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Education

- 2009–Present **Ph.D.**, *University of California, Davis*
(Expected 2015) · International Relations and Methodology
- Summer 2012 **Empirical Implications of Theoretic Modeling Summer Institute**, *University of Houston*
- April 2012 **Competitive Advantage in Global Economy Easter School**, *University of Warwick*
- Summer 2010 **Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research**, *University of Michigan*
· Game Theory, Modeling Event History Data, and Network Analysis
- 2003–2006 **B.A.**, *University of California, Berkeley*
· Major in Political Science and Political Economy of Industrial Societies

Quantitative Methods

Game Theory, Duration Modeling, Econometrics for Panel Data, Time Series Econometrics, Applied Microeconomic Modeling

Publications

“Chapter 3 - The United States: Land of Opportunity” in **The Son Also Rises: Surnames and the History of Social Mobility** (with Gregory Clark, Neil Cummins, Yu Hao, Daniel Diaz Vidal, Tatsuya Ishii, Zach Landes, Daniel Marcin, Firas Abusneneh, Kuk Mo Jung, Ariel M. Marek, and Kevin M. Williams). Princeton University Press, 2014.

Works in Progress

Entry, Credibility, and Trade Policy: Why Some Autocrats Like International Trade (with Daniel Y. Kono). *Under Review*
· Argues how a coup risk encourages leaders to reduce tariffs to reduce domestic unrest.

The Political Economy of Trade in Autocracies: How Coup Risk Drives Preferential Trade Liberalization (with Leonardo Baccini). *Under Review*
· Argues that new autocratic leaders who are at greatest risk of elite-led coups use preferential trade agreements to gain support from export sector elites.

The Dictator’s Paradox: How Vulnerability Leads to International Crises and Accidental Wars.
· Explains how leader vulnerability to coup risk leads these leaders to safeguard against a coup by using diversionary conflicts.

Leadership Change, Vulnerability, and Alliances: Why Some Dictators Pursue Military Alliances.
· Argues that leaders who enter power by a coup face greater internal risks and are forced to outsource their external security by building alliances to free up resources to deal with domestic threats to a leaders’ survival.

Hungry for Change: How Food Insecurity Fuels Military Coups.
· Constructs an autocratic model of that links social unrest to military coups through how food price shocks reduce average real income.

Credible Allies and Common Enemies: Why States Develop Nuclear Weapons (with Shareefa Al-Adwani and Tracy K. Lin).

· Uses a three player bargaining model to examine why states develop nuclear weapons and applies the model to a network analysis on nuclear weapons development.

Presentations

- Winter 2015 **The Dictator's Paradox: How Vulnerability Leads to International Crises and Accidental Wars.** Will present at International Studies Association Annual Conference: New Orleans, February 18-21, 2015
- Fall 2014 **Hungry for Change: How Food Insecurity Fuels Military Coups.** Will present at International Studies Association West Annual Conference: Pasadena, September 26-27, 2014
- Spring 2014 **Domestic Power Transitions: Why Coups Encourage Alliance Formation.** Presented at International Studies Association Conference: Toronto, March 26-29, 2014.
- Fall 2013 **Leadership Transition: How Military Coups Lead to Diversionary War.** Presented at Peace Science Conference: Knoxville, October 22-24, 2013.
- Spring 2013 **The Politics of Preferential Trade Agreements in Autocratic Regimes** (with Leonardo Baccini). Presented at International Studies Association Conference: San Francisco, April 1-4, 2013.
- Spring 2013 **Join the Club! The Role of Institutional Ties in Nuclear Proliferation** (with Shareefa Al-Adwani and Tracy K. Lin). Presented at International Studies Association Conference: San Francisco, April 1-4, 2013.
- Fall 2012 **Credible Allies and Common Enemies: Why States Develop Nuclear Weapons**(with Shareefa Al-Adwani and Tracy K. Lin). Presented at Peace Science Conference: Savannah, October 22-24, 2012.
- Spring 2012 **Credible Allies and Common Enemies: A Three Player Model of Nuclear Development** (with Shareefa Al-Adwani and Tracy K. Lin). Presented at International Studies Association Conference: San Diego, April 1-3, 2012.
- Fall 2011 **Trade Politics in Autocracies** (with Daniel Y. Kono). Presented at International Political Economy Societies Conference: Madison, November 11-12, 2011.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2014-2015 **Belinski Dissertation Fellowship**, University of California, Davis (\$50,000)
- 2014-2015 **Herbert York Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship**, IGCC (Declined)
- Summer 2014 **Summer Collaboration Grant**, University of California, Davis
- Spring 2014 **Rothchild Memorial Dissertation Grant**, University of California, Davis
- Fall 2013 **UC Davis Political Science Travel Grant**, University of California, Davis
- Summer 2013 **Summer Collaboration Grant**, University of California, Davis
- Fall 2012 **UC Davis Political Science Travel Grant**, University of California, Davis
- Summer 2012 **Political Science Department Summer Methods Training Grant**, University of California, Davis
- Spring 2012 **Matthew Zetterbaum Graduate Teaching Award**, University of California, Davis

Spring 2012 **Political Science Department Fellowship**, University of California, Davis

Summer 2011 **Summer Collaboration Grant**, University of California, Davis

Spring 2011 **Honorable Mention**, National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow Research Project (NSF GFRP)

2009–2010 **Political Science Department Fellowship**, University of California, Davis

Service

Winter 2013, 2014 **Associate Instructor**: Scientific Study of Politics, UC Davis

Fall 2013 **Faculty Search Committee, Methods** (student perspective)

Summer 2013 **Teaching Assistant**: Advanced Maximum Likelihood (Graduate Class), ICPSR University of Michigan

2010–Present **Teaching Assistant**: Chicano Politics, Chinese Politics, Environmental Politics and Administration, Global Inequality, and Introduction to International Relations, UC Davis

2013–Present **Reviewer**, *Conflict Management and Peace Science Journal*

Fall 2003 **Undergraduate R.A.**, Professor Shannon Stimson, UC Berkeley

Languages and Skills

Burmese, Chinese (Mandarin)

R, STATA, \LaTeX

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