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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California San Diego (2004)

*Fields: political economy, development, comparative politics, international relations

*Regional research interests: Latin America, OECD

*Dissertation: *The Fiscal Contract: States, Taxes and Public Services*

Committee: David A. Lake (co-chair), Gary W. Cox (co-chair), Peter H. Smith,
James Rauch, Peter A. Gourevitch, Christopher Woodruff.

Awarded Western Political Science Association "best dissertation" prize for a
dissertation completed in 2003/2004.

Awarded Jean Fort Dissertation Prize (2004), a university-wide award for a UCSD
Ph.D. recipient of "unusual intellectual breadth whose doctoral research has met
the highest standards of academic excellence and will make a significant
contribution on an issue of humanitarian or public concern."

M.Sc. in Economic History, London School of Economics (1998)

*Developing country track

*Distinction in Research Design

A.B. in Government, Dartmouth College (1993)

Academic Positions

Professor of Political Science, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) (2004-
present).

Global Fellow, International Institute, University of California Los Angeles (2006-08).

Visiting Lecturer, University of San Diego (winter 2004).

Associate in Political Science, University of California San Diego (summer 2003).

Visiting Researcher, Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil (2002).

Teaching Associate, University of California Washington Center (2001-2002).

Refereed Publications

"Does Democracy Reduce Inequality," Forthcoming, *British Journal of Political Science*.

"Taxation and Representation in Recent History," 2010, *Journal of Politics* 72(1):191-208.

"Taxation and Credible Commitment: Left, Right and Partisan Turnover," 2010, *Comparative Politics* 42(2):207-227.

"Lobbying and Taxes," (with Brian Richter and Kris Sampantharak), 2009, *American Journal of Political Science* 53(4):874-892.

"The Fiscal Contract: States, Taxes and Public Services," 2005, *World Politics* 57(4): 530-567.

"The Political Determinants of Economic Performance: Political Competition and the Sources of Growth," (with Pablo M. Pinto), 2005, *Comparative Political Studies* 38(1): 26-50.

Polished papers/under review

"Specific Skilled Labor and the Demand for Social Insurance," (with Jerry Nickelsburg).

"The Political Economy of Municipal Transfers in Mexico," (with Daniel Broid).

"Why Not Adopt Better Institutions?" (with Brian Richter).

"Time and the Deep Determinants: Tortoise or Hare?" (with Brian Richter).

Works in progress/projects

"Randomized Fiscal Audits and Municipal Taxes in Brazil: How government performance affects local tax revenue" (with Francisco Garfias).

"The Demand for Redistribution in Mexico: Social Context, Personal Experiences and Anomalies" (with Aleister Montfort)

"The 9-11 effect on lobbying activity and procurement outcomes" (with Brian Richter).

"Is there really a trade-off between economic openness and social protection in Latin America?" (with Francisco Garfias & Gabriel López-Moctezuma).

Reports

"The Political Economy of Fiscal Reform: Mexico," (with Eric Magar and Vidal Romero), background paper for the Inter-American Development Bank.

Courses taught

ITAM—16 week semesters

Political Economy I

–States, markets, public policy & development

Political Economy II

–Inequality, Welfare, IPE

Political Economy Research Seminar

–Experiments, non-randomized treatments, Intermediate Statistics

Introduction to Applied Methods

–Basic Research Design, Lit. Reviews, Case Studies, Introductory Statistics

Politics, Economics and Policy-Making in Latin America

–The economic and political history of Latin America, ending with contemporary policymaking processes.

Courses at other universities

Comparative Political Economy (UCLA)

Introduction to Global Studies (UCLA, co-instructor)

International Political Economy (USD)

Comparative Politics (UCSD)

Research Design (UCSD)

Thesis Supervision (ITAM, Selected)

Sergio Holguin (accepted MPP program Harvard 2007)

Eunice Sánchez & Karina Alvarez (Runner-up for Mexico's National Public Finance Prize, 2009)

Honors & Awards

Edmundo O'Gorman Scholar's Program, Columbia University (invitation for 2010)

Faculty Grant for Research, Division of Economics, Politics and Social Science, ITAM (2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010)

Global Fellow, UCLA International Institute (2006-2008)

Candidate for the National System of Investigators (SNI, Mexico, 2006-08)

Western Political Science Association "Best Dissertation" Prize (2003/2004)

Jean Fort Dissertation Prize (2004)

Fulbright Scholar, Brazil (2002)

CILAS Dissertation field research grant (2002)

Presidential Fellow, University of California Washington Center (2001-2002)

Distinguished Teaching Assistant UCSD (2001)

Distinction in research design, LSE (1998)

Institute for Humane Studies Fellow (1997)

Other Academic Activities

Reviewer: NSF, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*

Interim coordinator, UCLA Political Economy Lunchgroup (2007-08)

External Evaluator, National Program for Postgraduate Programs (Mexico)

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank

Non-Academic

Harstad Strategic Research (full-time, June-November 2008)

- * External consultant/pollster for Obama 2008 presidential campaign
- * 6-person firm named "Pollster of the Year" by the American Association of Political Consultants (2009)

Freelance Journalist Caracas, Venezuela 1995-1997

- * Primary contributor to Economist Intelligence Unit's *Country Report, Business Report, Financing Foreign Operations, and Investing, Licensing & Trading* in Venezuela. Offered position as Deputy Editor for Latin America in London.

International Experiences: Mexico (4 years); Venezuela (2½ years); Brazil (1 year); UK (1 year).

Languages: Native English, fluent Spanish, proficient (but rusty) Portuguese

References:

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Ron Rogowski (rogowski@international.ucla.edu)

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