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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, University of Texas, Austin 2008-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois 2003-2008

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, California. Political Science Fall 2003
M.A. University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Government May 1996
B.A. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Philosophy June 1992

BOOKS

The Endurance of National Constitutions, with Tom Ginsburg and James Melton. 2009. Cambridge University Press.

Designed by Diffusion: Constitutional Reform in Developing Democracies. Manuscript in preparation.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Does the Constitutional Process Matter,” with Tom Ginsburg and Justin Blount. 2009. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*.

“Can Institutions Build Unity in Multiethnic States?”, with John Sides. 2007. *American Political Science Review* 101: 693-708.

[Runner-up for the award of best article of 2007 given by the Comparative Democratization Section of APSA.]

“Competing for Capital: The Diffusion of Bilateral Investment Treaties, 1959-2000,” with Beth Simmons and Andrew Guzman. 2006. *International Organization* 60(4).

Reprinted in: (1) Frank Dobbin, Beth Simmons, and Geoff Garrett (eds.) *International Diffusion of Political and Economic Liberalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; and

(2) Michael Waibel (ed.) *The Backlash against Investment Arbitration*; and

(3) the *Illinois Law Review* 2008: 265-304, with data and analysis updated to 2006 along with an expanded discussion.

“The Globalization of Liberalization: Policy Diffusion in the International Political Economy,” with Beth Simmons. 2004. *American Political Science Review* 98: 171-190.

“Are Patriots Bigots? An Inquiry into the Vices of In-group Pride,” with Rui de Figueiredo. 2003. *American Journal of Political Science* 47: 171-188.

“Gradations of Democracy? Empirical Tests of Alternative Conceptualizations.” 2000. *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 293-300.

An expanded version forthcoming in David Collier and Gerardo Munck (eds.) *Regimes and Democracy in Latin America: Methods and Data*.

NON-PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Ancillary Powers of Constitutional Courts,” with Tom Ginsburg. 2009. *University of Texas Law Review*.
- “The Citizen as Founder: Public Participation in Constitutional Approval” with Tom Ginsburg and Justin Blount. 2009. *Temple Law Review*: 101-121. [English version of an article published in Spanish in 2008. See above]
- “Ciudadano Como Fundador: la Participacion Publica en el diseno constitucional,” with Tom Ginsburg and Justin Blount. 2008. *Revista Latinoamericana de Politica Comparada* 1: 119-153. [Inaugural issue of a new journal on comparative politics.]
- “Military Occupations and their Constitutional Residue,” with Tom Ginsburg and James Melton. 2008. *APSA-CP* 19(2): 7-10. [APSA-CP is the newsletter of the Comparative Politics section of APSA]
- “Commitment and Diffusion: How and Why National Constitutions Incorporate International Law,” with Svitlana Chernykh and Tom Ginsburg. 2008. *Illinois Law Review* 201-237.
- “The Structure and Fate of Occupation Constitutions,” with Tom Ginsburg and James Melton. 2008. *William and Mary Law Review* 49(4): 1139-1178.
- “On Waves, Clusters, and Diffusion: A Conceptual Framework,” with Beth Simmons. 2005. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 598: 33-51.
- Review of Marcus Kurtz’s “Free Market Democracy and the Chilean and Mexican Countryside.” 2005. *Comparative Political Studies* 38: 330-332.
- "Quem Votaria? As Consequências do Voto Obrigatório" 2000. *Opinão Pública* 6 (1). [English title: "Who Would Vote? The Consequences of Mandatory Voting"]
- Latino Demographic Data Book*, with Frederick Gey, Jon Stiles, and Jonathan Cohen. 1998. Berkeley, CA: California Policy Studies.
- "Racing Toward a New Disabilities Strategy in the Americas," with Adelaide Farrah. 1994. *Americas* 46 (4).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- “Public Choice and Constitutional Design” with Tom Ginsburg. Forthcoming in 2009. In Daniel Farber and Anne Joseph O’Connell (eds.) *Elgar Handbook of Public Choice and Public Law*.
- “A Hibridização De Formas Constitucionais: A Constituição Brasileira De 1988 Em Uma Perspectiva Histórica,” with Jose Cheibub. 2009. In O Legislativo Brasileiro em Perspectiva Comparada. Lucio Rennó and Magna Inácio, eds. Editora Editora UFMG.
- “Constitutional Networks.” 2009. In Miles Kahler (ed.), *Networked Politics: Agency, Power, and Governance*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- “Is Democracy Contagious?” 2008. In Peter Nardulli (ed.) *International Perspectives on Contemporary Democracy*. University of Illinois Press.
- “Globalization and Policy Diffusion: Explaining Three Decades of Liberalization,” with Beth Simmons. 2003. In Miles Kahler and David A. Lake (eds.) *Globalizing Authority: Economic Integration and the Changing Structure of Governance*. Princeton, NJ: University of Princeton Press.
- "Problems of Service Delivery in Brazilian Public Security Policy," with Maria Cavalcanti, O’Neal Spicer, and Katherine Mock. 1997. In *Policymaking in a Redemocratized Brazil, Volume 2: Public Policy and Social Exclusion*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.

ONLINE WRITING

Co-director (with Tom Ginsburg) of constitutionmaking.org, a website that provides resources to constitutional drafters, including analytical reports, an edited set of constitutions, and an online forum (blog).

DATASET PROJECTS

The Comparative Constitutions Project, co-director with Tom Ginsburg. Online at comparativeconstitutionsproject.org

HONORS AND GRANTS

National Science Foundation Grant – renewal of SES 0648288 (\$95,000)	2008-09
US Institute of Peace (\$26,000)	2007-08
National Science Foundation Grant -- SES 0648288 (\$197,000)	2007-08
Graduate Mentor of the Year, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois Selected by the Political Science Graduate Student Association	2005-06
List of Excellent Instructors as Rated by their Students, University of Illinois Awarded if “course quality” and “Instructor Effectiveness” are both in the top 30% of University instructors	2002, 2004, 2005, 2006
Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Governance, University of Illinois	2005-06
Jon Tolman prize for best paper, Brazilian Studies Association Conference (BRASA)	2006
University of Illinois Research Board Grants	2003, 2004
University of California, Berkeley Dissertation Writing Fellowship	2001
Boren Dissertation Fellowship	2000
Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) Dissertation Fellowship	1999
Tinker Summer Grant for Research in Brazil	1998
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship	1997
Ford Foundation Summer Grant for Research in Brazil	1996
University of Texas Summer Grant for Research in Cuba	1995
Yale University Mellon Summer Grant for Research in Guatemala	1991
Aurelian Honor Society, Yale University	1991-2

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Undergraduate Courses:**

Comparative Constitutional Design
Politics of the Developing World
Comparative Political Behavior
Latin American Political Economy

Graduate Courses:

Democracy and Democratization
Comparative Political Behavior
Comparative Constitutional Design
Conceptualization and Measurement

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Universidade de Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil
Visiting Scholar

Spring 2001

Instituto Universitario de Pesquisa de Rio de Janeiro (IUPERJ), Brazil <i>Visiting Scholar</i>	1996
The Organization of American States, Washington, DC <i>Analyst</i>	1994
The Princeton Review, Barcelona, Spain <i>Manager, franchise founder</i>	1992-1994
US Agency for International Development, Guatemala City, Guatemala <i>Intern</i>	Summer 1990

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

University of Illinois Department of Political Science Committees: Graduate Admissions (2006-7); Advisory Board (2004-5; 2007-8); Formal Theory and Empirical Methodology (2002-7); Comparative Politics (2002-7); Teaching and Student Awards (2002-3); Undergraduate Programs (2003-4); Comparative Politics Search Committee (2003; 2004; 2005)

Other University of Illinois Service and Affiliations: Executive Board, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (2004-5; 2006-7); Executive Board, Brazilian Studies Center (2006-8); Regular instructor for a modular course in Latin American Studies; International Political Economy Research Group; Center for the Study of Democratic Governance

Member: American Political Science Association (APSA); Political Psychology Section (of APSA); Political Methodology Section (of APSA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Latin American Political Institutions Section (of LASA)

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Journal of Politics; Political Psychology; International Organization; Journal of Peace Research; World Politics; Journal of Theoretical Politics; World Development; Political Behavior*

SKILLS

Foreign Languages: Near fluency in Spanish and Portuguese (through extensive coursework and residency). Rudimentary knowledge of French (two years of college coursework).

Foreign Experience: Born in Bogota, Colombia. Research or residency in Brazil, Guatemala, Spain, Cuba, Colombia, and Belize.