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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D in Government, Fall 2006 (defense date)

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY
B.S. in Government (*magna cum laude*), 1999
Honor's thesis awarded "best treatise dealing with international relations or the
preservation of peace"

DISSERTATION

"Corruption in General Equilibrium: Political Institutions and Bureaucratic Performance in South
America," Harvard University, 2006

CURRENT POSITION

Senior Research Assistant
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
Princeton University

HONORS AND AWARDS

Thyssen Award, 2nd prize: awarded for the best social-scientific articles in journals of
historiography and the social sciences in Germany for 2004 (for "Varieties of
Capitalism and Institutional Complementarities in the Macroeconomy: An
Empirical Assessment")
Justice, Welfare and Economics Dissertation Fellowship (Harvard University, 2002-2003)
Foreign Language and Area Studies Overseas Dissertation Grant (Department of Education,
2003-2004, 2004-2005 & 2005-2006)
Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2002-2003, 2004-
2005 & 2005-2006)
Derek Bok Center Teaching Award (Fall 2001)
Graduate Student Council Summer Research Grant (Summer 2003)
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Travel Grant (Summer 2003)
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-dissertation Fellowship (Summer 2001 & 2002)

Semi-finalist (New York), Rhodes Scholarship (1999)
Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Yale University, Summer 1998)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

“Ballot Structure, Political Corruption and the Performance of Proportional Representation.”
Under review, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*. Delivered at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30th-September 3, 2006.

“Illicit Campaign Finance and the State in Latin America: Rethinking the Role of Electoral Rules.” Paper delivered at the 2006 Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006.

“On Unstable Ground: Parties, Patronage and Political Corruption in Contemporary Bolivia.” Paper delivered at the 2004 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, Chicago, Ill. Also presented at the Tuesday Speaker series of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, March 1st, 2005 (by invitation).

“Patronage and Illicit Party Finance in Bolivia and Chile: An Empirical Assessment.” Paper delivered at the Annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, October 7-9, 2004, Las Vegas, NV.

“Varieties of Capitalism and Institutional Complementarities in the Macroeconomy: An Empirical Assessment.” (co-authored with Peter Hall) *Berlin Journal of Sociology* 1 (2004): 5-32; (an earlier version of this paper was nominated for best paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2001, San Francisco CA). An English language version of this paper is under “revise and resubmit” status for the *British Journal of Political Science*.

“La Gobernabilidad en Bolivia en el Siglo 21.” Presentation delivered at the 3rd International Congress of Law, Universidad Aquino, September 11, 2003, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

“State Reform in New Democracies: The Costs and Benefits of Corruption Control.” Paper delivered at the Annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, March 27-29, 2003, Dallas, TX.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Political corruption, Latin American politics, comparative institutions, political economy

TEACHING AND RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow for Gov.97b: Sophomore Tutorial in Government (Spring 2002, Professor Stanley Hoffmann and Professor Cindy Skach): taught two sections of intermediate level course on the interrelations between domestic and international politics (seminar format).

Teaching Fellow for HS-B64: The Cuban Revolution, 1956-1971: A Self-Debate (Fall 2001, Prof. Jorge I. Domínguez): taught two sections of introductory course on the causes and consequences of the Cuban Revolution (seminar format)

Research Assistant for Prof. Peter Hall (Summer 2001, Fall 2002): Collaborated in various aspects of a joint project on the institutions of the political economy and economic growth: data gathering, statistical analysis, research design.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Designed, organized and implemented a large scale public employees survey in Bolivia (La Paz), Brazil (Brasília and Rio de Janeiro) and Chile (Santiago) (June 2003-present). Critical tasks included soliciting official approvals from national anti-corruption institutions and participating public institutions as well as organizing and training teams of local undergraduate assistants.

RELEVANT SKILLS

Fluency in Spanish and Portuguese

Knowledge of specialized statistical packages and mathematical programs: Stata, GAUSS, SPSS, Mathematica, Maple.