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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Stanford University, Stanford, 2009
M.A. in Political Science, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, 2003
B.A. (magna cum laude) in philosophy (with distinction) and in sociology (with distinction), Colorado College, 1999

Academic Positions

[Professor of Political Science](#), University of Washington, 2019—
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, 2015—2019
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, 2010—2015

Research/Professional Affiliations

Founding Member of the [Academic Freedom Alliance](#), 2021—
Cofounder & Organizer, [Political Economy Forum](#) at the University of Washington, 2015—
Affiliated Professor, [Hoover Institution Working Group on Intellectual Property, Innovation, and Prosperity](#) (IP2) Summer Institute, 2014—2018
Affiliated Professor, [University of Washington Center for Environmental Politics](#), 2014—
Affiliated Professor, [Near and Middle Eastern Studies](#), University of Washington, 2013—
Affiliated Faculty, [Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences](#) (CSSS) at the University of Washington, 2012—
Research Fellow, [Stanford Social Science History Program](#) (Institute for Research in the Social Sciences), 2009—2010
[Hoover Institution National Fellow](#), Stanford University, 2009—2010

Previous Academic Positions

Lecturer, Santa Clara University, 2006.

Honors, Distinctions, Awards/Fellowships

- “Do Natural Resources Fuel Authoritarianism” (with Steve Haber), published in 2011, among the 100 most cited *American Political Science Review* (APSR) articles of all times
- Commendation from UW Dean of Social Sciences for high teaching evaluations (2016)
- Early Tenure granted by the University of Washington (2015)
- Best Reviewer Award awarded by *Comparative Political Studies* (CPS) for 2013
- Hoover Institution National Fellow, 2009
- Bradley Research Fellowship by Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, 2008
- Northern California Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Fellowship, 2008
- John Randolph Hayes Fellowship, 2001
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1999
- Senior Thesis Writing Award, 1999
- Robert L. Lewis Prize in Philosophy, 1998

Grants

University of Washington Provost’s Bridge Grant, \$77,510 (January 2014)

Richard Wesley Research Grant, \$1,000 (2013)

Books

“[Authoritarianism and the Elite Origins of Democracy](#)” (with Michael Albertus). *Cambridge University Press*. 2018.

“[The Institutions Curse: Natural Resources, Politics, and Development](#).” *Cambridge University Press*. 2016.

Book in Progress

“[The Luddites Strike Back: U.S. Innovation Inequality and Trumpism](#)” (with Nicolas Wittstock). Under Review

“[The Political Economy of the Fourth Industrial Revolution](#)”

Peer Reviewed Publications in Refereed Journals

“[To Rent or not to Rent? Mechanics, Causes and Consequences of Ricardian and Quasi-rents in the Oil Industry](#)” (with Will Gochberg). *Resources Policy* 78, 3 (2022): 102826.

[“Does Technology Transfer from the US to China harm American firms and consumers? A historical and analytic investigation”](#) (with Nicolas Wittstock). *Economic and Political Studies* 9, 4 (2021): 417-446.

[“The Fiscal Roots of Urban Bias”](#) *Business and Politics* 18, no. 4 (2016): 435-465.

[“Democracy, Elite-bias and Redistribution in Latin America”](#) *Political Science Quarterly* 131, no. 3 (2016): 541-569.

[“The Fiscal Roots of Financial Underdevelopment”](#) *American Journal of Political Science* 60, no. 2 (2016): 456-471.

[“Democracy, Elite-bias and Financial Development in Latin America”](#) (with Daniel Yoo). *World Politics* 67, no. 4 (2015): 726-759.

[“Economic Globalization, Foreign Aid, and Pollution”](#) (with Sijeong Lim and Aseem Prakash). *Policy Sciences* 48, no. 2 (2015): 181-205.

[“Dealing with Dictators: Negotiated Democratization and the Fate of Outgoing Autocrats”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *International Studies Quarterly* 58, no. 3 (2014): 550-565.

[“Gaming Democracy: The Role of Elite Welfare in Democratic Transition”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *British Journal of Political Science* 44, no. 3 (2014): 575-603.

[“Dictators as Founding Fathers: The Role of Constitutions in Autocracies”](#) (with Mike Albertus) *Economics & Politics* 24, no. 3 (2012): 279-306.

[“If You’re Against Them You’re With Us: the Effect of Expropriation on Autocratic Survival”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Comparative Political Studies* 45, no. 8 (2012): 973-1003.

[“The Middle East and North Africa’s Resilient Monarchs”](#) *Journal of Politics* 74, no. 03 (2012): 707-722.

[“Coercive Capacity and the Prospects for Democratization”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Comparative Politics* 44, no. 2 (2012): 151-169.

[“Do Natural Resources Fuel Authoritarianism? A Reappraisal of the Resource Curse”](#) (with Stephen Haber). *American Political Science Review* 105, no. 01 (2011): 1-26.

Commissioned Publications in Peer Reviewed Academic Journals

[“The Perils of Economic Populism”](#) (with Beatrice Magistro). *American Political Science Association (APSA) Comparative Politics Newsletter* Fall (2020): 39-47.

“[\(Ignoring\) the Prosperity Playbook.](#)” *International Trade Journal* 30, no. 5 (2016): 366-377.

“[Capital in the Twenty-First-Century—in the Rest of the World](#)” (with Mike Albertus). *Annual Review of Political Science* 19 (2016): 49-66.

“[The New Political Economy of Natural Resources in Latin America.](#)” *Latin American Politics and Society* 57, no. 01 (2015): 163-173.

“[Empirical Strategies in International Development Research](#)” (with Aseem Prakash). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 33, no. 4 (2014): 929-931.

Chapters in Peer Reviewed Edited Volumes

“[Do Patents Foster International Technology Transfer? Evidence from Spanish Steelmaking, 1850-1930.](#)” *The Battle Over Patents*. Oxford University Press 2021: 69-112.

“[The Stickiness of ‘Bad’ Institutions: Constitutional Continuity and Change Under Democracy](#) (with Mike Albertus).” *Institutional Weakness: Power and Design in Latin American Institutions*. Cambridge University Press 2020: 61-97.

“[The Resource Curse Puzzle Across Four Waves of Work](#)” (with Will Gochberg). *Handbook of the International Political Economy of Energy*. Palgrave 2016: 505-525.

“[Institutional Analysis in Historical Perspective](#)” (with Margaret Levi). *Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*. Routledge Press 2015: 15-30.

“[Judicial Supremacy: Explaining False Starts and Surprising Successes](#)” (with Nora Webb Williams). *How the Magna Carta Matters: Reflecting on the Legacy of the Great Charter*. Cambridge University Press 2015: 169-193.

“[The Political Economy of Autocratic Constitutions](#)” (with Mike Albertus). *Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes*. Cambridge University Press 2013: 53-82.

“[Natural Resources in Latin America: Neither Curse nor Blessing](#)” (with Stephen Haber). *Oxford University Press Handbook of Latin American Political Economy*. Oxford University Press 2012: 367-380.

Book Reviews

[Review of Anne Meng’s “Constraining Dictatorship.”](#) *Perspectives on Politics*. 19, no. 2 (2021)

[Review of Stephen Haggard and Robert Kaufman’s “Dictators and Democrats: Masses, Elites, and Regime Change”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Perspectives on Politics*. 16, no. 4 (2018).

Review of Tulia Falleti’s “Decentralization and Subnational Politics in Latin America.” *Comparative Political Studies*. 44, no. 5 (2011).

Papers Under Review

[“How Populism Harms Prosperity: Unified Populist Rule Reduces Investment, Innovation, and Productivity”](#) (with Beatrice Magistro).

Opinion Pieces and Think Pieces

[Prosecuting a president is divisive and sometimes destabilizing – here’s why many countries do it anyway](#) (with James Long and Morgan Wack). *The Conversation* (8/16/22).

[With Trump’s role on Jan. 6 becoming clearer, and potentially criminal, GOP voters are starting to look at different options](#) (with James Long). *The Conversation* (7/13/22).

[Prosecuting Trump would inevitably be political – and other countries have had mixed success in holding ex-presidents accountable](#) (with James Long and Morgan Wack). *The Conversation* (1/11/22).

[“Why Nobody Will Ever Agree on Whether COVID Lockdowns Were Worth It”](#) *The Conversation* (6/16/21).

[“An Analysis of an Often Overlooked Threat to Free Speech: Society”](#) *Divided we Fall* (6/26/21).

[“Antitrust in the Crosshairs: How Important is it to Reform Competition Policy?”](#) *Culturico* (3/28/21).

[“Prosecuting ex-presidents for corruption is trending worldwide – but it’s not always great for democracy”](#) (with James Long and Morgan Wack). *The Conversation* (3/16/21).

[“Breaking up Big Tech: A solution in search of a problem.”](#) *VentureBeat* (2/11/21).

[“From the election lie to GameStop: How to stop social media algorithms from hurting us”](#) (with James Long). *VentureBeat* (2/6/21).

[“Section 230: Friend, not foe, of free speech”](#) (with James Long). *Seattle Times* (1/22/21).

[“Why Trump’s challenges to democracy will be a big problem for Biden”](#) (with James Long). *The Conversation* (1/10/21)/

[“The Many Faces of Mentorship.”](#) *Inside Higher Ed* (12/10/20).

[“Latinos Aren’t Always Woke.”](#) *Areo* (11/25/20).

[“Liberalism and the Threats it Faces.”](#) *Areo* (10/12/20).

[“Is our Cancel Culture Killing Free Speech?”](#) *Seattle Times* (8/7/20).

[“Here’s Why Tech Platforms Might Need Regulation, but not Breaking Up”](#) (with James Caporaso, Nives Dolsak, and Aseem Prakash). *Forbes* (6/14/20).

[“Dear Bernie: Democratic Socialism Depends on Robust Capitalism”](#) *Seattle Times* (3/10/20).

[“Why are so Many Democracies Breaking Down?”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *New York Times* (5/8/18).

[“Crony Capitalism and Protectionism are the Despot’s Way”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Seattle Times* (4/20/18).

[“How Flawed Constitutions Undermine Democracy](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Monkey Cage Blog at the Washington Post* (2/26/18).

[“Capitalism need not churn inexorably toward higher inequality; democracies can tame the disproportionate power of elites”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *London School of Economics and Political Science, British Politics and Policy Blog* (7/14).

[“How Democracies are Gamed for Power and Profit”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Monkey Cage Blog at the Washington Post* (6/3/14).

[“A Glimmer of Hope for Democracy in Egypt”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Seattle Times* (1/30/14).

[“Why Egypt’s new constitution may not turn out as badly as you think”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Monkey Cage Blog at the Washington Post* (1/16/14).

[“South Africa, Unequal by Design”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Foreign Policy* (1/3/14).

[“Democracy Slowly Won Out Over Other Coups”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *New York Times* (8/14/13).

[“The Odds are Good for Egypt”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Foreign Policy* (7/18/13).

[“The Aftermath of Revolution”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *New York Times* (2/14/12).

[“Burma Can Bring It”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *Foreign Policy* (5/14/12).

[“What do legislatures in authoritarian regimes do?”](#) *Monkey Cage Blog* (12/14/12).

[“A Democratic Middle East?”](#) (with Stephen Haber). *Defining Ideas* (April 2011).

[“A Democracy’s Best Bet: Revolution First”](#) (with Mike Albertus). *USA Today* (3/2/11).

[“Afghanistan and the Resource Curse”](#) (with Stephen Haber). *Wall Street Journal* (7/2/10).

Selection of Invited Talks/Seminars since 2009

Hoover Institution (Stanford University) IP2 Symposium on History of Patents, Spring 2018

Tulane University, invited talk about my book “Authoritarianism and the Elite Origins of Democracy, Fall 2018

Princeton University, Political Science Department, Spring 2017

Northwestern University, April 2017

Texas A&M International, AR Sanchez Jr. Business School, April 2016

Yale University, Extractive Resources and Global Governance, Oct. 2015

Princeton University’s Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Oct. 2015

Indiana University, Political Science Department, Sept. 2015

Ostrom Workshop at Indiana University, Sept. 2015

The United Kingdom’s Political Studies Association: *Lessons from the Magna Carta* (6/18/14): Nora Webb Williams attended in my stead.

The World Bank: *Demystifying Natural Resources* (6/23/13)

The Rand Corporation: *Natural Resources & Iraqi Development* (5/30/13)

University of Michigan, Political Science: Conference on Authoritarianism (4/26/13)

USC Center for International Studies (2/27/13)

Penn State, Political Science: (2/18/13)

Olympia World Affairs Council: *Latin American Exceptionalism* (2/21/13)

Georgetown University, Political Science: (9/17/12)

Thomas F. Gleed Chair in the Albers School of Business at Seattle University Lecture:
Governance Institutions: From Geographic Causes to Business Consequences (4/22/12)

Critique of Michael Ross' *The Oil Curse* presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Conference (4/2/12)

The World Bank: *Does Oil Fuel Authoritarianism?* (9/17/09)

Selected Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, 2006

APSA Annual Conference, 2007

APSA Annual Conference, 2008

APSA Annual Conference, 2011

APSA Annual Conference, 2012 (Cancelled)

APSA Annual Conference, 2013

APSA Annual Conference, 2014

APSA Annual Conference, 2015

APSA Annual Conference, 2020

Selected Media Coverage of my Work

New York Times (10/22/10)

The Monkey Cage (8/23/11)

Marginal Revolution (10/22/10)

The Economist (4/7/12)

Foreign Policy (12/6/10)

Foreign Policy (8/31/12)

Yahoo News (3/27/11)

The Monkey Cage (12/14/12)

Bloomberg News (4/4/11)

Daily Beast (12/19/12)

Wall Street Journal (4/9/11)

Marginal Revolution (1/9/12)

Wall Street Journal (4/30/11)

Why Nations Fail (5/29/13)

Freakonomics Blog (4/4/11)

The American (8/13/13)

The Monkey Cage (5/15/17)

Daily Maverick (5/17/18)

The Washington Post (10/15/21)New York Times (8/9/22)**Selected Reviewer Duties**

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
British Journal of Political Science
International Organization
Comparative Political Studies
Comparative Politics
World Politics
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Comparative Economics
Journal of Contemporary Politics
International Studies Quarterly
Studies in Comparative International Development
Journal of Peace Research
European Journal of Political Research
Economics & Politics
Economic & Political Studies
Business & Politics
Journal of Economic History
American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics
Journal of Institutional Economics
Resources Policy
National Science Foundation
Cambridge University Press
Oxford University Press
Routledge Press

Graduate Student Supervision

Nimah Mazaheri (2010–2011; dissertation committee, tenured at Tufts)
 Brad Epperly (2010–2012; dissertation committee, tenure track position at University of South Carolina)
 Mary Anne Madeira (2011–2013; dissertation committee, tenure track position at CUNY, Queens College)
 Sijeong Lim (2011–2013; dissertation committee, tenure track position at University of Amsterdam)
 Amanda Clayton (2012–2014; dissertation committee, tenure track position at Vanderbilt)
 Aaron Erlich (2013–2016; dissertation committee, tenure track position at McGill)
 Xiao Ma (2015–2017; dissertation committee; tenure track position at Peking University)
 Kendra Dupuy (2012–2016; dissertation committee, PRIO Norway)
 Yu Sasaki (2011–2017; dissertation committee; tenure track position at Kanazawa University, Japan)

Stephan Hamberg (2011–2015; dissertation committee, Norwegian Government)
 Jennifer Noveck (2014–2017; dissertation chair, lecturer at Western Washington Univ.)
 Yuting Li (2011–2016; dissertation committee)
 Carolina Johnson (2012–2017; dissertation committee)
 Dan Yoo (2016–2019; dissertation chair, data scientist at Airbnb)
 David Lopez (2016–2019; dissertation chair, postdoc at NYU)
 Nora Webb Williams (2017–2019; dissertation chair, tenure track at University of Illinois)
 William Gochberg (2017–2021; dissertation chair, postdoc at Washington University)
 Kevin Aslett (2018–2021; dissertation chair, tenure track at University of Central Florida)
 Calvin Garner (2018–; dissertation committee)
 Beatrice Magistro (2018–2021; dissertation chair, postdoc at the University of Toronto)
 Riddhi Mehta-Neugebauer (2018–2022; dissertation committee)

Selected Departmental, University, and Professional Service

Committee Chair: James Long promotion to full professor
 Committee Member: Caitlin Ainsley promotion to associate professor
 Committee Member: Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics/Political Economy position (Tenure Track), 2020: led to hiring of Asli Cansunar
 Committee Member: Assistant Teaching Professor position, 2019: led to hiring of Scott Lemieux
 American Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair (Political Economy)
 Tenure Committee for James Long, 2018
 Graduate Student Admissions Chair, 2015
 Committee Member: Assistant Professor in Political Economy position, 2015; led to hiring of Caitlin Ainsley
 Co-convener of the Richard Wesley Forum in Political Economy, 2014–
 Committee Member: Assistant/Associate Professor in Inequality and Social Justice position, 2013; led to hiring of Megan Francis
 Committee Member: Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics position, 2012; led to hiring of James Long
 University of Washington Faculty Senate Member, 2013-2015
 Co-convener of the Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, 2012–
 Graduate Student Admissions Committee, 2011; 2013