

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, The University of Arizona, (Expected May 2010)
Examination Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics
(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, 2004

Dissertation - “The Primacy of Governance Infrastructure: Democracy, FDI, and Trade”

Most scholars believe that democracies guarantee the rule of law and provide superior institutions, which influence 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 trade and FDI flows. I find that the quality of a state’s governance infrastructure 1) sends a signal to investors concerning a state’s credible commitment to a pro-business environment which determines its FDI inflows; 2) 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; 3) accounts for the effect that democracy has on FDI and trade flows; 4) must reach a certain threshold for a state to be a high quality democracy and is therefore a necessary condition for high quality democracy, and that this, along with the consensus in the extant literature, that positive effect that governance infrastructure has on economic development, may help to explain the divergent arguments concerning democracy and development.

Additional Education

Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Summer 2008. Course: Game Theory - Basic and Advanced Topics

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

Manuscripts Under Review

“Which States Belong in the Club? Some Effects of Major Power Status Attribution and Differentiation in International Politics” with Renato Corbetta, Thomas J. Volgy, and Keith A. Grant, under review at *International Studies Quarterly*.

“Governance Infrastructure, Intermediary Public Goods, and FDI: A New Causal Mechanism Connecting Domestic Institutions and FDI in Developing Countries” under review at *International Interactions*

Conference Participation

“Major Powers, Regional Powers and Status Considerations in the Struggle Against Anarchy In International Politics,” with Renato Corbetta, Thomas J. Volgy, and Keith A. Grant. To be 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. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Jan. 2010

“An Inviting Signal: Imperfect Information, Institutional Environments, and Increased FDI Inflows.” To be 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.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept, 2009

“An Inviting Signal: Imperfect Information, Institutional Environments, and Increased Economic Exchange.” 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. 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. 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. Presented at the Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Oct. 2008 and at the Russian International Studies Association Annual 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. 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” 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?” 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” 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. 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,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Jan. 2007

Working Papers & Projects

Book Contract with Palgrave Macmillan: “Major Powers and the Quest for Status in International Politics: Global and Regional Perspectives” Co-editor with Renato Corbetta, Thomas J. Volgy & Keith A. Grant

“Governance, Democracy and Trade: Is Increased Interstate Trade between Democracies Conditional on Quality Governance?”

“An Inviting Signal: Imperfect Information, Institutional Environments, and FDI Inflows”

“Governance Infrastructure and High Quality Democracy: A Theoretically Motivated Concept Construction and Necessary Condition Analysis”

“Dependent Disputants and Third Party Political Leverage” with Keith A. Grant & William J. Dixon

“Business Before Conflict: Does Economic Dependence Reduce the Intensity of Rivalries?” with Gregory Dixon

Honors, Awards, and Grants

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

The Clogg Scholarship Award - awarded by The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), June, 2008

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

ICPSR Scholarship Award - awarded by the University of Arizona Dept. Of Political Science, June, 2008

Pulin-Sampat Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, Nov, 2004

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

Professional Experience and Development

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Arizona Department of Political Science under the direction of Thomas Volgy, Summer 2009

University of Arizona Department of Political Science under the direction of William J. Dixon, Fall 2007 & Spring 2008

Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTOR

POL455 "American Foreign Policy", The University of Arizona, Fall 2009

POL360 "International Political Economy", The University of Arizona, Summer 2008; Fall 2008; Spring 2009

POL202 "Intro to International Relations", The University of Arizona, Summer 2007

TEACHING ASSISTANT

POL202 "Intro to International Relations", The University of Arizona, Fall 2005; Spring 2006; Fall 2006; Spring 2007

Professional Service

REFEREE

Journal of Politics

International Organization

International Studies Quarterly

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Staff Member at the annual meeting in 2008, 09, and the upcoming 2010 meeting

University and Departmental Service

Graduate Student Representative on the Department Executive Committee 2006-2007

Graduate Student Representative on the Department Undergrad Committee 2006-2007

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

Vice President of the Political Science Graduate Student Association 2005-2006

Graduate Student Representative on the Department Executive Committee 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

References

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