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Academic Appointments

McMaster University

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Hamilton, ON

June 2020 - Present

Education

University of Minnesota

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Minneapolis, MN

2020

The College of William & Mary

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Williamsburg, VA

2012

Georgetown University

BS IN FOREIGN SERVICE

Washington, DC

2010

Professional Experience

American Political Science Review

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Hamilton, ON

June 2020 - Present

Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

VISITING SCHOLAR

Durham, NC

2019-2020

Comparative Political Studies

MANAGING EDITOR

Minneapolis, MN

2016-2018

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

POLICY AND TRAINING ANALYST

Santiago, Chile

2012-2014

Publications

Vargas, Thomas R. 2020. "Flying Blind: Education Reform in Latin America in the 1990s." *International Journal of Education Reform*. Forthcoming.

Working Papers

Samuels, David and Thomas R. Vargas. "Democracy, Land Inequality, and Human Capital Formation."

Vargas, Thomas R. "The Political Origins of Education Reform."

Vargas, Thomas R. "Slow Burn: The Incremental Effect of Unions on Social Spending in Latin America."

Awards and Fellowships

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP 2019-2020

University of Minnesota

DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2018

University of Minnesota

DAVID AND JANIS LARSON GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN POLITICAL ECONOMY 2016-2017

University of Minnesota

ROBERT AND SHIRLEY HOLT DISCOVERY FELLOWSHIP 2014-2015

University of Minnesota

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE ASSISTANT AWARD 2011 & 2012

The College of William & Mary

Skills and Languages

Spanish; R, Stata, Python, Git, LaTeX

Teaching Experience

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

Political Economy of Development

2018

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Puzzles in World Politics

University of Minnesota, 2015

Struggles and Issues in the Middle East

University of Minnesota, 2016

Evaluating Social Programs

J-PAL, 2012-2014

References

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DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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JOHN BLACK JOHNSTON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA