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EMPLOYMENT

George Washington University

Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, 2017-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, 2013-17

Australian National University

Lecturer (tenure-track), School of Politics and International Relations, 2011-13

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. in Politics, September 2011

M.A. in Politics, 2008

Subfields: Comparative Politics, Formal/Quantitative Analysis, Political Economy

Dissertation Title: *Democratic Pieces: Hybrid Regimes, Electoral Authoritarianism, and Disaggregated Democracy*

Committee Members: Carles Boix (chair), Grigore Pop-Eleches, Adam Meirowitz

London School of Economics and Political Science

MSc. in Political Theory, with Merit, 2006

Thesis Title: *Judgment Aggregation, Democratic Theory, and the Impossibility of Faithful Representation*

- Received highest grade on Master's Thesis in the history of the Government department

Duke University

B.S. in Physics and Mathematics, with Distinction, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Shock to the System: Coups, Elections, and War on the Road to Democratization. 2021. Princeton University Press.

Articles

“Emigration and Political Contestation,” with Margaret E. Peters. 2022. *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1).

“Don't Call It a Comeback: Autocratic Ruling Parties after Democratization.” 2021. *British Journal of Political Science* 51(2): 559-83.

“A Republic, If You Can Keep It: Breakdown and Erosion in Modern Democracies.” 2021. *Journal of Politics* 83(1): 198-213.

- “Restraining the Huddled Masses: Migration Policy and Autocratic Survival,” with Margaret E. Peters. 2020. *British Journal of Political Science* 50(2): 403-33.
- “The Autocratic Ruling Parties Dataset: Origins, Durability, and Death.” 2020. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(4): 756-82.
- “The Strategic Origins of Electoral Authoritarianism.” 2020. *British Journal of Political Science* 50(1): 17-44.
- “Social Mobility and Democratic Attitudes: Evidence from Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa,” with Christian Houle. 2019. *Comparative Political Studies* 52(11): 1610-47.
- “Are Coups Really Contagious? An Extreme Bounds Analysis of Political Diffusion,” with Michael Joseph and Dorothy Ohl. 2018. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(2): 410-41.
- “Safeguarding Democracy: Powersharing and Democratic Survival,” with Benjamin A.T. Graham and Kaare W. Strøm. 2017. *American Political Science Review* 111(4): 686-704.
- “Democracy by Example? Why Democracy Spreads When the World's Democracies Prosper.” 2016. *Comparative Politics* 49(1): 83-116.
- “Reanalysis: Are Coups Good for Democracy?” 2016. *Research & Politics* 3(4) December.
- “Electoral Authoritarianism and Human Development.” 2015. *Comparative Political Studies* 48(12): 1526-62.
- Won James Caporaso Award for best paper published in *CPS* in 2015
- “Elections, Information, and Policy Responsiveness in Autocratic Regimes.” 2015. *Comparative Political Studies* 48(6): 691-727.
- “Democratic Pieces: Autocratic Elections and Democratic Development since 1815.” 2015. *British Journal of Political Science* 45(3): 501-30.
- “Public Support for Democracy in Transitional Regimes,” with Juliet Pietsch and Jeffrey Karp. 2015. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 25(1): 1-9.
- “A Complete Data Set of Political Regimes, 1800-2007,” with Carles Boix and Sebastian Rosato. 2013. *Comparative Political Studies* 46(12): 1523-54.
- “Electoral Authoritarianism and Democracy: A Formal Model of Regime Transitions.” 2013. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 25(2): 153-81.
- Won Elinor Ostrom Prize for best paper published in *JTP* in 2013
- “For the Win! The Effect of Professional Sports Records on Mayoral Elections.” 2013. *Social Science Quarterly* 94(1): 59-78.
- “Economic Development, Violent Leader Removal, and Democratization.” 2012. *American Journal of Political Science* 56(4): 1002-20.

“The Patron's Dilemma: The Dynamics of Foreign-Supported Democratization,” with Michael K. McKoy. 2012. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(5): 904-32.

“Citizen Forecasts of the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election,” with Guanchun Wang, Sanjeev R. Kulkarni, H. Vincent Poor, and Daniel Osherson. 2012. *Politics & Policy* 40(6): 1019-52.

“Seizing the Mantle of Change: Modeling Candidate Quality as Effectiveness Instead of Valence.” 2011. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 23(1): 52-68.

“Methods for Distance-Based Judgment Aggregation,” with Daniel Osherson. 2009. *Social Choice and Welfare* 32(4): 575-601.

“Social Choice Theory Without Pareto: The Pivotal Voter Approach.” 2009. *Mathematical Social Sciences* 58(2): 251-55.

“Judgment Aggregation and Subjective Decision-Making.” 2008. *Economics and Philosophy* 24(2): 205-31.

Physical Sciences

“Statistics of Disordered Wave Functions with Applications to Coulomb Blockade Peak Spacing,” with D. Ullmo and H.U. Baranger. 2005. *Physical Review* B72: 045305.

“The Role of Surfactant Adsorption during Ultrasonication in the Dispersion of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes,” with M.S. Strano et al. 2003. *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology* 3: 81-86.

“Reversible, Band-Gap-Selective Protonation of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes in Solution,” with M.S. Strano et al. 2003. *Journal of Physical Chemistry* B107(29): 6979-85.

Edited Book

Public Opinion and Democracy in Transitional Regimes: A Comparative Perspective, edited with Juliet Pietsch and Jeffrey Karp. 2016. Routledge.

Non-Peer-Reviewed

“Leaders Shirking Their Nations' Democratic Facades More Brazenly.” 2018. *The Hill*.

“Better Democracy Promotion Through Immigration,” with Margaret E. Peters. 2018. *Lawfare*.

“How the U.S. Can Prepare for a Major Election Hack.” 2018. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.

“Causal Models of Democratization,” with Carles Boix. 2018. *Sage Handbook of Political Sociology*.

“When Democracies Are Under Attack, It's Time to Rein in Executive Power,” with Benjamin A.T. Graham and Kaare W. Strøm. 2017. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.

“A New Expert Survey Finds Warning Signs for the State of American Democracy.” 2017. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.

“The Surprising Benefits of Autocratic Elections.” 2015. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.

Book review: Andreas Schedler's *Politics of Uncertainty*. 2014. *Review of Politics* 76(4): 708-10.

Book review: Judith Kelley's *Monitoring Democracy*. 2013. *Perspectives on Politics* 11: 674-75.

“Freedom's March,” with Carles Boix and Susan Stokes. May/June 2013. *Foreign Policy*.

“Violent Leader Removal and Democratization.” 2011. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Book Project: *Restraining the Huddled Masses*, with Margaret E. Peters.

Book Project: *Social Mobility and Democratic Attitudes*, with Christian Houle.

“The Uses and Abuses of Matching in Political Science.” *Under review*.

“Get Out: How Authoritarian Governments Decide Who Emigrates,” with Julian Michel and Margaret E. Peters. *Under review*.

“Social Mobility and Populist Voting,” with Christian Houle.

“Prospect Theory, Moral Psychology, and Political Theory.”

PRESENTATIONS

UT-Austin (2022), PRIO (2022), UIUC Comparative (2022), APSA (2009-10, 2013-20), Penn State University (2020), American University (2020), UCSD Conference on Democracy Measures (2019), MPSA (2011-12, 2014-19), GW Comparative (2015, 2019), Yale Conference on Democratic Breakdown (2018), SPSA (2017), ISA (2010, 2012, 2017), V-Dem Conference (2016), UPenn IPE Conference (2016), Yale Conference on Regime Types in IR (2015), IPES (2014), UIUC Comparative (2013), GW Methods (2013), Polmeth (2013), ANU Econometrics (2013), University of Sydney (2013), University of Melbourne (2012), ANU Hybrid Regimes Conference (2012), ANU Politics (2012), Australian Political Science Association (2011), Michigan Conference on Autocracies (2011), Princeton Political Economy (2011), Princeton Methodology (2007-10), Princeton Comparative (2008-10), ISA-NE (2009), Social Change Workshop (2008), Princeton Political Theory (2006-7), Judgment Aggregation Workshop, Freudenstadt, Germany (2007)

MEDIA, AWARDS, and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Field work: Singapore and Malaysia (2010), Botswana and Namibia (2015)

Media interviews: Boston Globe, Talking Points Memo, Voice of America, *The Atlantic*, KSL Newsradio, Sun Canada TV, Associated Press, *Washington Times*, *Washington Post*

Panel participant: PITF Conference on Elections and Technology, National Summit on Democracy, Voice of America, Shakespeare Theatre Company

Co-founder, Authoritarian Warning Survey

Member, Scholars Strategy Network
Dean's Research Chair Award, George Washington University, 2016-19
James Caporaso Award for best paper in *Comparative Political Studies* in 2015
Elinor Ostrom Prize for best paper in *Journal of Theoretical Politics* in 2013
Elizabeth C. Procter Fellowship (Princeton's university-wide competitive honorific, awarded to "students displaying the highest scholarly excellence in graduate work," \$31,000), 2010-11
Bobst Research Grant (\$5,000) for field work in Singapore, Princeton University, 2010
EITM Summer Fellowship, University of Mannheim, Germany, 2009
Research Associate, Department of Physics, Duke University, Prof. Harold Baranger, 2002-04
NSF REU Fellowship, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, Rice University, Nobel Laureate Richard E. Smalley, 2001-02

TEACHING and SERVICE

Reviewer: *American Journal of Epidemiology, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Contemporary Politics, Democratization, Economic Journal, Economics and Philosophy, Economics Letters, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Economy, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, Field Methods, Foreign Policy Analysis, Games and Economic Behavior, Government & Opposition, Human Rights Review, International Interactions, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Japanese Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Nordic Journal of Human Rights, Palgrave Macmillan, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research & Methods, Political Studies, Public Administration Review, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Research & Politics, Scandinavian Political Studies, Social Choice and Welfare, Social Science Research, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Development, World Politics*

Section Chair, Comparative Democratization, APSA 2019

George Washington University

Instructor: Game Theory I (graduate): Fall 2013-17, 2019, 2021

Game Theory II (graduate): Spring 2014

Causal Inference (graduate): Spring 2015-21

Authoritarianism and Democratization (graduate), Spring 2017, 2021

Global Perspectives on Democracy: 2014-17, 2019, 2021-22

Game Theory: 2020, 2022

Methodology Field Chair, 2017-present

Methodology Coordinating Committee, 2013-present

Graduate Program Review Committee, 2016-17

Thesis advisor: Stas Gorelik, Josiah Augustine, Rosalie Rubio, Stephen Rangazas, Dennis Li

Former advisor: Michael Joseph (Ph.D. 2018), Seung Joon Paik (Ph.D. 2018), Jennifer Doherty (Ph.D. 2019), Alex Fisher (Ph.D. 2020), Julian Waller (Ph.D. 2022)

Australian National University

Instructor: Game Theory and Social Science, 2012

Democracy: Its Causes and Consequences, 2012-13

Coordinator: Workshop on Empirical Political Analysis (regular seminar)

Princeton University

Graduate Mentor, Senior Thesis Writing Workshop, 2009-10

Consultant to Undergraduates, Data and Statistical Services, 2010

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Game Theory, Spring 2009

Formal Political Analysis II (graduate), Fall 2008

Mathematical Models in the Study of Politics, Fall 2007