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Education

1991-1995 Diplom-Volkswirt (Honor's B.A. in economics), University of Munich

1996-1998 Dr. oecologiae publicae (Ph.D. in economics), University of Munich

Employment

2011 – Professor of Economics (with tenure) and of Political Science (by courtesy),
University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign

2007 – 2011 Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure) and of Political Science
(by courtesy, since 2009), University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign

2003 – 2007 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign

2000 – 2003 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Western Ontario

1999 Postdoctoral fellow, University of Western Ontario

1998 – 2000 Assistant Professor, University of Munich

1996 – 1998 Teaching assistant, University of Munich

Honors and Prizes

2010 Lists of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, UIUC

2008 Lists of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, UIUC

2007 CESifo Prize in Public Economics (“Distinguished Affiliate”)

1999 Ernst Meyer Prize of the Geneva Association (for the best European
dissertation in insurance economics)

1998 Dissertation Prize of the University of Munich

1991-1995 Bayerische Begabtenförderung

Publications (by field, in reverse chronological order)

Political economy

- [1] “Competition between specialized candidates”, **American Political Science Review**, 104 (4), 2010, 745 -765. With Stefan Krasa.
- [2] “The binary policy model”, **Journal of Economic Theory**, 145 (2), 2010, 661-688. With Stefan Krasa.
- [3] “Optimal agenda-setter timing”, **Canadian Journal of Economics**, 42 (4), 2009, 1527-1546. With Gerald Willmann.
- [4] “Is mandatory voting better than voluntary voting?”, **Games and Economic Behavior**, 66 (1), May 2009, 275-291. With Stefan Krasa.
- [5] “Political polarization and the electoral effects of media bias”, **Journal of Public Economics**, 92 (5-6), June 2008, 1092-1104. With Stefan Krasa and Dan Bernhardt.
- [6] “Strong and coalition-proof political equilibria under plurality and runoff rule”, **International Journal of Game Theory**, 35 (2, special issue on political economy), January 2007, 287-314. With Matthias Messner.
- [7] “Dynamic lobbying conflicts”, **Economics of Governance**, 8 (3), 263-279. With Zaruhi Sahakyan.
- [8] “Positive and negative campaigning”, **Quarterly Journal of Political Science**, 1, Fall 2006, 351-371. With David Yi.
- [9] “Investment under uncertainty in dynamic conflicts”, **Review of Economic Studies**, 73, April 2006, 505-529.
- [10] “Primaries and the New Hampshire effect”, **Journal of Public Economics**, 90, August 2006, 1073-1114. With Tilman Klumpp.
- [11] “Paying politicians”, **Journal of Public Economics**, 88, December 2004, 2423-2445. With Matthias Messner.
- [12] “Voting on majority rules”, **Review of Economic Studies**, 71, 2004, 115-132. With Matthias Messner.

Applied game theory and IO

- [13] “Strategic buying to prevent seller exit”, **Journal of Economics and Management Strategy**, 20, March 2011, 339-378. With Rob Clark.
- [14] “Defending against committed terrorists”, **Economics Letters**, 107 (1), April 2010, 52-54. With Dan Bernhardt.

- [15] “Competing for recognition through public good provision”, **Contributions to Theoretical Economics**, 8 (1), Article 22, 2008.
- [16] “Coordination and status influence”, **Rationality and Society**, 18 (3), Fall 2006, 367-391. With Rob Clark and Samuel Clark.
- [17] “Information with crowding externalities”, **Economic Theory**, 27 (3), April 2006, 565 - 581. With Rob Clark.
- [18] “Cooperation in stochastic OLG models”, **Journal of Economic Theory**, 108, 2003, 152-168. With Matthias Messner.
- [19] “Herding and antiherding: A model of reputational differentiation”, **European Economic Review**, 45, 2001, 385-403. With Matthias Effinger.
- [20] “A new test of price dispersion”, **German Economic Review**, 1, 2000, 221-237. With Ekkehard Kessner.
- [21] “A model of vertically differentiated education”, **Journal of Economics**, 69 (1), 1999, 53-69. With Matthias Effinger.

Insurance economics

- [22] “Endogenous categorization in insurance”, **Journal of Public Economic Theory**, 10, 6 (2008), 1095-1113.
- [23] “Advantageous effects of regulatory adverse selection in a life insurance market”, **Economic Journal**, 116, 1 (2006), 327-354. With Mike Hoy and Asha Sadanand.
- [24] “The value of genetic information in the life insurance market”, **Journal of Public Economics**, 78 (2000), 235-252. With Mike Hoy.
- [25] “A model of an oligopoly in an insurance market”, **Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance Theory**, 23 (1998), 41-48.
- [26] “Mandatory insurance and the judgment-proof problem”, **International Review of Law and Economics**, 18 (1998), 141-146.

Completed Papers

These papers are available at <https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/polborn/www/>

“Political competition between differentiated candidates” (with Stefan Krassa; revise and resubmit, *Games and Economic Behavior*)

“Social ideology and taxes in a differentiated candidates framework” (with Stefan Krassa)

“The relative importance of cultural and economic issues for the polarization of the U.S. electorate, 1972–2008” (with Stefan Krasa)

“Institutional Constraints in Times of Crisis: Counter-Terrorism and Electoral Accountability” (with Tiberiu Dragu)

“Political Rulers, Administrators, and the Efficacy of Law” (with Tiberiu Dragu)

“The option to wait in collective decisions” (with Matthias Messner)

“Miscounts, Duverger’s Law and Duverger’s Hypothesis” (with Matthias Messner)

“Candidate Competition and Voter Learning in Sequential Primary Elections: Theory and Evidence”, with George Deltas

“A Theory of Learning and Coordination in the Presidential Primary System”, with George Deltas and Helios Herrera.

Research Grants

- 2004 UIUC Campus Research Board
- 2003-2006 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada:
Standard research grant and teaching buyout (returned after leaving UWO)
Proposal title: Endogenous political institutions
- 2002-2003 Canadian Institute for Health Research
Proposal title: “Impact on Consumer Welfare of Genetic Testing
in Insurance Markets” (with Mike Hoy, University of Guelph)
- 1999 DAAD grant (German academic exchange service) for a one year
postdoc stay at the University of Western Ontario

Teaching Experience

<i>Political Economy</i>	UIUC (Ph.D.)
<i>Public Economics</i>	UIUC (Master’s)
<i>Game Theory</i>	UIUC (Master’s)
<i>Industrial Organization</i>	UWO (PhD)
<i>Microeconomics</i>	Master’s (UIUC, UWO), UG honor’s (UWO, Univ. of Munich), UG (UIUC)
<i>Public Expenditure</i>	UG honor’s (UWO), UG (UWO)
<i>Mathematical Economics</i>	UG (UWO)
<i>Decisions under Uncertainty</i>	UG, honor’s (Univ. of Munich)
<i>Insurance Markets</i>	UG, honor’s (Univ. of Munich)

Department service

2010/2011 Member, advisory committee
 2009/2010 Member, advisory committee
 2008/2009 Member, advisory committee
 Member, recruiting committee
 2007/2008 Member, advisory committee
 2005/2006 Member, David-Kinley-Lecture committee
 2004/2005 Member, advisory committee
 2003/2004 Member, appointments committee
 2002/2003 Organizer, UWO applied theory seminar series
 Member, appointments committee (UWO)

Ph.D. student advising

With expected year of graduation in brackets. Committee member or main adviser (starred).
 Jannet Chang (2004), David Yi* (2005), Laudo Ogura (2005), Hideki Ariizumi (2005, UWO),
 Enlinson Carvalho de Mattos (2006), Byung Kwun Ahn (2006), Mohammad Mirhosseini*
 (2007), Hyungsik Noh* (2007), Michael Dorsch (2008), Brett Graham (2008), Odilon Ca-
 mara (2009), Cagdas Agirdas* (2011), Micah Pollak* (2012).

Professional service

Associate editor, *Berkeley Electronic Journals for Theoretical Economics*, 2006 –

Occasional reviewer for

*American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Sci-
 ence Review, American Sociological Review, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economic
 Theory, Economics and Politics, Economics of Governance, European Economic Review,
 Games and Economic Behavior, Finanzarchiv, International Economic Review, Journal of
 Economic Theory, Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association,
 Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal
 of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Political Be-
 havior, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Rand Journal of Economics,
 Review of Economic Studies, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Social Choice and Wel-
 fare, Theoretical Economics.*

Presentations in seminars and conferences

2011/2012	Princeton University (scheduled)
2010/2011	Purdue University U of Southern California Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago New York University FU Berlin
2009/2010	PECA conference (U Chicago/ Northwestern) U of Rochester Wallis conference, U of Rochester U of Iowa Texas Tech Duke U U of Frankfurt U of Munich
2008/2009	Harvard/MIT Clemson U UC Berkeley Columbia U Northern Illinois U Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin U of Rotterdam U of Copenhagen Free U of Berlin
2007/2008	U of Munich U of Bonn University College London UQAM Political Economy Conference UNC-Charlotte
2006/2007	Penn State U U of Pennsylvania, PIER conference UC Berkeley U of Toronto Simon Fraser U Michigan State U Gerzensee, CEPR – European Summer Symposium on Economic Theory U of Bern
2005/2006	U of Dresden Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin U of Rochester, Wallis Conference on Political Economy

	U of Guelph U of Zurich
2004/2005	Northwestern, MEDS–Kellogg U of Maastricht
2003/2004	Indiana U Iowa State U Bocconi U U of Munich
2002/2003	U of Rochester U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign U of California, Davis Ohio State U New York U U of Montreal U of Toronto U of Pennsylvania Queen’s U Social Choice and Welfare Conference, Pasadena
2001/2002	Canadian Economic Theory Conference, Toronto U of Frankfurt Business School U of Guelph U of Western Ontario
2000/2001	York U U of Guelph U of Western Ontario
before 2000 (selection)	U of Munich Queen’s U U of Toulouse Econometric Society European Meeting (1997, 1998) European Group of Risk and Insurance Economists (1996-98)