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Employment

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, September 2019–June 2020

Education

University of California-Los Angeles

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, September 2013–June 2019 (*expected*)
Committee: Leslie Johns (chair), Art Stein, Chad Hazlett, Asli Bâli (UCLA School of Law),
Cesare Romano (Loyola Law School)

University of Virginia

B.A., Highest Distinction, May 2013
Echols Scholar, 2009–2013
Majors: Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law; Classics
Study abroad in Valencia, Spain (Summer 2010) and Rome, Italy (Spring 2012)

Dissertation

Title: Past Regret, Future Fear: Compliance with International Law

Why do democratic governments that support human rights sometimes defy the rulings of international human rights courts? In my dissertation, I examine this question in the context of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. I argue that non-compliance results from (1) high capacity constraints that limit leaders' ability to comply; and from (2) democratic leaders responding to voter preferences against compliance. Although human rights scholars generally assume that voters support compliance, I find that attitudes toward compliance are not so uniform when the military is implicated. Despite the abuses committed by military officials in recent dictatorships, the military is still a trusted institution in many Latin American states, and some voters would prefer to leave the past alone. Leaders thus face a dilemma when they receive judgments from the Inter-American Court: do they follow international law, or do they choose the policies that voters want? I show that the leader's decision to comply is a function of the public's preferences on compliance and the leader's need to be accountable to the public. I test my theory using an original dataset of all Court orders from 1989 to 2014. My results show that leaders become more responsive to the public's preferences as their need for accountability increases, but this does not necessarily result in more compliance. Rather, the public's attitude toward the military moderates the effect by dictating the direction of the leader's response. I supplement my statistical work with evidence from semi-structured interviews with attorneys and judges, as well as a qualitative study on overturning amnesty laws.

Fieldwork: San Jose, Costa Rica (Seat of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights), September 2018

Working Papers

“Fix for the Future, Not for the Past: Democratic Accountability and Non-Compliance with International Law” (job market paper)

“Credible or Confounded? Applying Sensitivity Analyses to Improve Research and its Evaluation Under Imperfect Identification” (with Chad Hazlett). *Under review*.

“Of Hacking and Human Rights: Designing the International Law of State Responsibility” (with Leslie Johns). *Under review*.

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

External

Conference Travel Grant, Society for Political Methodology, National Science Foundation, 2018

Conference Travel Grant, Hayek Fund for Scholars, 2018

Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2017

Bradley Fellowship, Bradley Foundation, 2015, 2016 (declined)

Internal

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2018–2019

Fieldwork Fellowship Award, UCLA International Institute, 2018

Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship, Burkle Center for International Relations at UCLA, 2017

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2016

Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2015–2016

Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award, UCLA Graduate Division, 2013–2015

Graduate Student Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2013–2014

Conference and Workshop Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2017, 2019 (scheduled)

International Studies Association: 2019 (scheduled)

Midwest Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (scheduled)

Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, Loyola Law School: 2019

Graduate International Law-International Relations Workshop, University of Southern California: 2018

Society for Political Methodology: 2018

Teaching

Instructor

Mathematical Methods for Political Science (graduate), September 2017

PS 123A: Politics of International Law (undergraduate), Summer 2017, Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant

PS 20: World Politics, Professor Robert Trager, Spring 2017

PS 123A: Politics of International Law, Professor Leslie Johns, Fall 2014, Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018

PS 123B: International Organizations, Professor Leslie Johns, Spring 2015

PS 134: Foreign Policy Decision-Making, Professor Arthur Stein, Winter 2018

PS 137A: International Relations Theory, Professor Arthur Stein, Fall 2016

Guest Lecturer

“The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and *Velasquez Rodriguez*,” Spring 2018, for PS 123A (Professor Leslie Johns)

“The Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” Fall 2017, for LAW 717 (Professor Joseph Berra)

“The Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” Spring 2017, Spring 2018 for LAW 273 (Professor Asli Bâli)

“Second-Order Compliance in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” Spring 2016, Winter 2017, for PS 123A (Professor Leslie Johns)

Graduate Student Peer Teaching

Writing Maven, 2015–2017

Duties include advising students on fellowship applications and qualifying papers; and leading workshops on how to prepare successful grant applications.

Research Assistant Experience

Arthur Stein, University of California-Los Angeles, 2018–present

Maximo Langer, University of California-Los Angeles (School of Law), Fall 2018

Leslie Johns, University of California-Los Angeles, 2014–2018

Lauren Peritz, University of California-Davis, 2016

Todd Sechser, University of Virginia, Summer 2013

Josipa Roksa, University of Virginia (Sociology), 2010–2011

University and Departmental Service

Vice President of Finance, UCLA Social Sciences Council, 2015–2018

Graduate Student Organizer, International Relations Speaker Series, 2016–2017

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, 2016–2017

Co-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2016–2017

Political Science Representative to UCLA Social Sciences Council, 2015–2016

Co-Head, UCLA International Relations Reading Group, 2015–2016

Specialized Skills

Software: R, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX

Foreign Languages: Spanish (Advanced reading, writing, and speaking); Latin (Intermediate reading); Italian (Intermediate reading)

References

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Faculty Director, Promise Institute for Human Rights
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