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## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Politics, New York University, 2010 (Expected)  
Dissertation Title: “The Ministerial Condition: Political Survival and Cabinet Reshuffles”  
Dissertation Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (co-chair), Nathaniel Beck, and Alastair Smith (co-chair)

M.A. in Politics, New York University, 2006  
Supervisors: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith

M.Phil. in Latin American Studies, University of Oxford, St. Antony’s College, 2003  
Supervisor: Laurence Whitehead

B.A. (Hons) in Political Science and International Relations, Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE), Mexico, 2001  
Supervisor: Ana Laura Magaloni

## Research Interests

International Relations (International Security, Domestic Determinants of International Relations, Political Survival)

Methodology (Econometrics, particularly Limited Dependent Variables, Survival Analysis, Copula Functions, and Spatial Models)

Latin America (International Relations of Latin America, War, Territorial Disputes, Organized Crime)

## Publications

2009. “The Political Survival of Foreign Ministers.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 5 (2): 117 - 133.

### Articles under review

2009. “An Empirical Examination of War Termination and Leader Change.”
2009. “Testing Copula Functions as a Method to Derive Bivariate Weibull Distributions.”
2009. “Leader Survival and Cabinet Change.” With Alastair Smith.
2009. “Alliances as/or Contiguity? Spatial Models of Military Expenditures.”

### Articles in preparation

- “Copula Functions and Bivariate Distributions for Survival Analysis: An Application to Government Survival.”
- “War as a Sign of Incompetence: Leader Survival and Cabinet Reshuffles.”

### **Previous Presentations**

2009. “Testing Copula Functions as a Method to Derive Bivariate Weibull Distributions.”  
–Presented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Methodology Section.  
–Presented at the *New Faces in Political Methodology II Conference*, Penn State Quantitative Social Science Initiative.
2009. “A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Cabinet Turnover in the United States.”  
–Presented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Presidency Section.
2009. “Leader Survival and Cabinet Reshuffles.” With Alastair Smith. Presented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, International Relations and Domestic Politics Section.
2009. “Bringing Interdependence (and Geography) Back In: Spatial Interdependence in Military Expenditures.” Presented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, International Security Section.
2009. “Transitioning from Pseudo-Democracy to Democracy: What Happens When the the Puppeteer Leaves?” With Daniel Berger. Presented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section.
2007. “Copula Functions and Bivariate Distributions: Applications to Issues of Political Interdependence.” Presented at the 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Poster Session.
2007. “Human Rights, Repression, and the Emergence and Persistence of Rebel Movements: Theory And Estimation.” Accepted for the 2007 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political

Science Association, Formal Modeling Section.

2006. "The Power to Remove as Political Survival: Simultaneous Equations in Survival Models." Presented at the 2006 Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Methodology Section.

2006. "Leader Survival and War." With Leslie N. Johns. Presented at the 2006 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Methodology Section.

## **Awards**

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Award, 2009

Penfield Fellowship for Studies in Diplomacy, International Affairs, and Belles Lettres, Department of Politics, New York University, 2007 and 2008

Travel grant to the 24th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, National Science Foundation, 2007

Travel grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University, 2006

Summer research fund, Department of Politics, New York University, 2005-2009

MacCracken Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University, 2004-2009

Graduate studies scholarship, National Council for Science and Technology, Mexico, 2001-2003

Graduate studies scholarship, Ministry of Education, Mexico, 2001-2003

Graduate studies fellowship, Ford, William and Flora Hewlett, and John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundations, 2001-2003

Fellowship for Future Professors, Center for Economic Research and Teaching, Mexico, 2001-2002

## **Academic Experience**

TEACHING ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

- International Relations Senior Honors Seminar (Undergraduate Course), Professor Peter Rosendorff, Fall 2008 and Spring 2009
- Quantitative Research in Political Science II (PhD Course), Professor Nathaniel Beck, Spring 2007
- Quantitative Research in Political Science I (PhD Course), Professor Jonathan Nagler, Fall 2006
- International Relations Senior Honors Seminar (Undergraduate Course), Professors

Michael Gilligan and Shanker Satyanath, Spring 2006

- International Politics (Undergraduate Course), Professor Shanker Satyanath, Fall 2005

#### RESEARCH ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

- Professor Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Summer 2009
- Professor Alastair Smith, Summer 2008
- Professor Nathaniel Beck, Summer 2007
- Professor Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Summer 2006
- Professor Alastair Smith, Summer 2005

#### OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Research Assistant, Professors Jorge Chabat and Guadalupe Gonzalez, Division of International Studies, Center for Economic Research and Teaching, Mexico, 2000-2001
- Research Assistant, Ambassador Olga Pellicer, Director General of the Matias Romero Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico, 1999

#### SERVICE

- Reviewer: International Studies Quarterly.

### **Professional Experience**

Blogger, Mexico Blog, Foreign Policy Association, 2008 - 2009

Chief, Department of Strategic Science and Technology Policy, National Council for Science and Technology, Mexico, 2003-2004

Contributor, Jane's Information Group, United Kingdom, 2003 and 2004

Research Assistant, Samuel Dillon and Julia Preston, New York Times, 2000-2001

### **Extracurricular Activities**

President, Political Science Graduate Studies Association, New York University, 2005-2006

President, St. Antony's College Junior Common Room, University of Oxford, 2002-2003

President, Oxford University Mexican Society, University of Oxford, 2001-2002

### **Supplemental Education**

Summer Program in Complex Physical, Biological and Social Systems, New England Complex Systems Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2008

Summer Program in Modernism, Postmodernism, and Culture, University of Oxford, 1997

Summer Program in Studies of Western Institutions, University of Notre Dame, 1996

## **Skills**

Computer programs: Stata, R, LIMDEP, Winbugs, Mathematica, and Latex

Languages: Spanish, English

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