary2013-2015

LANGUAGES English

Spanish (proficient) Indonesian (proficient)

PROGRAMMING R, Python, Stata