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EDUCATION

2011 Oxford University, M.A. (Honorary)
2007 – 2010 University of Chicago, Ph.D.
1999 – 2003 Northwestern University, M.A. (Economics), B.A. (Math, Economics)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political economy, international economics and politics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 – Wellesley College, Associate Professor of Political Science
2014 – 2023 Princeton University, Assistant Professor of Politics
2011 – 2014 Nuffield College (Oxford University), Prize Research Fellow
2010 – 2011 Princeton University, Niehaus Fellow
2006 – 2009 Harvard Business School, Research Consultant
2005 – 2006 Council of Economic Advisers, Staff Economist for International Finance, Trade, and Macroeconomics
2003 – 2005 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Associate Macroeconomist

VISITING POSITIONS

2018 Centre for Islamic Studies (Oxford University), Visiting Fellow
2016 – 2017 Hoover Institution (Stanford University), William C. Bark National Fellow

BOOKS

Conquests and Rents: A Political Economy of Dictatorship and Violence in Muslim Societies, Cambridge University Press: Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series (Simultaneous paperback), 2023

The Perils of International Capital, Cambridge University Press (Simultaneous paperback), 2020

ARTICLES

“From grievances to civil war: The impact of geopolitics”, *Review of International Organizations*, 17: 427-451, 2022

“Muslim conquest and institutional formation”, *Explorations in Economic History*, 2021

“The Political Transfer Problem: How Cross-Border Financial Windfalls Affect Democracy and Civil War” (with Daniel Schwab and Eric Werker), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 49(2): 313-339, June 2021

“Market Reactions to Sovereign Litigation” (with Laura Alfaro), *Capital Markets Law Journal* (special edition on sovereign debt), 12(2): 141-163, April 2017

“Remittances and Incumbency: Theory and Evidence”, *Economics and Politics*, 29(1): 22-47, March 2017

“Does foreign aid harm political rights?: Evidence from U.S. aid”, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 11(2): 118-217, July 2016

“Aid and the Rise and Fall of Conflict in the Muslim World” (with Eric Werker), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 10(2): 155-186, June 2015

“The Paradox of Export Growth in Areas of Weak Governance: The Case of the Ready Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh” (with Anne Greenleaf and Audrey Sacks), *World Development*, 56: 258-271, April 2014

“Voting for the President: The Supreme Court during War” (with William Howell), *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 30(1): 39-71, March 2014

“Remittances deteriorate governance”, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 95(4): 1166-1182, October 2013

“The Perils of Unearned Foreign Income: Aid, remittances, and government survival”, *American Political Science Review*, 106(1): 146-165, February 2012

“Empires and Lawsuits: On the enforcement of sovereign debt in Latin America” (with Laura Alfaro and Noel Maurer), *Law and Contemporary Problems*, 73(4): 39-46, Fall 2010

“How is Aid Spent?: Evidence from a Natural Experiment” (with Eric Werker and Charles Cohen), *American Economic Journal – Macroeconomics*, 1(2): 225-244, July 2009

Reprinted in *Geopolitics of Foreign Aid*, ed. Helen Milner and Dustin Tingley. Northampton: Edward Elgar, 2013

“What do non-governmental organizations do?” (with Eric Werker), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 22(2): 73-92, Spring 2008

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Foreign aid and repression” in *Lessons in Foreign Aid and Economic Development: Micro and Macro Perspectives*, ed. Nabamita Dutta and Claudia Williamson. Palgrave MacMillan, 2019

“The Political Economy of Unearned Foreign Income: An application to non-oil producing Muslim states”, *Palgrave Dictionary on Middle East Economics*, 2018

“The History and Future of International Trade” (with Christine McDaniel), *Economic Report of the President*, 2006

“The U.S. Capital Account Surplus” (with William Block), *Economic Report of the President*, 2006

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Invited contributions

“Foreign capital and public finance in nondemocracies” (lead article), *APSA Democracy and Autocracy Newsletter on “Authoritarian Power in the Global Economy”*, April 2022

Book reviews

Review of *Aid Imperium: United States Foreign Policy and Human Rights in Post-Cold War Southeast Asia* by Salvador Santino F. Regilme Jr., *Perspectives on Politics*, 2022

Review of *Trade Policy in Multilevel Government: Organizing Openness* by Christian Freudlsperger, *Perspectives on Politics*, 2021

Review of *From Conflict to Coalition: Profit-sharing institutions and the political economy of trade* by Adam Dean, *Journal of Politics*, 2018

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTED)

2018 Mohammed Bin Laden Fellowship, Centre for Islamic Studies (Oxford University)
2016 – 2017 William C. Bark National Fellowship, Hoover Institute (Stanford University)
2016 US Foreign Policy and National Security Fellowship, Dartmouth College (declined)
2011 – 2014 Nuffield Prize Fellowship, Oxford University
2010 Niehaus Fellowship, Princeton University
2010 Hewlett Fellowship, Stanford University (declined)
2009 Marcus Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies
2007 – 2012 Graduate Fellowship (5 year; only 3 years used), University of Chicago
2003 Phi Beta Kappa, *Cum Laude*, Northwestern University
2003 B.A./M.A. Award, B.A. degree honors, Northwestern University
1999 – 2003 John Scott and Mary-Lou Scholarship (full academic, 4 years), Northwestern University

CONFERENCE AND INVITED TALKS

2022: IPES, APSA, PEIO, IBA University of Karachi
2021: AALIMS, IPES, Washington University in St. Louis
2020: Pakistan Institute for Development Economics (Islamabad), IPES
2019: AALIMS, APSA, IPES
2018: University of Essex, University College London, LSE, Oxford University, Nuffield College, University of Copenhagen
2017: Trinity College Dublin, American University of Beirut, Stanford, University of Colorado Boulder, UC Santa Barbara, LSE, EPSA
2016: DebtCon1 (Georgetown Law), Development Economics and Policy (Heidelberg), NICEP, Nuffield College, University of Seattle, Chicago, UC Riverside, Politics of MNCs (Princeton), IPES, SPSA, MPSA, EPSA, APSA

2015: Political Economy of Government Revenues (Princeton), World Bank, ABCA (UC Berkeley), FGV (Rio de Janeiro), FEA-USP (Sao Paulo), IPES, EPSA, ISA, MPSA
2014: ODI Migration Symposium (Columbia), OxCarre (Oxford), Chicago, APSA, ISA, MPSA
2013: Cairo University, Blavatnik School of Government, NEUDC, Chicago, Oxford, APSA, EPSA
2012: Princeton, Yale, Illinois, Goldman School (UC Berkeley), UC Irvine, LSE, Fletcher School, Nuffield, IPES, MPSA
2011: Nuffield, LSE, Maryland, Georgetown, NYU, APSA, MPSA
2010: Princeton, Michigan, Chicago, IPES, MPSA
2009: IPES, MPSA, Chicago (3x)
2008: IPES, MPSA, Chicago (3x)
2007: NEUDC

SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT

2012 – 2013 World Bank, Consultant
2008 International Monetary Fund, Economist

TEACHING

At Wellesley College

International Political Economy (lecture)
Politics of Finance and Financial Crises (seminar)

At Princeton University

Political Economy of Development (PhD seminar)
International Political Economy (lecture)
Politics of International Finance (seminar)
Politics of Economic Under-Development (seminar)
Globalization and Politics (seminar)
Resource Curse and Governance (seminar)

At Oxford University

2013 – 2014 Time Series Analysis (graduate lecture)

SERVICE

2015 – 2023 *World Politics*, Associate Editor

Professional affiliations: American Economic Association, American Political Science Association, International Political Economy Society, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS)

Referee for: *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal (Applied Economics, Economic Policy, Macroeconomics)*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Political Science Research*

and Methods, Public Choice, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Political Economy, Review of International Organizations, World Development, World Politics

Reviewer for: Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, National Science Foundation

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