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Employment

Tulane University

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research (CIPR), 2017-present

Rutgers University - New Brunswick

Teaching Assistant, 2014-2017

Education

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey - New Brunswick

Ph.D. Political Science, 2017

Dissertation: "State Capacities in Latin America: Structural Transformations, Elite Competition, and Fiscal Development (1850-2010)."

Committee: Robert Kaufman (chair), Daniel Kelemen, Douglas Blair, Paul Poast (Chicago).

Fields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methodology.

Catholic University of Chile

B.A. Political Science, 2009

Research Interests

Comparative political economy, economic and political development, Latin American politics, causal inference, experimental methods and quantitative methods.

Dissertation

My dissertation argues sectoral economic conflicts fostered state-building in Latin America. Using fine-grained historical case study comparisons, sectoral outputs from 1900 to the present, panel data and time-series econometric techniques, and a novel earthquake dataset (to measure state capacities), I find that industrial expansion altered the post-colonial political balance, putting heavy pressures for the implementation of tax institutions. In turn, fiscal expansion fostered both political development and economic growth.

Working Papers

- [Sectoral Origins of Income Taxation: Industrial Development in Latin America and The Case of Chile \(1900-2010\)](#), *in preparation (job market paper)*.
- [Aiming Right at You: Group v. Individual Clientelistic Targeting in Brazil](#), *under review, Journal of Politics in Latin America*.
- *Does the U.S. have Healthier Democratic Values? Measuring Vote-Selling Elasticities Using a List and Conjoint Experiments.*
- [Structural Transformations and State Institutions in Latin America, 1900-2010](#), *under review, Studies in Comparative International Development*.
- [Income Taxation and State Capacities in Chile: measuring institutional development using historical earthquake data](#), *in preparation*.
- *Testing the Online Model of Candidate Evaluation in a More Realistic Environment*. With Richard Lau (Rutgers) and Mona Kleinberg (UMass - Lowell).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- [El Secreto de mi Éxito: Parte II. Los Caminos a Valparaíso en 2009](#). *Revista de Ciencia Política*. 31(2), 285-310, 2011. With Pilar Giannini, Juan Pablo Luna, Rodolfo López, Martín Ordoñez and Gonzalo Recart.

Other Publications

- [¿Estable Pero Sin Raíces? Los Partidos Políticos Chilenos en la Opinión Pública](#), in *Cultura Política de la Democracia en Chile, Ch. IX, LAPOP Country Report, 2010*. With Juan Pablo Luna, Germán Bidegain, Roody Reserve and Giancarlo Visconti.

Conferences

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2016.

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2017.

Latin American Studies Association (LASA): 2014, 2015, 2016.

Western Political Science Association (WPSA): 2015, 2016.

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA): 2015.

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

Conference Travel Support (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).

Teaching Assistantship Appointment (2015, 2016, 2017).

Small Grant Fund for Research on Latin America (Center for Latin American Studies, Rutgers).

Teaching Assistant Professional Development Fund (2015, 2016, 2017).

Pre-Dissertation Award (2016).

Experimental Workshop Award (2015).

Jerome M. Clubb Scholarship (2013, ICPSR).

Excellence Fellowship: full tuition plus health benefits (2012, Graduate School, Rutgers).

Teaching

- “Math and Computing Camp for Political Scientists” (Instructor, *Graduate*, winter: 2015).
- “Introduction to Quantitative Methods” (TA, *Graduate*, fall: 2015).
- “American Government” (TA, *Undergraduate*, fall: 2014 to spring: 2017).

Referee for

- Political Behavior.

Service

- Comparative/International political economy job search graduate student representative (2015).
- Discussant “Emerging Trends Topics” talks (2014, 2015).
- Graduate Student mentor (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).

References

- Robert Kaufman (Professor, Rutgers University).
- Daniel Kelemen (Professor and Jean Monnet Chair in European Union Politics, Rutgers University).
- Paul Poast (Assistant professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago).
- Ross Baker (Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University).

Misc

Languages

English, Spanish (native).

Software

R, Stata, L^AT_EX.

Methods Training

Time Series I (ICPSR), Introduction to Bayesian Analysis (ICPSR), Time Series II (ICPSR), Advanced MLE - Panel Data (ICPSR), Experimental Political Science (RU), Advanced Research in Political Economy (RU), Formal Modeling I (Princeton), Advanced Econometrics (RU, Economics), Introduction to Game Theory (ICPSR), Regression III: Advanced Methods (ICPSR), Measurement, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis (ICPSR), Causal Inference for the Social Sciences (ICPSR), Regression Analysis (RU, Statistics), Maximum Likelihood Estimation for GLMs (RU).