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Academic Appointments

Adjunct Professor University of Arizona, 2010 - 2011

Instructor University of Arizona, 2007 - 2010

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, The University of Arizona, 2010
Examination Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, International
and Comparative Political Economy, (All Passed With High Honors)

M.A. Political Science, The University of Arizona, 2007

B.A. Double Major - Economics & Political Science with a Certificate in International
Studies, Indiana University at Fort Wayne (IPFW), 2004

Dissertation:

“The Primacy of Governance Infrastructure versus Democracy in Development and FDI in Developing Countries” Most scholars believe that democracies guarantee the rule of law and provide superior institutions, which influence developing states’ development trajectories, as well as firms’ decisions on where to do business. However, I argue that these superior institutions are prior to the institutions of democracy and constitute the concept of governance infrastructure, and are therefore the key institutional determinants of state’s economic outcomes. I find that the institutions that comprise a state’s governance infrastructure (GI) are separate conceptually from the institutions that comprise democracy, and that the quality of developing states’ GI 1) must reach a certain threshold before democracy positively affects economic development; 2) sends a signal to investors concerning potential transaction costs that investors may incur, ultimately determining the amount of FDI developing states’ receive, while being the only domestic institutions that affect investors decision making; 3) determines the quality and provision of a state’s intermediary public goods, which are an additional causal mechanism to signaling in determining a state’s FDI inflows.

Publications

Volgy, Thomas J., Renato Corbetta, Ryan G. Baird, and Keith A. Grant, eds. Forthcoming. *Major Powers and the Quest for Status in International Politics: Global and Regional Perspectives*. New York: Palgrave-MacMillan.

Volgy, Thomas J., Renato Corbetta, Ryan G. Baird, and Keith A. Grant. Forthcoming. "Major Power Status in International Politics." In *Major Powers and the Quest for Status in International Politics: Global and Regional Perspectives*, ed. Thomas J. Volgy, Renato Corbetta, Ryan G. Baird, and Keith A. Grant. New York: Palgrave-MacMillan.

Corbetta, Renato, Thomas J. Volgy, Ryan G. Baird, and Keith A. Grant. Forthcoming. "Status and the Future of International Politics." In *Major Powers and the Quest for Status in International Politics: Global and Regional Perspectives*, ed. Thomas J. Volgy, Renato Corbetta, Ryan G. Baird, and Keith A. Grant. New York: Palgrave-MacMillan.

Baird, Ryan. "North, Douglass." Solicited Manuscript. In the *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Baird, Ryan. "Public Goods." Solicited Manuscript. In the *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Corbetta, Renato, Thomas J. Volgy, Keith A. Grant, and Ryan G. Baird. Forthcoming. "Major Powers, Major Power Status, and Status Inconsistency in International Politics." *Russian International Studies Association Compendium*.

Works in Progress

"What are We Really Measuring? A Theoretically Valid Conceptualization of Democracy." Revise and Re-submit at *Peace, Conflict, and Development*.

"Are All Public Goods Created Equally? Governance Infrastructure, Intermediary Public Goods, and FDI in Developing Countries."

"Dependant Disputants and Third Party Political Leverage." (with Keith A. Grant and William J. Dixon)

"Business Before Conflict: Economic Interdependence and Rivalries." (with Gregory Dixon)

"Recovering from Economic Crises: Governance Infrastructure and the Politics of Macroeconomic Performance." (with Chad Westerland)

Research Grants

Dissertation Improvement Grant - awarded by **The Social and Behavioral Sciences Institute at the University of Arizona** (SBSRI), Mar, 2009. (\$800.00)

Fellowships and Awards

Michael P. Sullivan Graduate Research Award in International Relations - awarded by **The School of Government and Public Policy at the University of Arizona**, May 2010. (\$500.00)

The Clogg Scholarship Award - awarded by **Society for Political Methodology and The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)**, June, 2008. (\$3,500.00)

ICPSR Scholarship Award - awarded by **The Social and Behavioral Sciences Institute at the University of Arizona** (SBSRI), June, 2008. (\$1000.00)

ICPSR Scholarship Award - awarded by the **University of Arizona, Department of Political Science**, June, 2008. (\$1000.00)

Travel Grants - awarded by the **American Political Science Association** - 2010; & **International Studies Association** - 2007, 2008, 2009, & 2010; & the **International Political Economy Society** - 2008; & the **University of Arizona Department of Political Science** - 2007 (3), 2008

Omicron Delta Epsilon - Charter member of the Xi Chapter of Indiana in the **International Honor Society in Economics**

Pulin-Sampat Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, awarded by **Indiana University - Purdue University, Fort Wayne (IPFW)**, Oct, 2004. (\$250.00)

Additional Training

APSA Short-Course: Agent-Based Modeling in Policy: How to Simply Demonstrate Dynamics, Complexity, and Alternatives in Analysis, to be attended at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington D.C., Sept. 1, 2010

Workshop on Major Powers and the Quest for Status, following the **International Studies Association Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, Feb. 21, 2010

Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research Summer Program (ICPSR), Courses: Game Theory - Basic and Advanced Topics, at the **University of Michigan**, 2008

Seminar on Presenting Data and Information by Edward Tufte, Phoenix, AZ, 2007

Conference Participation

- “Interacting Signals: Domestic Institutional Environments and Increased FDI Inflows.” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2010
- “Status Matters: Exploring Variation in Status Attribution among Major Powers,” with Keith A. Grant, Renato Corbetta, and Thomas J. Volgy. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Feb. 2010
- “Business Before Conflict: Does Economic Dependence Reduce the Intensity of Rivalries?” with Gregory Dixon. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Jan. 2010
- “An Inviting Signal: Imperfect Information, Institutional Environments, and Increased FDI Inflows.” Paper presented at the International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, Nov. 2009
- “Governance Infrastructure and High Quality Democracy: A Theoretically Motivated Concept Construction and Necessary Condition Analysis.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2009
- “An Inviting Signal: Imperfect Information, Institutional Environments, and Increased Economic Exchange.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Feb. 2009
- “Dependent Disputants and Third Party Political Leverage” with Keith A. Grant and William J. Dixon. Paper presented at the Domestic Politics and International Conflict Conference at Texas A&M University, Jan. 2009
- “The Competition for FDI in Developing Countries: Governance Infrastructure and Public Goods vs. Regime Type” with Gary Goertz. Paper presented at the International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, Nov. 2008
- “So Who Gets into the Club and What Does That Mean? Status and Status Inconsistency Among the Major Powers,” with Renato Corbetta, Thomas J. Volgy and Keith A. Grant. Paper presented at the Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Oct. 2008 and at the Russian International Studies Association Conference, Sept. 2008
- “So Who Gets into the Club? The Attribution of Major Power Status in International Politics,” with Renato Corbetta, Thomas J. Volgy and Keith A. Grant. Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions Workshop, April 2008

“The Importance of Good Governance in Attracting Foreign Direct Investment Inflows: Institutional Quality versus Regime Type” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2008

“Governance, Democracy and Trade: Is Increased Interstate Trade between Democracies Conditional on Quality Governance?” Paper presented at the Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Nov. 2007

Discussant for the Panel “Assessing Regional Economic Integration” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Feb. - March 2007

“Governance, Democracy and Trade: Maximizing Interstate Trade through Quality Governance and Democracy.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Feb. - March 2007

“Ulterior Motives: The Role of Economic Interdependence in the Partisanship of 3rd Party Interventions” with Keith A. Grant. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. Feb. - March 2007

“The Importance of Country Risk in Determining Trade Flows: The Preference for a Sure Thing.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Jan. 2007

Professional Experience and Development

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona under the direction of Professor William J. Dixon: Fall 2007 & Spring 2008, and Professor Thomas J. Volgy: Summer 2009 & Spring 2010

International Travel, Moscow, Russia, Sept. 2008; Toronto, Canada, Sept. 2009

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professor, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

POL301 “Methods of Political Inquiry”: Fall 2010

POL360 “International Political Economy”: Fall 2010

Instructor, Department of Political Science/School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

POL455 “American Foreign Policy”: Fall 2009, Summer 2010

POL341 “Comparative Public Policy”: Spring 2010

POL360 “International Political Economy”: Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

POL202 “Introduction to International Relations”: Summer 2007

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona

POL202 “Introduction to International Relations”: Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, & Spring 2007

Professional Service

Referee, *Journal of Politics, International Organization, & International Studies Quarterly*, Wadsworth/Cengage Learning, Oxford University Press

International Studies Association, Staff Member at the annual meeting in 2008, 09, & 2010

University and Departmental Service

Department of Political Science Executive Committee, graduate representative: 2005 - 2007

Department of Political Science Undergrad Committee, graduate representative: 2006 - 2007

Graduate Professional Student Council Travel Grant Judge, University of Arizona: 2006 - 2007

Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association: 2005 - 2006

Other Experience

United States Army Reserve, Administrative and Logistics Specialist with cross training in Military Police, 384 MP Battalion Fort Wayne, IN, 1997-2005, honorably discharged with the Army Service Ribbon

References

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