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EDUCATION:

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ph.D., Foreign Affairs, May 2009.

Fields of Concentration- International Relations, Comparative Politics, Africa.

Dissertation: *Escaping Africa's Predatory Trap: The Social Origins of Development and Democracy in Botswana and Mauritius.*

Abstract: Why do some states, despite having a treasure trove of natural resources, become predatory states while others, with few resources, successfully overcome initial handicaps and emerged as stable developmental states? What accounts for the origins of developmental or predatory institutions? Why did Botswana and Mauritius "succeed" while others failed? This dissertation examines the social origins predatory and developmental rule through detailed qualitative analysis of Mauritius and Botswana. My comparative historical analysis tracks the histories of these cases from their pre-colonial origins, through colonial rule and the struggle for independence to the present day. It explores the role of social power in the creation and transformation of informal and formal institutions and the importance of exogenous power on the political dynamics of African states. By uniting institutional and social theories and exploring the role of social power, this dissertation offers insights into the role of pre-colonial and colonial legacies on post-colonial states, how constraints on political violence shaped institution building, and the relationship between inclusive political orders, coalition building and democratic politics.

Dissertation Committee: Robert Fatton (Committee Chair), John Echeverri-Gent, and John Owen.

McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento CA.

LL.M., Transnational Business Practice. May 1993.

Fields of Concentration- Transnational Business, Antitrust, Foreign Investment.

Completed International Program in Transnational Practice at Salzburg, Austria, Fall 1992.

Directed Research- *Investing in Asia's New Tiger? Doing Business and Foreign Direct Investment in Vietnam.* Graduate Thesis on the origins of Vietnam's Foreign Investment and related laws enacted in the late 1980s and their impact on foreign investors in anticipation of the normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam. Examined how liberalization of the economic regime created new challenges for both investors and regulators.

St. John's University School of Law, Jamaica, NY.

J.D., May 1992.

Fields of Concentration: International, Environmental and Maritime Law.

Directed Research- *The Oil Pollution Act of 1990- the Clash of State, Federal and International Environmental Law.*

Graduate Thesis examined the origins of US oil spill liability rules prior to and in the aftermath of the *Exxon Valdez* Spill in Prince William Sound. Explored the overlap of US federal, state, and international law on liability for oil spills.

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY.

B.A., History and Political Science. August 1989.

Fields of Concentration- History and Political Science, primarily focused on International Relations and Asian/Southeast Asian History and Politics.

National University of Singapore, Singapore.

Foreign Scholar, History and Political Science 1988-1989.

Fields of Concentration- Strategic theory, revolutionary warfare, Southeast Asian politics and security, and historical theory and methodology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Political Science Richmond, VA

Adjunct Professor, 2014-2015

Created and taught courses on International Relations and Comparative Politics for classes of about 150 students. Prepared syllabi, selected and lectured on course topics, oversaw teaching assistance and student instructors, evaluated student performances and examinations, and assisted in academic research.

University of Mary Washington, Department of Political Science & International Affairs, Fredericksburg, VA

Adjunct Professor, 2014-2015.

Created and taught course for senior level students on African Politics. Prepared syllabi, selected and lectured on course topics, assisted and provided guidance in student research and writing, and evaluated student performance and examinations.

College of William & Mary, Department of Government, Williamsburg, VA.

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010-2014

Created and taught courses for *Politics in Africa*, *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, *Global Environmental Governance*, *Politics of Developing Countries* and Freshman Writing Seminars on *The War on Drugs* and *Comparative Politics*. Prepared syllabi, lectured, conducted group discussions, evaluated student written assignments through regular revision and assisted in academic research, evaluated student examinations, selected course topics and materials and supervised all class work. Provided advising and review for students completing Honor's Thesis and Independent Research.

University of Virginia, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Charlottesville, VA.

Lecturer, Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Spring 2003.

Created and taught a course on US Constitutional Law and Constitutional Practice focused primarily on civil rights and civil liberties. Prepared syllabi and led lectures, conducted group discussions, evaluated students' written work, and prepared and evaluated examinations.

University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Charlottesville, VA.

Lecturer, Environmental Law & Regulation, Summer 1999, 2001.

Created and taught a course on Environmental Law for advanced undergraduates. Wrote the syllabi, lectured, graded papers and examinations. Course examined environmental ethics and environmental politics, common law remedies, constitutional rules, environmental legal practice and litigation, regulation of hazardous waste, water pollution, air pollution, protection of endangered species, landmark preservation, environmental impact statements, and administrative practice.

University of Virginia, Department of English, Charlottesville, VA.

Teaching Assistant for Academic Writing, 2000-2009.

Created and taught courses to teach academic writing, research and argument to beginning and more advanced students. Seminar topics have included multi-disciplinary study of Social Resistance, the War on Terror, Global Issues, the Third World, Africa, and the War on Drugs. Prepared syllabi, lectured, conducted group discussions and workshops, evaluated student's written assignments through regular revisions and assisted in academic research. Selected course topics and materials. Supervised all class work.

University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Charlottesville, VA

Senior Teaching Assistant and Teaching Assistant, Spring 1997-Fall 1999.

Led discussion sessions and provided teaching support, organized and conducted simulation exercises (including UN simulations and moot court sessions), drafted and administered quizzes, graded examinations and consulted students on research assignments. Courses included: *International Law* (Fall 1999), *Civil Liberties and Civil Rights* (Spring 1999), *International Organizations* (Spring 1997 and Spring 1998), *Separation of Power and Federalism* (Fall 1997).

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Primary - Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Law.

Secondary - Africa, State Building and State Collapse, Developmental Politics, Political Economy, Conflict Processes, International Law, Environmental Law and Politics, Narcotics and the War on Drugs.

PRESENTATIONS:

“The Play of the Praetorians; Re-examining the Role of Military in Democratization” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, (August 2012).

““The Rot in the Core” and the Politics of Violence in Cities of the Developing World” Poster prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (August 2012).

“The Rot at the Core- A Comparative Perspective of Narcotics, Violence, Social Marginalization and State Penetration of Inner Cities” Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington (August 2011).

“States, Commerce Chains and the Political Economy of Pandemics,” Benjamin Travis (co-author), Poster presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC (2010).

“Colonial Botswana and Mauritius - Comparisons and Distinctions,” Paper prepared for presentation at the Session Political Economy of Africa: Crisis and Renewal, at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (2010).

“Accountability Versus Autonomy - The Value of Democracy in Development,” Poster prepared for presentation at the Session Accountability and Development at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (2010).

"Historical Institutionalism, Critical Junctures and the Problem of Civil Peace in Post-Colonial Africa- lessons from three states in Africa (Botswana, Mauritius & Liberia)," Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada (September 2009).

“State Building vs. State Collapse- Lessons from the Successes of Botswana and Mauritius,” Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts (August 2002)

RESEARCH AFFILIATION-

College of William & Mary, Department of Government

Research Associate, July 2014-July 2015.

Currently conducting research on research topics related to developmental states, international relations, Africa and Transnational environmental and social challenges including: the regulation of oil tankers and off-shore oil exploration and extraction, state formation and collapse, urbanization and insurgency, military intervention and Chinese foreign policy in Africa.

CURRENT RESEARCH AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- The Creation of Predatory and Developmental States in Africa- Examines the causal mechanisms that led to the creation of different forms of state institutions and their impact on the developmental or predatory trajectories of African States. Initial research focused on Botswana, Mauritius, Liberia, and Zaire, but the research has also begun to explore cases of state rebuilding – including such cases as Ghana, Uganda and Rwanda. I have been especially interested in building of inclusive political institutions, the development of state capacity and patterns of economic development or decay in determining state trajectories. Currently working on revisions for a first book.

- Praetorian Politics and the Political Economy of Democratic Transitions- Examines the role of militaries in the transition from authoritarian to democratic rule with an emphasis on those cases in which the military played an active role in support civilian democratic groups and aided in the overthrowing of authoritarian leaders, thereby promoting democratic transitions. I focus on those rare cases where factions of the military might have seized power and install a military-led government, but instead supported a shift from authoritarian to civilian-led democratic rule. I am especially interested in the role of the military's involvement in the local economy as well as perceptions among military leaders of the importance of long-term developmental strategies and civilian-led governance to the corporate interests of the military.

- US and Chinese Foreign Policy in Africa- Examines the expanding role of both US and Chinese foreign and security policies in Africa, including their impact on the building of regional security structures and alliances, the US Defense Department's new Africa Command, and the merging of developmental and security objectives of both African states and foreign powers. I am especially interested in the potential for cooperative strategies between the US and China in the promotion of long-term African development and stability.

- Inequality, Social Violence and Urbanization in the Global South- This research focuses on the growing role of urbanization on politics in developing countries, primarily on issues of social movements, social mobility and issues of human security. Of special interests are the problems of inequality, social violence and the ability of states to penetrate and administer society in the poorest communities of modern cities. Research carried out in Brazil in 2002, 2004 and 2007-2008. I am especially interested in Latin American cities as the growth in urban populations in the Global South has been most keenly experienced in Latin America. My intention is to draw comparison between Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo with cities in contemporary Africa and Asia.

- Trans-nationalism, Globalization and the Environment- On-going research on the relationship between economic inequality, globalization, and environmental damage, primarily among developing nations. Research examines the interaction of global trade, developmental policies and sustainable development. Recent work on this has focused on state building, the War on Drugs, public health, the spread of pandemics and the regulation of the movement of oil on the high seas.

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

- Major Advisor to about 20 undergraduates, honor's thesis advisor.
- Guest Speaker on issues of Narcotics Policies and Security at Model UN 2014.
- Guest Speaker on issues of Women and Politics in African Politics for Model UN 2011.
- Planning on the creation of an International Child Health Advocacy Program for Brazil.
- *Graduate Student Assistant*, First Year Orientation and Registration 2006-2010.
- Assisted in the creation of UVA Foreign Service Club, 2005.
- *Participant*, Tomorrows Teachers Today, UVA Teaching Resource Center, 2003.
- *Graduate Council Member*, University Library Student Advisory Council, 2002-2005.
- *CATI Lab Supervisor*, UVA Center for Survey Research, 2000-2001.
- *Assistant to the Chairman*, Virginia 2020 Program on Internationalizing the University, 1999.
- *Coordinator*- UVA Dept. of Government and Foreign Affairs, Brown Bag Speaker Series 1997-1998.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Finalist, Seven Society Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching Assistant 1999 & 2000.
- Nominated for Seven Society Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching Assistant 1999-2002.
- Recipient of Department Fellowship and Teaching Awards 1996-2000.
- Graduated 4th from McGeorge School of Law LLM class.
- Captain of St. John's Philip Jessup International Moot Court Team 1992.
- President St. John's International and Comparative Law Society 1990-1992.
- Member- St. John's Moot Court Team.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- American Political Science Association.
- International Studies Association.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Intermediate proficiency in German. Basic Proficiency in Mandarin Chinese.

OTHER SKILLS: Familiar with LEXIS/NEXIS, WestLaw, WordPerfect, SPSS, Microsoft Office.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Jefferson Institute, Washington D.C.

Consultant and Instructor, July 2009- January 2011.

Provided consultation on future programs in Africa and South America and development of licenses for remote teaching and archival date base software. *Technical Advisor and Instructor* on training of program analysts on drafting of policy memoranda, Central Asia.

BlueLaw International LLP, Charlottesville, VA.

Associate and Contractor, Sept 2009- June 2010.

Provided research and writing support for grant applications for programs related development, rule-of-law and security sector reform, and international disabilities law. Conducted on-site research and negotiations with NGOs and disability programming organizations in Maceio, Brazil 12/09- 1/10.

Global Partnership for Disability and Development, Washington DC.

Independent Consultant, January 2010-March 2010.

Conducted research and drafted report "A Review of the Legal and Institutional Options for the Global Partnership for Disability and Development (GPDD)" on behalf of the GPDD and World Bank, HDN SP, Disability and Development, Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Disability and Development. Report examined possibilities of reforming the GPDD as an independent international organization, a non-governmental organization under US, Dutch, German, Italian, or Swiss law, and international foundation or as some form of a hybrid organization.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Admitted in New York State, passed California Bar Examination.

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