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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey - New Brunswick (2017, expected).

- Dissertation: "Building State Capacities in Latin America: The Political Economy of Structural Transformations, 1850-2010."
- Committee: Robert Kaufman (chair), Daniel Kelemen, Douglas Blair, Paul Poast (Chicago).

M.A. Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey - New Brunswick, 2014.

First field: Comparative Politics.
Second field: Quantitative Methods.

B.A. Political Science, Catholic University of Chile, 2009.

Research Interests

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

Dissertation

My dissertation argues that the modernization of the fiscal apparatus in Latin America was the product of an inter-elite sectoral conflict process between the agricultural and industrial classes. Using fine-grained historical case study comparisons, sectoral outputs from 1900 to the present, time-series econometric techniques and a novel earthquake dataset (to measure state capacities), I find that industrial growth altered the political and military balance, endangering the political monopoly the traditional sector had inherited after the colonial period. In turn, the development of fiscal institutions transformed the entire political and economic structures, mobilizing a series of investments in state-institutions, in a way that differs entirely from modernization theory.

Working Papers

- [Sectoral Origins of Income Taxation: Industrial Development in Latin America and The Case of Chile \(1900-2010\)](#), *submitted, World Development* (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](#), *submitted, Studies in Comparative International Development.*
- *Measuring State Capacities in Latin America using an Infrastructural Approach: Earthquakes and Institutional Development, 1900-2010.*
- *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).

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).

Service

- **Referee/Reviewer:** Political Behavior.
- 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).