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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: Why Leaders Comply with the Rulings of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

International law has increasingly recognized individuals as rights-holders to whom states owe obligations, and international human rights courts can demand relatively costly changes from their members. For example, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights often orders its members to change domestic laws, reform prisons, and prosecute former military officials. In my dissertation, I ask: why do leaders sometimes follow — but other times ignore — these rulings? I argue that compliance sends a costly signal of the leader’s policy preferences to the public. The public in weak democracies can pose varying levels of threat to the leader’s power. When the public poses little threat to the leader, there is separating behavior: leaders decide whether to comply based on their true preferences. However, when the public poses a greater threat to the leader, there is pooling behavior that reflects the public’s preference for compliance: when the public poses a greater threat and supports compliance, leaders pool on compliance, and when the public opposes compliance, leaders pool on non-compliance. I test this argument using an original dataset of all Court orders from 1989 to 2014. My results show that leaders are more likely to comply when they face increased domestic threats to their political power, and that these effects are tempered by the popularity of the implicated actors. I supplement my statistical work with evidence from semi-structured interviews with attorneys, judges, and state officials.

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

Working Papers

“Past Regret, Future Fear: Explaining Compliance in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights” (job market paper)

“Credible or Confounded? What We Do (Not) Know about Who Supports Peace with the FARC” (with Chad Hazlett)

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 Presentations

“Credible or Confounded? What We Know and Don’t about Who Supports Peace with the FARC,” Society for Political Methodology, 2018

“The Promise and Peril of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2018

“Choosing Compliance in the Inter-American System of Human Rights,” American Political Science Association, 2017

“Compliance and Effectiveness in the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2017

“Choosing Compliance: Second-Order Compliance in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2016

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

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

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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