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## Employment

8/2008-present, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi

## Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of California, Davis (degree expected 2008)

Major Field: Comparative Politics (*Passed with distinction*)

Minor Fields: International Relations; Methodology

B.A., Political Science, University of California, Davis, 1999

## Publications

“Who Rides the Storm? Political Institutions and Trade Adjustment.” (with Daniel Y. Kono). *Business and Politics* 9(1): April 2007.

“Running and Winning: Candidate ‘Quality’ in Mexico’s 2006 Legislative Elections” Forthcoming in *Mexico’s 2006 Elections*, eds. Joy Langston & Allyson Benton, CIDE, 2007.

## Works under Review

“A Veto Player Theory of Cross-National Turnout.” (with Ryan Carlin).

“Does it Matter if Your Neighbors are Unemployed or Minorities? An examination of contextual effects and partisan vote choice in England.”

## Dissertation

Title: *Political Institutions, Candidate Quality, and the Consolidation of Democracy in Latin America*

Committee: Robert Jackman (chair), Josephine Andrews, Ethan Scheiner, Elizabeth Zechmeister

Abstract: For the first time, much of the developing world has been by regimes that have at least some democratic institutions. To help shed light on why this transition has taken place, this project focuses on political candidates and their role in democracy. I develop and test a theory that examines what a viable candidate is in differing systems and what determines the extent to which parties field such candidates. Extending previous research on the emergence of candidates in transitional democracies, I develop a theoretical framework that endogenizes the distribution of potential candidates and their traits across the range of potential political parties. This framework provides predictions of who will run and who will win, within a given party. The theory is tested and supported using data collected from fieldwork in Mexico and Chile. Data collected through archival analysis, questionnaires, and elite interviews, are used to test the theory.

## Research Interests

Inequality, trade, and development in transitional democracies

Institutional influences on electoral candidates and democratic consolidation

The dynamic effects of institutional change on political behavior

## Grants and Awards

University of California, Pacific Rim Research Program Research Grant, 2006-2007. *UC system-wide multi-discipline competitive grants for faculty or graduate students. Funded dissertation fieldwork in Chile and Mexico.*

Institute for Governmental Affairs Dissertation Grant, 2007

UC Davis Humanities Research Fellowship, 2005 & 2007

University of California, Pacific Rim Research Program Mini-Grant, 2005. *Predisertation fieldwork in Chile*.

UC Davis Political Science Department Summer Research Grant, 2005

### **Grants and Awards (continued)**

UC Davis Political Science Department Travel Award 2004, 2005

UC Davis Block Grant Graduate Fellowship, 2003

Institute for Governmental Affairs ICPSR Summer Funding, 2003

UC Davis Political Science Dept. ICPSR Fellowship, 2003

### **Fieldwork**

Dissertation research in Chile and Mexico, 2006-2007

Pre-dissertation research in Santiago, Chile, summer 2005

Pre-dissertation research in Mexico City, Mexico, spring 2005

### **Works in Progress/Conference Presentations**

“Policy Salience, Strategic Mobilization, & Voter Turnout.” (with Ryan Carlin). Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; September 2007.

“Political Environment and Democratic Consolidation.” Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference; April 2005.

“The Liberalizing Effects of GATT/WTO Membership: A Complicated Relationship.” (with Jennifer Ramos). Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference; April 2005.

“Are Prime Ministers Better for the Poor? Institutional Causes of Income Inequality.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference; March 2004.

### **Invited Presentations/Workshops**

Evaluating the Mexican 2006 Elections, Departamento de Estudios Políticos, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2007.

Economy, Justice, and Society Workshop, Department of Economics, Sonoma, California, September 2005.

ICPSR Summer Program for Quantitative Methods, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 2003

### **Research & Language Skills**

Advanced Proficiency in Spanish

Advanced Proficiency in Statistical Analysis and Formal Modeling

### **References**

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