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## PRIMARY ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2006 - present  
Instructor of Political Science, August 2005 - May 2006

## OTHER POSITIONS

Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics,  
Princeton University, 2008-2009

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2006), M.A. (2001), Political Science  
**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
Dissertation Committee: Duncan Snidal (chair), Carles Boix, Roger Myerson  
M.A. (1999), International Relations and European Studies  
**Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary  
B.A. (1998), Management  
**Comenius University**, Bratislava, Slovakia

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Comparative Politics:** Politics of Authoritarian Regimes, Democratic Transitions and Consolidation, Political Economy of Institutions

**International Relations:** International Organization, International Political Economy

**Formal Political Theory:** Applied Game Theory

**Political Methodology:** Survival Analysis, Change-point Models, Bayesian Statistics

## PUBLICATIONS

2009. "Power-sharing and Leadership Dynamics in Authoritarian Regimes." *American Journal of Political Science*. 53(2): 477-494.

2008. "Authoritarian Reversals and Democratic Consolidation." *American Political Science Review*. 102(2): 153-168.

2006. "Lies, Defection, and the Pattern of International Cooperation." *American Journal of Political Science*. 50(4): 909-25.

## WORK CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

The Foundations of Limited Authoritarian Government: Institutions and Power-sharing in Dictatorships (with Carles Boix)

When and Why Democracies Consolidate: Coups, Incumbent Takeovers, and Democratic Survival

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

*The Politics of Authoritarian Rule* (A book manuscript in preparation)

Learning to Love Democracy: A Theory of Democratic Consolidation

Contracting on Violence: Inequality, Natural Resources, and Military Intervention in Authoritarian Politics

Credibility and Coordination in Patronage Politics

Policy Choices in Dictatorships: Natural disasters, Epidemics, Leader deaths, Oil prices, and their Policy Consequences

Robust Constitutions: Delegation and Pooling of Authority under the Lack of Enforcement

## UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH NOTES

Inferring the state of the world in a model of collective action (March 2006)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

### **Princeton University, 2008-2009**

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (Visiting Associate Research Scholar)

### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2005-2009**

Peter F. Nardulli Scholar Award, 2009

Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent

Formal Political Theory, Fall 2007

Politics of Authoritarian Regimes, Spring 2008

Campus Research Board (Scholar's Travel Fund)

### **National Science Foundation, 2003-2005**

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Formal Coursework Grant

### **The University of Chicago, 2001-2005**

Mellon Foundation Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Grodzins Prize Lectureship

Doolittle-Harrison Travel Fellowship

Social Sciences Doctoral Scholarship

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

**2008-2009:** Princeton University (Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Political Economy Workshop, presenter), Yale University (Comparative Politics Workshop, Workshop on the Rule of Law presenter), International Political Economy Society Annual Conference (University of Pennsylvania, presenter)

**2007-2008:** Princeton University ("Dictatorships: Their Governance and Social Consequences," conference co-organizer and presenter), UC Berkeley (Workshop on Endogenous Institutions and Political Conflict, presenter), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (presenter)

**2006-2007:** International Political Economy Society Inaugural Conference, Princeton University (presenter), Dublin City University (presenter), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (presenter)

**2005-2006:** The University of Chicago (presenter), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (presenter)

**2004-2005:** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (presenter), New York University (presenter), Caltech (presenter), The University of Chicago (presenter, discussant)

**2002-2004:** The University of Chicago (presenter, discussant)

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

**2009-2010:** APSA (presenter)

**2008-2009:** APSA (presenter), MPSA (presenter)

**2007-2008:** APSA (panel organizer, presenter), ISA (presenter), MPSA (presenter)

**2006-2007:** APSA (presenter), ISA (presenter), MPSA (presenter)

**2005-2006:** APSA (presenter, discussant), MPSA (presenter)

**2004-2005:** APSA (discussant), MPSA (presenter, discussant)

**2003-2004:** ISA (presenter), MPSA (presenter)

## CONFERENCE AND PANEL ORGANIZER

“Dictatorships: Their Governance and Social Consequences,” Princeton University, April 25-26, 2008, conference co-organizer with Carles Boix

“Authoritarian Politics in Comparative Perspective,” panel organizer, APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2007

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

**Reviewer:** *American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, European Union Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Review of International Organizations, Studies in Comparative International Development*

**Member:** American Political Science Association (Comparative Politics, Political Economy, and Political Methodology Sections), Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association

## ORIGINAL DATA COLLECTION

Regime Type and Institutions, 2000-2008 (2009)

A Dataset of Coups d'État (2007)

Government Change in Authoritarian Regimes (2007)

Voting in the Council of Ministers of the European Union (2005)

## TEACHING

### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Formal Political Theory I and II (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009)

Thinking Strategically about International Politics (2006, 2007)

Politics of Authoritarian Regimes (2007, 2008, 2009)

Strategic Models of Politics (2008)

### **Korea University (International Summer Campus)**

International Political Economy (2006, 2007)

### **The University of Chicago**

Analytical Approaches to International Politics (2004, 2005)

## REFERENCES

**Duncan Snidal**, Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago

**Carles Boix**, Department of Politics, Princeton University

**Roger Myerson**, Department of Economics, The University of Chicago

**Ronald Suny**, Department of History, University of Michigan

## PERSONAL

Born in 1977, Slovakia

Married to Bonnie Weir

Squash player (5.0 - 5.5)

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