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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**      **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**      2018–  
Department of Political Science,  
Washington University in St. Louis

**EDUCATION**      **University of California, Los Angeles**      2018  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Dissertation Title: *The Chains That Bind: Global Value Chain Integration and Currency Conflict*.  
Committee: Ronald Rogowski (chair), Arthur Stein, Chad Hazlett, Aaron Tornell (Economics).  
Fields: International Relations and Quantitative Methods.

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**      2012  
M.Sc. in Economics and Management Science

**New York University**      2010  
M.A. in Politics

**DePaul University**      2007  
B.A. in Political Science

**United States Military Academy, West Point**      2003-2005  
Completed coursework towards a B.S. in Political Science and Engineering  
Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army

**PUBLICATIONS**      “Ethanol Plant Location and Land Use: A Case Study of the Conservation Reserve Program and Ethanol Mandate,” with Jennifer Ifft and Deepak Rajagopal. 2018. *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*

*World Trade Report 2014 – Trade and Development: Recent Trends and the Role of the WTO*. 2014. Geneva: World Trade Organization.

**WORKING PAPERS**      “Enduring the Great Recession: Economic Integration in the European Union,” with Ronald Rogowski, Lauren Peritz, and Thomas Flaherty. *Under Review*.

“Predicting Revealed Trade Preferences: A Factor Content Approach.”

“The Competitive Effects of Trade Liberalization in North America: An Empirical Application of the Melitz-Ottaviano Model,” with Nils Gudat.

“Land Reform and Divergence in Economic Growth: Evidence from India.”

**GRANTS,  
FELLOWSHIPS,  
& AWARDS**

**National Science Foundation**

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, UC Berkeley, 2017

**University of California, Los Angeles**

Center for European and Russian Studies Conference Travel Grant, 2017

Conference Travel Grants, 2015, 2016, 2017

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, 2013, 2015

Center for European and Eurasian Studies Summer Language Study Grant, 2013

University Fellowship, 2012-2013

**New York University**

Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, Master's Certificate in Public Policy Analysis, 2010

**PRESENTATIONS  
AND INVITED  
TALKS**

Workshop for special issue of *Economics & Politics*, 2019  
"Firms, States, and Global Production," National University of Singapore  
*Central Banks in Chains? Global Value Chain Integration and Monetary Policy Outcomes*

International Political Economy Society, University of Texas, Austin 2017  
*Globalizing the Value Chain: Firm-Level Preferences for Exchange Rate Policy*

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA 2017  
*Globalizing the Value Chain: Firm-Level Preferences for Exchange Rate Policy*

International Political Economy Society, Duke University 2016  
*European Integration in Crisis: Specialization and the Differential Impact of the Great Recession*

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA 2016  
*The End of the Secret Tariff? Value Chain Integration and Exchange Rate Politics*

Council for European Studies, Philadelphia, PA 2016  
*European Integration in Crisis: Specialization and the Differential Impact of the Great Recession*

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (cancelled) 2016  
*The Political Economy of Market Size, Trade, and Productivity*

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2015  
*Predicting Individual Trade-Policy Preferences: A Factor Content Approach*

Policy Making Under Hard Times: Southern European Countries in a Comparative Perspective, UC3JM, Madrid, Spain 2014  
*European Integration and Asymmetric Shocks*

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Milan, Italy 2013  
*The Competitive Effects of Trade Liberalization in North America*

Berlin Colloquium for Economic History, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany 2011  
*Land Reform and Divergence in Economic Growth: Evidence from India*

Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference at New York University 2011

*Land Reform and Divergence in Economic Growth: Evidence from India*

Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference at New York University 2010  
*Property Rights, Inequality, and Economic Growth: Why South Korea Burgeoned and the Philippines Stagnated*

**TEACHING**

**Lead Instructor**

University of California, Los Angeles

- IASTD160: The “United States of Europe:” Understanding the Political Economy of European Integration (Summer 2014)

Universidad de La Habana, Havana, Cuba (supported by DAAD and HU-Berlin)

- Development Economics (undergraduate and graduate – Summer 2011)

**Teaching Fellow**

University of California, Los Angeles – Department of Political Science

- PS120: Foreign Relations of the U.S. – Instructor: Deborah Larson  
Terms: Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017; Winter 2015
- PS124: International Political Economy – Instructor: Ronald Rogowski  
Terms: Winter 2014, 2016; Spring 2015, 2017, 2018
- PS125: The Nuclear Age in World Politics – Instructor: Joselyn Barnhart  
Terms: Winter 2018
- PS134: U.S. Foreign Policy Decision Making – Instructor: Arthur Stein  
Terms: Winter 2017
- PS168: Comparative Political Analysis – Instructor: Ronald Rogowski  
Terms: Spring 2014, Spring 2016
- PS231: International Political Economy (*Graduate*) – Instructor: Ronald Rogowski  
Terms: Spring 2016

**RESEARCH  
POSITIONS**

**Research Assistant** to Professor Deepak Rajagopal, UCLA 2015  
**Intern**, Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization 2013  
**Research Assistant** to Professor Ronald Rogowski, UCLA 2013  
**Research Assistant** to Professor Dr. Nikolaus Wolf, HU-Berlin 2011-2012  
**Research Assistant** to Professor Dr. Bergnt-Arne Wickström, HU-Berlin 2011

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**Consultant**, *5M RE, Inc.*, Chicago, IL 2016-2017  
**Social Coordinator**, *HU-Berlin, International Office*, Berlin, Germany 2011-2012  
**Portfolio Manager**, *Millennium Properties R/E, Inc.*, Chicago, IL 2006-2009

**SPECIALIZED  
TRAINING**

**Computing:** R, STATA, ArcGIS, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.  
**Languages:** English (native) and German (intermediate, B2-level).

**SERVICE**

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*

**PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association  
International Political Economy Society

**REFERENCES**

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