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Education

PhD in Comparative Politics (2011), Duke University, Durham, NC
Dissertation Title: “The Contingent Effect of Electoral Formulas on Election Quality”

B.A. in Economics (2004), Cum Laude, Whittier College, Whittier, CA
Distinction: Omicron Delta Epsilon International Economics Honor Society

Teaching Expertise

Comparative Politics: Theories of Comparative Politics, Democratic Institutions, Democratic Transitions, Elections and Electoral Systems, Politics of Central and Eastern Europe;

International Relations: Theories of International Relations, International Political Economy, International Organizations and Domestic Politics;

Methodology: Social Science Methodology, Qualitative Research Methods, Introduction to Statistics for Political Scientists;

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations (2011-Present)
Hendrix College, Department of Politics and International Relations, Conway, AR

Courses Taught (Fall 2011-Present):

- Issues in Politics: Democratization (once)
- Democracy, Development and Violence (twice)
- Research Methods (five times)
- Political Economy (twice)
- Senior Thesis (once)
- Politics of Central and Eastern Europe (once)
- Contemporary Global Issues (once)
- The World of Elections (once)

Research Expertise

Substantive Interests: Electoral Systems, Electoral Behavior, Institutional Design and Reform, Institutional Effects, Clientelism, Democratization, Politics of Developing Nations, Research Methods;

Regional Interests: Theory-driven selection of regional cases, primarily African states in transition and Central and Eastern Europe;

Publications

Peer Reviewed

- 2015 "Varying the Un-Variable: Social Structure, Electoral Formulae, and Ballot-Rigging." (with Fabrice Lehoucq). Forthcoming in *Political Research Quarterly* (June 2015)
- 2014 "The Contingent Effect of Institutions: Electoral Formulas, Ethnic Polarization and Election Quality." *Electoral Studies* 35: 200–214.
- 2014 "Empowering the Marginalized Voter: Clientelism in Heterogeneous Societies." (with Mitch Goist). *Midsouth Political Science Review* 15(2): 59-79.
- 2009 "Measuring Democratic Accountability: An Initial Report on an Emerging Data Set." (with Herbert Kitschelt, Kent Freeze and Yi-ting Wang). *Revista de Ciencia Política*, vol. 29, no. 3: 741-773.

Others

- 2013 "Bulgaria: Electoral Volatility, Polarization and Financial Deficits Lead to Reduction in Clientelism". In Herbert Kitschelt (ed.), *Research and Dialogue on Programmatic Parties and Party Systems*. Stockholm: Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA).
- 2012 "Case Summaries". In Judith Kelley, *Monitoring Democracy: When International Election Monitoring Works and Why It Often Fails*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.
- 2010 "Election Quality and International Observation 1975-2004: Two New Datasets." (with Judith Kelley). Available at SSRN (<http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.1694654>).

Other Scholarship

"Ethnic Group Divisions and Clientelism." (with Yi-ting Wang). Under review.

"Varying the Un-Variable: Social Structure, Electoral Formulae, and Ballot Rigging." (with Fabrice Lehoucq). Under revisions, pending resubmission.

“The role of Judicial Independence in Women’s Political and Economic Empowerment.” (with Kim Maslin). Conference paper.

Professional Development

Midsouth Political Science Review

Editorial Board Member, July 2014 - Present

American Political Science Association Award Committee

Member of the committee selecting the Leon Weaver Award for Representation and Electoral Systems, 2015

The Role of Judicial Independence in Women’s Political and Economic Empowerment

Paper presenter at the Southwest Social Science Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 2014

Political Institutions: Goals and Challenges

Panel Discussant at the Southwest Social Science Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 2014

Guest Lecture on Electoral Systems and Election Quality

FON University, Skopje, Macedonia, May 23, 2013

Representation and Electoral Systems: Electioneering with Potential Fixes

Panel chair, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2013

Empowering the Marginalized Voter: Clientelism in Heterogeneous Electorates

Paper presenter at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2013

Guest Lecture on the Politics of Nigeria

Pulaski Academy, Little Rock, AR, April 3, 2013

Varying the Un-Variable: Social Structure, Electoral Formulas and Ballot-Rigging

Paper presenter at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2011

Co-Author with Fabrice Lehoucq, UNC-Greensboro

Ethno-Cultural Diversity, Electoral Institutions, and Election-Related Problems

Paper presenter at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010

Clientelism and Ethno-Cultural Politics

Paper presenter at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010; Co-authored with Yi-ting Wang, Duke University;

The Contingent Effect of Institutions: Electoral Formulas, Societal Diversity and Election Quality, A Cross-National Study of 1,200 Elections since 1975

Paper presenter at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 2010

National Profiles of Democratic Accountability: Tradeoffs and Complementarities between Democratic Accountability Linkages

Paper presenter at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada September 2009; Co-authored with Kent Freeze and Yi-Ting Wang, Duke University

Democratic Indexes for Intermediate Regimes

Paper presenter at the Comparative Datasets Conference at Duke University, Durham, NC April 2009;

Committee Service

Vice-Chair, Human Subjects Review Board (Hendrix), 2013 – Present

Member, Committee on Experiential Learning (Hendrix), 2012-Present

External Member, Asian Studies post-doc search (Hendrix), 2013-2014

External Member, Kinesiology tenure-track search (Hendrix), 2013-2014

Member, Human Subjects Review Board (Hendrix), 2012 – 2013

External Member, Sociology / Anthropology tenure-track search, 2012-2013

Member, Sabbatical Replacement Faculty Search Committee (Hendrix), Politics and International Relations, 2011-2012

Member, Hendrix College Hays Scholarship Selection Committee (Hendrix), 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014

Tester, Moodle Rooms Online Class Management System (Hendrix College), 2011-2012

Awards and Fellowships

Odyssey Grant, Hendrix College: Grant for a two-week summer experiential learning opportunity for five students in Southeastern Europe, May-June 2013;

Hearst Grant, Hendrix College: Grant to develop a summer experiential learning opportunity for students in Southeastern Europe, 2012;

Duke University: Graduate fellowship to pursue graduate studies, 2005-2010;

Duke University: Summer Research Fellowship for PhD Students in Humanities and Social Sciences, 2010;

Duke University Center for European Studies: Summer Travel Award, Summer 2005 for fieldwork research in Central and Eastern Europe;

Whittier College: Full Academic Merit-Based Scholarship, 2001-2004;

Other Employment Experience

Associate in Research, Duke Law School/UNC Law School, 2010-2011

- Develop training programs for faculty interested in empirical research methods.
- Assist in data acquisition and performing statistical analyses;
- Participate in faculty discussions of empirical research projects;

Research Assistant, Project on International Elections Monitoring, 2007 - 2010

- Involved in the creation of a new dataset that includes evaluations of elections quality by international organization on every national-level election across the world since 1975. Under the supervision of Professor Judith Kelley, Duke University.
- Coded reports, formatted and merged data from outside sources, performed statistical analysis and case study research.
- Supervised and instructed undergraduate research assistants as needed.
- Designed and updated project website, <http://www.duke.edu/web/diem>.

Research Assistant, Duke University Accountability and Linkages Project, 2005 - 2009

- Involved in the creation of a new dataset that studies the leadership accountability in politics with multi-party elections around the world. Under the supervision of Professor Herbert Kitschelt, Duke University.
- Involved in the creation of the survey questions for the project.
- Served as country manager that supervises the implementation of the survey in Australia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Ireland, Macedonia, New Zealand, South Africa, Serbia and Sweden.
- Collected and formatted data.
- Designed and updated project website, <http://www.duke.edu/web/democracy>.

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association, member
- Midwest Political Science Association, member
- Southwest Political Science Association, member
- Arkansas Political Science Association, member

Professional References

Daniel Whelan, Department Chair and Charles Prentiss Hough Odyssey Associate Professor, Hendrix College

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Herbert Kitschelt, George V. Allen Professor of International Relations, Duke University

- Email: h3738@duke.edu

Judith Kelley, Associate Professor, Public Policy and Political Science, Duke University

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