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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of New Mexico (expected May 2009)

Exams: comparative politics and international relations (distinction)

Field Research Paper requirement: "Peace by Design: Institutional Choices and the Risk of Armed Conflict in Democracies, 1975-1999" (distinction)

Dissertation topic: "The Politics of Subnational Judicial Performance in Brazil and Mexico"

Committee: William Stanley (chair), Kenneth Roberts, Wendy Hansen, Benjamin Goldfrank, and Jeffrey Staton

J.D., *magna cum laude*, School of Law, University of New Mexico (2006)

M.A., Political Science, University of New Mexico (2006)

B.A., Pomona College, CA (1993)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

IQMR Methods Institute (Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research), Arizona State University, January 2-12, 2007: methods institute sponsored by the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Qualitative Methods section of APSA, and the National Science Foundation.

EITM Methods Institute (Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models), Washington University in St. Louis, June 12-30, 2006: methods institute funded by the National Science Foundation and sponsored by the Department of Political Science at Washington University.

UNDER REVIEW

"Crafting Courts in New Democracies: Electoral Competition and Ideology in Three Mexican States." (submitted to *Journal of Politics*)

WORKING PAPERS

"Competitiveness, Commitments, and Courts: The Politics of State-level Judicial Spending in Brazil and Mexico." (under revision; plan to submit to *American Journal of Political Science*)

"Peace by Design: Institutional Choices and the Risk of Armed Conflict in Democracies, 1975-1999" (under revision; plan to submit to *Journal of Peace Research*)

"Detención y uso de la fuerza" (Police Detention and the Use of Force), with Gustavo Fondevila. CIDE Working Paper Series. Documento de Trabajo No. 23, División de Estudios Jurídicos (SDTEJ-23), 08/2007. Mexico City: Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE).

“Judicial Politics in the Mexican States: Theoretical and Methodological Foundations.” CIDE Working Paper Series. Documento de Trabajo No. 22, División de Estudios Jurídicos (SDTEJ-22), 2/2007. Mexico City: Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas.

“Political Justice: Sub-national Determinants of Judicial Efficiency in Mexico, 1993-2000.” Research Paper Series, No. 42. Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI), UNM. June 2004.

OTHER WRITINGS AND TRANSLATIONS

“Trends in Multi-Method Research: Sailing Ahead, Reckoning with Old Risks and New.” *Qualitative Methods* 5(1), Spring 2007. (Newsletter of the Qualitative Methods Section of the American Political Science Association) (co-authored with Scott Siegel, Ariel Ahram, Julia Azari, Ashwini Chatre, Bridget Coggins, Jana Grittersova, Matthew Lieber, Claire Metelits, Tom Pepinsky, Andrew Pieper, Karthika Sasikumar, and Purna Singh)

“Estado de derecho y democracia: Temas conceptuales y causales desde una perspectiva comparada” (Rule of Law and Democracy: Conceptual and Causal Issues from a Comparative Perspective). Guide essay for M.A. in democracy and human rights, Spring 2007. Mexico City: Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO-México).

Caballero, José Antonio, Sergio López Ayllón, Alfonso Oñate Laborde. 2006. *33 Propositions for Reforming the Judiciary in Mexico*. Matthew C. Ingram, Manuel González Oropeza, and Adriana Laura Santana, trans. Mexico City: Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN). Original publication: “33 acciones para reformar la justicia en México.” In José Antonio Caballero, Sergio López Ayllón, and Alfonso Oñate Laborde. *El Libro Blanco de la Reforma Judicial: una agenda para la justicia en México*. Mexico City: SCJN.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

- National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (NSF Grant No. SES-0617767)
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC), International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF), funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2006
- Fulbright/IIE grant for research in Brazil, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, 2006-2007
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Student Travel Grant for 2007 meeting

Internal

- Doctoral Fellowship, Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico (UNM) (three years of funding; deferred 2006-2007; accepted 2008-2009)
- Title VI-FLAS Fellowship, Foreign Language and Area Studies, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM, 2004-2006
- Dylan Balch-Lindsay Graduate Memorial Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UNM, Summer 2006

- Research and/or travel grants, UNM (multiple sources: Graduate Research Development Fund, Office of Graduate Studies, Student Research Allocation Committee, and Student Conference Award Program):
 - *Summer 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2005, Fall 2005* (two accepted, one declined), *Spring 2006* (one accepted, one declined), *Fall 2006* (two accepted), *Fall 2007*
- Graduate Scholars Award, UNM Office of Graduate Studies, 2003-2004
- Field research grants, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM
 - Summer 2003 (funding from Tinker Foundation)
 - Summer 2002 (funding from Hewlett Foundation)
- UNM Graduate Assistantships: (1) Department of Political Science, 2002-2003; (2) Latin American and Iberian Institute, Spring 2002; (3) Department of Sociology, Fall 2001
- Pomona College grants, 1989-1993

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Political Science

- 2006 CQ Press Award (Congressional Quarterly Press) for best paper on law and courts written by a graduate student in 2005, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Distinction on Field Research Paper requirement for candidacy (third qualifying exam): “Peace by Design: Institutional Choices and the Risk of Armed Conflict in Democracies, 1975-1999” (Committee: William Stanley, Mark Peceny, and Christopher Butler)
- Distinction on Ph.D. comprehensive exam in international relations, 2004

Law

- Top ten percent of graduating law school class, UNM School of Law, 2006
- Order of the Coif (elected by law faculty from top ten percent of graduating class)
- Faculty award: excellence in international and comparative law, UNM School of Law, 2006
- Lewis R. Sutin award: excellence in advocacy, UNM School of Law, 2006
- Team and individual honors, international rounds of Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Washington, D.C., April 2005.
- First Place Memorial (legal brief) and Co-champion, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Southwest Regional Competition, February 2005
- Dean’s List and Honor Roll, School of Law, University of New Mexico, 2003-2006

TEACHING

Department of Political Science, UNM

- Instructor, “Comparative Politics of Law and Courts” (PS 320): Summer 2008
- Instructor, “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (PS 220): Summer 2005; Fall 2008
- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Fred Harris, “Legislative Process” (PS 311): Fall 2002

School of Law, UNM

- Teaching Assistant for Profs. Norman Bay and Jennifer Moore, “International Legal Problems”: Spring 2006
- Student Coach, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 2006

Department of Sociology, UNM

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Rich Wood, “Police in Society” (Soc 412): Fall 2001

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Crafting Courts in New Democracies: Electoral Competition and Ideology in Three Mexican States.” American Political Science Association, 2008, Boston, MA.
- “Competitiveness, Commitments, and Courts: Political Origins of Subnational Judicial Strength in Brazil and Mexico, 1985-2005”. Midwest Political Science Association, 2008, Chicago, IL; Brazilian Studies Association, 2008, New Orleans, LA; Latin American Studies Association, 2007, Montréal, Canada.
- “Elite-led Judicial Change: Lobbying, Labor Actions, and Litigation in the Mexican States.” Midwest Political Science Association, 2008, Chicago, IL.
- “Judicial Efficiency in 12 Mexican States, 1993-2000.” American Political Science Association, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.; Western Political Science Association, 2006, Albuquerque, NM.; Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, 2004, Santa Fe, NM.
- “Peace by Design: Institutional Choices and the Risk of Armed Conflict in Democracies.” American Political Science Association, 2005, Washington, D.C.; Midwest Political Science Association, 2005, Chicago, IL; Western Political Science Association, 2005, Oakland, CA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Visiting Researcher
 - Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, 2006-2007
 - Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Escola de Direito, São Paulo, 2007
- Project Consultant
 - Program for Studies in Public Safety and the Rule of Law (PESED), CIDE, Mexico City
- U.S. Supreme Court
 - Research and editing team for Prof. James Ellis’s (UNM School of Law) *amicus curiae* brief before the United States Supreme Court, *U.S. v. Georgia et al. & Goodman v. Georgia et al.*, Nos. 04-1203 & 04-1236.
- California Supreme Court
 - Research and editing team for Prof. James Ellis’s (UNM School of Law) *amicus curiae* brief before the Supreme Court of California, *In re Anderson Hawthorne, Jr.*, S116670.
- New Mexico Commission on Access to Justice
 - Co-wrote report to NM Supreme Court on the provision of civil legal services, 2005-2006
- Law Clinic, UNM School of Law, Children’s Advocacy Clinic, Spring 2006
- Associate Editor, *U.S.-Mexico Law Journal*, UNM School of Law, 2004-2005
- Peifer & Cornell, LLP, 108 Wellesley Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM: law clerk, 2004
- Santa Barbara Police Department, Santa Barbara, CA, 1996-2001: detective (2000-2001); crime scene investigator (1997-2000); patrol officer (1996-1997)
- Santa Barbara County Probation Department, Santa Barbara, CA, 1994-1996: adult and juvenile supervision officer (1994-1996)

FIELD RESEARCH

Brazil: Summer 2003; April 2007-Dec. 2007

Mexico: Summer 2002; Sept. 2006-March 2007; Jan. 2008-May 2008

Argentina: Summer 2003

LANGUAGES

Fluent, native speaker of both English and Spanish; advanced, research-level Portuguese.

SERVICE

Profession

Journal reviewer: *Latin American Politics & Society*

Associate Editor, *Liberal Democracy Nepal Bulletin* (2005)

University

Reviewer, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, UNM Campus Review Committee (2008)

Co-President, Law & Society Association at UNM School of Law (2004-2005)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA);
Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA); Law and Society Association (LSA)

REFERENCES

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