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### **Education**

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**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

PhD in Political Science, March 2009

*Fields*: Comparative Politics and International Relations

*Dissertation*: Regime Type, Security and the Politics of Migration

*Committee*: Carles Boix (chair), John Mearsheimer, Casey Mulligan (Economics Dept.), Duncan Snidal

**The University of Chicago**, Committee on International Relations (CIR), Chicago, IL

MA in International Relations with a Specialization in International Political Economy, June 2002

**Hunter College**, City University of New York, New York, NY

BA in Political Science and Special Honors Curriculum, *summa cum laude*, May 2000

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

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2010. "Explaining the Politics of Immigration: Dictatorship, Development, and Defense." *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 42, No. 3, pp. 273-292.

"Realists, Nationalists and Globalists and the Nature of Contemporary Rising Powers," in *Worldviews of Aspiring Powers*. Henry Nau and Deepa Ollapally, eds. Co-authored with Deepa Ollapally. Estimated publication date: Spring 2012 [forthcoming].

### **Other Publications**

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2010. Book Review: *The Politics of Citizenship in Europe* by Marc Morjé Howard. *Comparative Political Studies*, 43(11): 1535-1539.

2010. "Back to the Future? A Revival of Realpolitik in Asia and Eurasia," Sigur Center for Asian Studies Policy Brief.

2010. "Exploring India's Foreign Policy Debates," Sigur Center for Asian Studies Policy Brief.

2007. "The 2007 Parliamentary Elections and the Prospects for a Stable Democracy in Serbia," *FEPADE (Fiscalía Especializada Para la Atención de Delitos Electorales) Difunde* (Mexico) 14(2): 75-88 [in Spanish].

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

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#### **Comparative Politics**

Politics of Immigration, Political Institutions, Economies in Transition, Post-Communist Countries

#### **International Relations**

IPE, Rising Powers in Asia and Eurasia, International Security, U.S. Foreign Policy

#### **Methods**

Data Analysis, Applied Regression Analysis, Comparative Case Study

## **Research Experience**

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### **The Sigur Center for Asian Studies, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC**

Postdoctoral Research Associate and Professorial Lecturer, November 2009-June 2011

- Managed ongoing aspects of The Rising Powers Initiative: two major grants from the Carnegie Corporation and the Macarthur Foundation on power, security and identity in Asia and Eurasia.
- Contributed research and writing to the Initiative, including co-authoring a chapter in a forthcoming edited volume on rising powers in Eurasia (Henry Nau and Deepa Ollapally, eds).
- Developed and taught an Elliott School course entitled “Rising Powers: Rivals or Allies.”
- Identified and met with key specialists on internal foreign policy debates within China, India, Iran, Japan, Russia, and South Korea.

### **The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES), The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC**

Visiting Scholar, September 2009-December 2009

- Conducted research on the politics of internal migration restrictions.

### **Center for Population Economics, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

Graduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Professor Robert Fogel, October 2004-August 2006

- Assembled datasets on public policy choices of city and state governments in post-Civil War U.S.
- Completed a research paper on the determinants of cross-state variation in tax rates and public works projects in post-Civil War United States.

### **The Constitutions Project, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

Graduate Research Assistant to Professor Carles Boix, July 2004-October 2004

- Gathered and coded data on constitutions and constitutional change in various countries from 1800 until the present. The project improves our measures of political institutions across time.

### **Political Economy Workshop, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

Coordinator, January 2004-June 2005

- Identified scholars to present at the workshop and organized visits.
- Established a contact list of political economy scholars and promoted workshop events.

## **Teaching Experience**

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
Politics of Globalization, (INR 4011), Fall 2011.

Scope and Methods of Political Science (POS3703), Fall 2011.

**Professorial Lecturer**, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Rising Powers: Rivals or Allies, Fall 2010.

**Teaching Assistant**, The University of Chicago, Chicago IL

- Professor Alberto Simpser, Introduction to the Political Economy of Development, Fall 2007
- Professor Steven Wilkinson, Ethnic Conflict, Spring 2007
- Professor Mark Hansen, Politics of the U.S. Congress, Fall 2006  
Electoral Politics in America, Fall 2004
- Professor Lloyd Gruber, Managing Globalization, Spring 2004  
U.S. Foreign Economic Policy, Fall 2003

## **Works in Progress**

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“Comparative Diaspora Politics: The Cases of China and India”

“Explaining Emigration Restrictions: Dictatorship, Communist Rule and Security”

“Regime Type, Urban Bias and Internal Migration Restrictions”

“China and India: Strategic Implications of Economic Interdependence” co-authored with Deepa Ollapally.  
 “Democracy and Great Power Politics: Domestic Sources of U.S. Foreign Policy towards China and India”  
 “A Theory of Conscription: Threats, Loyalty, and Labor Markets”

## **Presentations**

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American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2005-2008, 2011  
 Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting, 2011  
 International Student Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2006, 2007, 2009  
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting 2004-2010  
 Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India, 2011  
 MacArthur Asia Security Initiative (MASI) 2010 Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, 2010  
 Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi, India, 2010  
 Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi, India, 2010  
 Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India, 2010  
 Martin School of Public Policy and Administration Workshop, The University of Kentucky, 2009  
 Alexander Hamilton Center (NYU) Graduate Student Conference on Political Economy, 2009  
 Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University, 2007  
 Program for International Security Policy (PISP) workshop, The University of Chicago, 2006  
 Comparative Politics Workshop, The University of Chicago, 2004-2006  
 Political Economy Workshop, The University of Chicago, 2004-2006  
 Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES), The University of Chicago, 2005

## **Fieldwork**

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**India**, New Delhi, February 2011

- Conducted research on the determinants of India’s diaspora engagement policymaking. Conducted research interviews with New Delhi-based experts on this issue, including Professors from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), as well as retired leading officials from India’s government, including India’s Ministry of External Affairs.

**China**, Beijing and Shanghai, May 2010

- Conducted research, funded by a George Washington University faculty research grant, on two projects related to migration issues in China: on internal migration regulations (i.e., the hukou system) and on diaspora politics (i.e., the overseas Chinese), respectively. Conducted interviews with China-based migration experts, including prominent scholars (Professors from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Peking University, the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), the Chinese Academy of Governance, and Fudan University), government officials, and foreign diplomats.

## **Honors**

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**Sigur Center for Asian Studies Faculty Research Grant, The George Washington University, 2010**

**Program on International Security Policy (PISP) Fellowship, 2005-2006**

**Graduate Tuition Fellowship and Stipend, the University of Chicago, 2002**

**Phi Beta Kappa, 2000**

## **Professional Service and Associations**

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Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly*

Member: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association