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Curriculum Vitae

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**Present Position**

Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University. September 2013 – present (Assistant Professor, October 2000- September 2005; Associate Professor September 2005-August 2013).  
Director, Undergraduate International Studies Program, 2019 – present.  
Joan M. Huber Faculty Fellow, Ohio State University, 2015 – present.

**Education**

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley; 1996. Political Science.

M.A. University of California, Berkeley; 1989. Political Science.

B.S. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; 1988. Cell and Molecular Biology and Political Science.

**Previous Academic Employment**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. January – June, 2000.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Miami. September 1997 – June 2000.

Instructor and Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. 1995–1997.

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan. 1994–1995.

**Books**

*Latin American State Building in Comparative Perspective: Social Foundations of Institutional Order* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, March 2013).

*Free Market Democracy and the Chilean and Mexican Countryside* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, April 2004). Paperback issued November, 2006.

- Selected as a Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 2005

**Articles**

“Oil and Democracy: Endogenous Natural Resources and the Political ‘Resource Curse’” with Sarah Brooks. *International Organization* Vol. 70:2 (2016).

“Capturing State Strength: Experimental and Econometric Approaches” with Andrew Schrank. *Revista de Ciencia Política*. Vol. 32:3 (2012).

“Paths of Policy Diffusion: When and How Diffusion Shapes Financial Globalization in Latin America” with Sarah Brooks. *International Organization* Vol. 66:1 (January 2012).

- “Conditioning the Resource Curse: Globalization, Human Capital and Growth in Oil-Rich Nations” with Sarah Brooks. *Comparative Political Studies*. Vol. 44:6 (June 2011).
- “Social Foundations of Institutional Order: Reconsidering War and the ‘Resource Curse’ in Latin American State Building” *Politics & Society* Vol. 37:4 (December 2009).  
• Winner, Best Article Award, Political Sociology section of the American Sociological Association.  
Awarded at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- “Embedding Neoliberal Reform in Latin America” with Sarah M. Brooks. *World Politics*. Vol. 60:2 (January 2008).
- “Capital, Trade, and the Political Economies of Reform” with Sarah M. Brooks. *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 51:4 (October 2007).
- “Growth and Governance: Models, Measures, and Mechanisms” with Andrew Schrank. *Journal of Politics* Vol. 69:2 (May 2007).
- “Growth and Governance: A Defense” with Andrew Schrank. Reply to Critics. *Journal of Politics* Vol. 69:2 (May 2007).
- “Credit Where Credit Is Due: Open Economy Industrial Policy and Export Diversification in Latin America and the Caribbean” with Andrew Schrank. *Politics & Society* Vol. 33:4 (December 2005).
- “The Political Economy of Intellectual Property Protection: The Case of Software” with Kenneth Shadlen and Andrew Schrank. *International Studies Quarterly* Vol. 49:1 (March 2005).
- “The Dilemmas of Democracy in the Open Economy: Lessons from Latin America” *World Politics* Vol. 56:2 (January 2004).
- “The Political Foundations of Post-Communist Regimes: Marketization, Agrarian Legacies, or International Influences?” With Andrew Barnes. *Comparative Political Studies* Vol. 35:5 (June 2002).
- “Understanding the Third World Welfare State after Neoliberalism: The Politics of Social Provision in Chile and Mexico.” *Comparative Politics* Vol. 34:3 (April 2002).
- “State Developmentalism without a Developmental State: The Public Foundations of the ‘Free Market Miracle’ in Chile” *Latin American Politics and Society* Vol. 43:2 (Summer 2001).
- “The Institutional Roots of Popular Mobilization: State Transformation and Rural Politics in Brazil and Chile.” With Peter Houtzager. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* Vol. 42:2 (April 2000).
- “Understanding Peasant Revolution: From Concept to Theory and Case” *Theory and Society* Vol. 29 (February 2000).
- “Free Markets and Democratic Consolidation in Chile: The National Politics of Rural Transformation” *Politics & Society* Vol. 27:2 (June 1999).
- “Chile’s Neo-Liberal Revolution: Incremental Decisions and Structural Transformation, 1973-89” *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 31: Part 2 (May 1999).
- “Social Origins of Central American Democracy” *Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs* Vol. 41:1 (Spring 1999).
- “Electron Impact Ionization in the Vicinity of Comets” T. E. Cravens, J. U. Kozyra, A. F. Nagy, T.I. Gombosi, and M. J. Kurtz, *Journal of Geophysical Research* Vol.92:A7 (1 July 1987).

### Working Papers – Available on Request

- “Property Law, Regulation, and Welfare in South Africa”  
“Oil and Development: Technology, Geology and the ‘Curse’ of Natural Resources” with Sarah Brooks.  
“Private Sector Perceptions of Public Sector Performance in Cross-National Perspective: Methodological and Substantive Considerations” with Andrew Schrank.  
“The International Political Economy of Intellectual Property: De Jure vs. De Facto Protection of Software” with Andrew Schrank and Kenneth Shadlen.  
“Microfoundations of the Resource Curse: Evidence from Mexico” with Sarah Brooks and Miguel Garza Casado.  
“Does Free-Market Reform Induce Protest? Selection, Post-Treatment Bias, and Depoliticization” with Adam Lauretig.

### Contributions to Edited Volumes

- “Natural Resources and Economic Development in Brazil” with Sarah Brooks. In Ben Ross Schneider, ed., *New Order and Progress* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).  
“Perception and Misperception in Governance Research: Evidence from Latin America” with Andrew Schrank. In Jomo Kwame Sundaram and Anis Chowdhury, eds., *Is Good Governance Good for Development?* London: Bloomsbury for the United Nations.  
“Peasant: Clarifying Meaning and Refining Explanation” in David Collier and John Gerring, eds., *Concepts and Method in Social Science: Giovanni Sartori and His Legacy* (New York: Routledge, 2008). Reprint under new title of “Understanding Peasant Revolution: From Concept to Theory and Case.”  
“The Boundaries of Anti-Poverty Policy: Economic Ideas, Political Coalitions, and the Structure of Social Provision in Chile and Mexico” in Mick Moore and Peter Houtzager, eds., *Changing Paths: International Development and the New Politics of Inclusion* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2003).  
Portuguese translation of “The Institutional Roots of Popular Mobilization: State Transformation and Rural Politics in Brazil and Chile.” Appears as: Peter Houtzager and Marcus Kurtz, “As Raízes Institucionais da Mobilização Popular: Transformação do Estado e Política Rural no Brasil e Chile, 1960 – 1995.” In Peter P. Houtzager, *Os últimos cidadãos: conflito e modernização no Brasil rural (1964 - 1995)*. (São Paulo: Editora Globo, 2004).  
Reprint of “The Institutional Roots of Popular Mobilization: State Transformation and Rural Politics in Brazil and Chile” With Peter Houtzager. Appears in Jorge Domínguez, ed., *Mexico, Central, and South America: New Perspectives*. Volume 3: Social Movements (New York: Routledge, 2001).

### Book Reviews

- Review of *Deepening Democracy?: The Modern Left and Social Movements in Chile and Peru*, by Kenneth Roberts, *Comparative Political Studies* Vol. 33:3 (April 2000).  
Review of *The Post-NAFTA Political Economy: Mexico and the Western Hemisphere*, edited by Carol Wise, *Journal of Politics* Vol. 62:4 (November 2000).  
Review of *Interpreting NAFTA: The Science and Art of Policy Analysis*, by Frederick W. Mayer, *Journal of Politics* Vol. 62:4 (November 2000).  
Review of *Postsocialist Pathways: Transforming Politics and Property in East Central Europe*, by David Stark and Lázló Bruzst, *Comparative Political Studies* Vol. 34:7 (September 2001).  
Review of *The Basic Features of Postcommunist Capitalism in Eastern Europe*, by Lawrence King, *Comparative Political Studies* Vol. 34:7 (September 2001).

### Conference Papers and Invited Presentations

- “Microfoundations of the Resource Curse: Evidence from Mexico” with Sarah Brooks and Miguel Garza Casado. Paper presented at 2019 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30-September 1.
- “Oil and Development: Technology, Geology and the ‘Curse’ of Natural Resources” with Sarah Brooks. Paper presented at 2019 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30-September 1.
- “Oil and Democracy” presented at the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, August 8, 2018.
- “Property, Regulation, and Inequality in South Africa” to be presented at 2017 Meeting of the African Economic History Network, Stellenbosch, South Africa, October 25-27, 2017.
- “Property Law, Regulation, and Welfare in South Africa” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017.
- “Oil and Development: Technology, Geology and the ‘Curse’ of Natural Resources” with Sarah Brooks. U.C., Boulder Department of Political Science. January 2015.
- “Understanding State Building: The Design Implications of Theoretical Disputes,” Emory University, Atlanta, GA, November 2014.
- “Understanding State Building: The Design Implications of Theoretical Disputes,” FLACSO-Ecuador, Quito Ecuador, October 2014.
- Invited Discussant, Conference on Regime Change, Lehigh University, October 2014.
- “Democratic Diffusion and Natural Resource Abundance: Rethinking the Political Resource Curse” with Sarah Brooks and Caleb Gallemore. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2014.
- “Latin American State Building” Invited Presentation, Princeton University Comparative Politics Workshop. October 2013.
- “Perception-Based Governance Indicators: An Objective Approach” with Andrew Schrank. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, 2013.
- “The Promise and Perils of fuzzy-set/Qualitative Comparative Analysis: Measurement Error and the Limits of Inference” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2013.
- “Democratic Diffusion and Natural Resource Abundance: Rethinking the Political Resource Curse” with Sarah Brooks and Caleb Gallemore. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2013.
- “Latin American State Building in Comparative Perspective” Invited Presentation, Brown University Center for Latin American Studies. November 29, 2012.
- “State Building, Governance, and the Social Foundations of Long-Run Outcomes in Latin America” Invited Presentation, organized by Francis Fukuyama, Stanford University Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, November 15, 2012.
- “Interdependence, Endogeneity and Natural Resource Abundance: Rethinking the Political Resource Curse” with Sarah Brooks. Paper presented at the International Political Economy Society, University of Virginia, November 9-10, 2012.

- “Endogenous Natural Resource Endowments and International Diffusion: Rethinking the "Curse" of Natural Resources” with Sarah Brooks. Paper that would have been presented at the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 30-September 2, 2012. Cancelled due to hurricane.
- “Perceptions-based governance indicators: An objective assessment” with Andrew Schrank. Presented at Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012.
- “Capturing State Strength: Experimental and Econometric Approaches” with Andrew Schrank. Invited presentation for the Conference on Stateness in Latin America, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile, March 29-30, 2012.
- “The Social Foundations of Latin American State Building” Presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, November 4, 2011.
- “Endogenous Natural Resource Endowments: Rethinking the ‘Political Resource Curse’” with Sarah Brooks. Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the International Political Economy Society, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 12-13, 2010.
- “Endogenous Natural Resource Endowments: Rethinking the ‘Political Resource Curse’” with Sarah Brooks. Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.
- “Social Foundations of Institutional Order” Presented at the Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame University, April 6, 2010.
- “Paths of Policy Diffusion: Institutional Legacies and the Diffusion of Capital Account Liberalization” with Sarah Brooks. Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.
- “Pathways of Policy Diffusion: Institutional Legacies and the Diffusion of Capital Account Liberalization” and “Social Foundations of Institutional Order: Society, War, or the Resource ‘Curse’ in Andean State Building.” University of Texas, Austin Comparative Politics Workshop, March 11-12, 2009.
- “Conceptualizing and Measuring Institutions: Perceptions, Objective Indicators, and the Rule of Law” with Andrew Schrank. Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31.
- “Paths of Policy Diffusion: Institutional Legacies and the Diffusion of Capital Account Liberalization” with Sarah Brooks. Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31.
- “Conceptualizing and Measuring Institutions: A View from Political Science.” Presented at invited seminar, “Empirics of Governance,” Washington, DC: World Bank.
- “Conceptualizing and Measuring Institutions: A View from Political Science” with Andrew Schrank. Presented at the invited workshop, “Measuring Institutions 2” organized by Eric Brousseau (Univ. of Paris 10) and Stefan Voigt (Univ. of Marburg), Paris, France, December 14–15, 2007.
- “Embedding Neoliberal Reform in Latin America” with Sarah Brooks. Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2.
- “The Social and Political Foundations of State Building in Andean Latin America.” Invited Presentation, GA Tech Globalization and Development Speakers Series, November 9, 2006.

- “Where Does a ‘Strong’ State Come from? Resources, War, or Society in South American State Building.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31 – September 3, 2006.
- “Rethinking Economic Reform in Latin America.” with Sarah Brooks. Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31 – September 3, 2006.
- “Open Economy Industrial Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean” Invited Presentation, Duke/UNC Center for Latin American Studies, March 8, 2006.
- “The Politics of Time Horizons: Strategic Dynamics of Capital Account and Trade Liberalization in Contemporary Latin America.” With Sarah Brooks. Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1 – September 4, 2005.
- “Markets and Democracy in Latin America: Challenges and Time Dynamics.” Invited Presentation,  
(a) Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, April 12, 2005.  
(b) University of Miami, Center for Latin American Studies, April 4, 2005.
- “Markets and Democracy in Latin America.” Invited presentation, Yale University Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies, February 1, 2005.
- “Understanding and Misunderstanding Corruption and Growth in the International Economy” with Andrew Schrank. Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2 – 5.
- “Common Threads and Regional Effects: Political and Economic Liberalization in Latin American and Post-Communist States” with Andrew Barnes. Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Good Government, Democracy, and Growth: Corruption, Developmentalism, and the Politics of Late Industrialization” With Andrew Schrank. Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 27 – September 1.
- “Understanding Democracy in the Open Economy: Neoliberalism and Democratic Deepening in Latin America.” Presented at the 2002 Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28–September 1.
- “The Political Economy of Intellectual Property Protection: The Case of Software Piracy” with Kenneth Shadlen and Andrew Schrank. Presented at the 2002 Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28–September 1.
- “Free Market Policies, Rural Society, and Democratic “Consolidation” in Chile and Mexico.” Invited Presentation at the Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University, February 14, 2002.
- “Neoliberalism and *el Voto Verde*: The Transformation of PRI Dominance in the Mexican Countryside” Presented at the XXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, September 6-8, 2001.
- “Democratization in Latin America and the Formerly Communist World: Structural and Systemic Foundations” with Andrew Barnes. Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.
- “Neoliberalism and the Rural Foundations of Democratic Consolidation: Chile and Mexico in Comparative Perspective” Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.

- “Free Market Democracy in Latin America: Economic Liberalization, Modernization, or the Agrarian Thesis Transformed?” Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 19-22, 2001.
- “Understanding and Misunderstanding Democracy in the Open Economy: An Argument with Evidence from the Chilean Case.” Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 15-17, 2001.
- “The Political Economy of Poverty and the Politics of the Poor in Chile and Mexico.” Presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2000.
- “Ten Years of Post-Communist ‘Transitions:’ Does Economic Liberalization Lead to Democratization?” With Andrew Barnes. Presented at the 2000 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 27-30, 2000.
- “The Political Roots of Economic Development in Latin America: Rents, Export-Orientation, and the Value of Public Action.” With Andrew Schrank. Presented at the 1999 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September 2-5, 1999.
- “The Political Economy of Pro-Poor Policies in Mexico and Chile.” Presented at the Institute of Development Studies / Department for International Development (UK) meeting for the World Development Report 2001: The Responsiveness of Political Systems to Poverty Reduction, Castle Donnington, United Kingdom, August 16-17, 1999.
- “Sectors and the Great Transformation: The Political Construction of Capitalist Agriculture in Chile, 1973-89.” Presented at the 1999 Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 6-10, 1999.
- “Economic Globalization, Primary Product Export Orientation, and Development in Chile: The View from a Best Case.” Presented at the 1999 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 1999.
- “The Paradoxes of the Western Model: Sectoral Politics, Economic Liberalization, and Democratic Consolidation in Chile and Mexico.” Presented at the 1999 Annual Meetings of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, March, 1999.
- “International Integration, Employment, and Export Agriculture: The Developmental Implications of the Chilean Grape Industry.” Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 21-25, 1998.
- “Politics and Rents: When Resource Abundance Isn’t Resource Dependence.” With Andrew Schrank. Presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, September 24-26, 1998.
- “The Institutional Roots of Popular Mobilization: Urban Politics and Rural Protest in Brazil and Chile.” With Peter Houtzager. Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, March 19-21, 1998.
- “Electoral Rules, Market Organization, and Democratic Politics in Chile.” Presented at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1997.
- “The Conceptual Roots of Theoretical Disputes: The Concept of a Peasant in Theories of Revolution.” Presented at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1997.

“Markets, Inequality, and Democracy: Sectoral Differences and the Paradox of Rural Political Quiescence in Chile.” Presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September, 1996.

“Urban Participation and Rural Exclusion: Neo-Liberal Economic Transformation and Democratic Transition in Chile.” Presented at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September, 1995.

“Continuity and Change in the Chilean Rural Labor Movement.” Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March, 1994.

### **Honors and Awards**

Joan M. Huber Faculty Fellow, Ohio State, 2015.

Best Paper in Political Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2010.

Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, Ohio State University, 2007.

Best Paper in Political Economy at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2005 (awarded 2006). Joint with Sarah Brooks, the co-author.

Choice Outstanding Academic Title for *Free Market Democracy and the Chilean and Mexican Countryside*, 2005.

Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Miami Political Science/Business School, 1998.

Teacher of the Year, University of Miami Student Government, 1997-98.

Distinguished Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 1995-96.

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1989-90, 1992.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1988. University of Michigan.

National Merit Scholar, 1984-85. University of Michigan.

### **Grants/Fellowships**

*Politics & Society* and Mershon Center. 2016. Workshop on Colonial Legacies. \$24,000.

Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 2014-15. “Property Rights, Political Conflict, and Economic Development,” \$10,000.

Helen Kellogg Institute Visiting Faculty Fellowship for 2006, Notre Dame University (declined)

Mershon Center, Ohio State University, “The Difference a State Makes: Public Sector Capacity and Political Stability in Latin America” \$15,704.

Mershon Center, Ohio State University, “The State of Economic Transformation in Latin America and the Postcommunist World” with Timothy Frye. \$10,967.

Ohio State University Seed Grant, \$19,982

United Kingdom Department for International Development, Background Paper for 2001 World Development Report, 1999, \$6000

James MacLamore Summer Award in Business and Social Science, University of Miami, 1998, \$9000

General Research Support Award, University of Miami, 1998, 1999, 2000. All ~\$2000

### **Professional Service**

Reviewer (past 5 years) for: *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Business and Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Governance*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Latin American Politics & Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Party Politics*, *Political Power and Social Theory*, *Public Choice*, *Social Forces*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, Temple University Press, University of Pittsburgh Press.

Editorial Board, *Politics & Society*; *Latin American Politics and Society*.



Faculty Convener, SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Workshop, 2014, “State Building and Governance in Retrospect and Prospect” with Andrew Schrank.  
Co-Section Head, Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association, 2016 Annual Meeting.  
Co-Section Head, Comparative Politics of the Developing World, American Political Science Association, 2015 Annual Meeting.  
Best Paper Selection Committee, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2011.  
Qualitative and Multi-Methods section Nominating Committee, 2010, American Political Science Association.  
Section Head, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, Midwest Political Science Association meetings, 2009.  
Westview Award committee member, an award given for the best paper by a graduate student presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, 2006.  
Sartori Award committee member, American Political Science Association Qualitative Methods section, an award given for the best book developing or utilizing qualitative methods published in 2006.

**Fields of Study/Teaching Interests**

Comparative Politics: Focus on Latin America and Europe; Southern Africa.  
Democratization, Economic Development, and State Building  
International Political Economy, Political Development  
Research Design