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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2004- Present Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science, Indiana University

2003-2004 Lecturer
Department of Political Science, Stanford University

2003-2004 Postdoctoral Scholar
Social Science History Institute, Stanford University

EDUCATION

Stanford University

1998-2003: PhD. In Political Science.
Fields of Specialization: Political Organizations, Institutional Analysis (Comparative and American Politics), and Positive Political Economy (Graduate School of Business).

1999-2001: M.S. in Statistics

1995-1996: M.A. in Latin American Studies

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

1989-1993: B.S. in Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development, Informal Institutions, Social Network Analysis (Formal, Statistical, and Experimental Approaches), and Latin American Politics.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate: Authoritarian Government, Latin American Politics, Theories and Models of Collective Choice, Political Economy of Corruption, and Introduction to Comparative Politics.

Graduate: Political Economy of Development, Positive Political Economy, Institutional Analysis, Quantitative Methods, and Decentralization and Regulation in Comparative Perspective.

BOOKS

Social Foundations of Limited Dictatorship (2008). Stanford University Press.

The Politics of Property Rights (2003). Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series. Cambridge University Press. Co-authored with Stephen Haber and Noel Maurer.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Paper: "Relation-based mechanisms for private protection in nondemocracies"

This paper extends the theory of my recent book to accommodate a larger number of participants and social structures. The game-theoretic framework is augmented with an agent-based computational model to test the impact of various network structures on the ability of informal institutions to scale up to solve social dilemmas.

Expected completion date: February 2009

Paper: "Inequality and Ideology Trends in Latin America in the context of Market Reforms, 1995-2004"

This paper examines trends in reported political ideology in a regional public opinion survey of 18 Latin American countries. I examine the coherence of reported ideology against a battery of questions that tap onto well-known ideological differences on the economic role of the state and other political referents. Finally, I check whether there is an association between ideology and economic inequality to assess whether Latin America's so-called "shift to the Left" is driven by the poor for pragmatic rather than ideological reasons.

Expected completion date: March 2009.

Book Manuscript: "Rules and Relations: Bridging the Gap between Formal and Informal Institutions."

This book develops theoretical framework to integrate the study of formal and informal institutions in comparative politics.

Expected completion date for first draft: September 2009

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Stephen Haber, Noel Maurer, and Armando Razo (March 2003). "When the Law Doesn't Matter: The Rise and Fall of the Mexican Oil Industry," The Journal of Economic History, 63:1, pp. 1-31.

Armando Razo and Stephen Haber (1998). "The Rate of Growth of Productivity in Mexico, 1850-1933: Evidence from the Cotton Textile Industry," Journal of Latin American Studies 30:3, pp. 481-517.

Stephen Haber and Armando Razo (1998). "Political Instability and Economic Performance: Evidence from Revolutionary Mexico," World Politics 51, pp. 99-143.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Stephen Haber, Armando Razo, and Noel Maurer (2002). "Sustaining Economic Performance under Political Instability: Political Integration in Revolutionary Mexico" in Stephen Haber, ed. Crony Capitalism and Economic Growth in Latin America: Theory and Evidence (Hoover Institution Press), pp. 25-74.

Stephen Haber, Noel Maurer, and Armando Razo (2001). "Corrupción, capitalismo de compadrazgo, y compromisos creíbles" Gaceta de Economía (Mexico City) 7:13, pp. 5-21.

Stephen H. Haber and Armando Razo (2000). "Industrial Prosperity under Political Instability: An Analysis of Revolutionary Mexico" in Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Hilton L. Root (eds.), Governing for Prosperity (New Haven: Yale University Press), pp. 106-152.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

"Political Economy of Networks and Institutions." Program for Environmental and Development Research. Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), Costa Rica, July 2008.

"Social Structures, Informal Institutions, and Governance in Dictatorships." Conference on Networks in Political Science, Harvard University, June 2008.

"Social Structures, Informal Institutions, and Governance in Dictatorships." Conference on Dictatorships and their Governance Implications, Princeton University, April 2008.

"Political Foundations of Growth in Dictatorships and Democracies." Panel 3-26: Determinants of Economic Growth of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

"Financial Crises Compared: Asia and Latin America." Discussant for Panel 3-15 of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

"Political Economy of Informal Institutions." Presented at a colloquium of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, December 2005.

"Social Networks and Selective Credible Commitments in Dictatorships: Policy Credibility without Public Enforcement." Panel 12-12: Social Networks of the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2005.

- “Social Networks and the Political Economy of Dictatorships.” Presented at a colloquium of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University, February 2005.
- “Political Control, Regulation, and Commitments in Dictatorships.” Panel 6-3: Political Economy of Corruption of the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2002.
- “When Institutions Don’t Matter: The Mining Economy of Revolutionary Mexico, 1876-1929.” (Joint with Stephen H. Haber). Social Science History Workshop, Stanford University, April 2002.
- “When Institutions Don’t Matter: The Rise and Decline of the Mexican Oil Industry, 1901-1929” (Joint with Stephen H. Haber and Noel Maurer). Conference on Frontiers in Latin American Political Economy, Stanford University, January 2002.
- “The Political Economy of Political Instability” (Joint with Stephen H. Haber and Noel Maurer). Spring meeting of the All-UC Group in Economic History, Berkeley, April 2001.
- “Political Organization and Economic Geography.” Workshop in Comparative Politics and Historical Analysis, Stanford University, April 2001.
- “Credible Commitments without Limited Government.” Winter Meeting of the University of California Working Group on Efficient Government, UCLA, February 2001.
- “Political Instability and Economic Performance” (Joint with Stephen H. Haber and Noel Maurer). Social Science History Institute Conference on Institutions and Economic Growth in Latin America, Stanford University, April 2000.
- “Political Instability and Economic Performance” (Joint with Stephen H. Haber and Noel Maurer). Third Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Washington, D.C., September 1999.
- “Political Competition and Political Instability.” Workshop in Political Economy, Stanford University Department of Political Science, June 1999.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2005 Summer Research Faculty Fellowship
Indiana University
- 2002: Budde Fellowship
Department of Political Science
Stanford University
- 1989-1993: Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Awards for research on cooperative R&D in Mexico.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

1990: Center for International Studies Research Abroad Fellowship for research on science and technology policy in Mexico.
Carroll L. Wilson Award for research on informatics policy in Mexico.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1994-1995: Finance Intern
Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland, CA

Principal investigator and author of evaluation report on the Measure A Traffic Improvement Program in Santa Clara County, CA.

1993: Under Director for Economic Research
Office of Economic Deregulation, Ministry of Commerce
Mexico City, Mexico

Performed statistical analysis of potential effects of deregulation policy proposals and provided research assistance as needed by the Ministry's Chief Economist.

1990-1992: Research Associate
Directorate General for Technological Development, Ministry of Commerce
Mexico City, Mexico

Conducted research on the use of technology programs by small manufacturing firms and provided research assistance for new intellectual property rights legislation.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2008-2009 Advisory Board
Program for International Studies, Indiana University

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Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University

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Department of Political Science, Indiana University

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Department of Political Science, Indiana University

2008 Latin American Fellowship Committee
Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, Indiana University

2006-2008 Tinker Fellowship Committee
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University

2007 Graduate Student International Recruitment
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University

2001-2002 Comparative Politics Search Committee
Department of Political Science, Stanford University

REFEREEING

British Journal of Political Science
Cambridge Review of International Affairs
Economics and Politics
International Journal of the Commons
Journal of Iberian and Latin American History
Journal of Politics
Revista Secuencia (Mexico City)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
International Network for Social Network Analysis