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EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

PhD The University of California at San Diego, June 2008
Field of Study: Political Science

Dissertation: *The Politics of Criminal Law Reform: A Comparative Analysis of Lower Court Decision-Making*

Committee: Mathew McCubbins (Chair), Gary Cox, Stephan Haggard, Joel Watson (Economics), Daniel Rodriguez (University of Texas Law School)

MA The University of California at San Diego, June 2002
Field of Study: Latin American Studies

JD American University, Washington College of Law, May 1991
Field of Study: Law
California bar membership (1991-present); District of Columbia bar membership (1995-2007)

BA The University of Michigan, May 1987
Field of Study: History and French

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, University of Houston (September 2008 – present)

Research Associate, University of Houston, Hobby Center for Public Policy (September 2008-present)

Research Assistant, University of California, San Diego (August 2004 - June 2008 for Professor McCubbins)

Research Assistant, University of California, San Diego (Summer 2004, Summer 2005 for Professor Mares)

Teaching Assistant, University of California, San Diego (September 2003 – June 2007)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

Chile's Criminal Law Reform: Enhancing Defendants' Rights and Citizen Security, forthcoming *Latin American Politics and Society* (2012)

The Revival of the Rule of Law in the Wake of Civil War (with Stephan Haggard), forthcoming *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law* (2012)

Ideological Voting on Chile's Constitutional Tribunal: Dissent Coalitions in the Adjudication of Rights (with Royce Carroll), forthcoming *Journal of Human Rights* 11:2 (April-June) (2012)

Legal Reform and Good Governance: Assessing Rights and Economic Development in Chile, forthcoming *Law and Policy* (2011).

- Judicial Review of the Chilean Constitutional Tribunal (with Royce Carroll), *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 8(4): 856-877 (2011).
- The Rule of Law and Economic Growth: Where Are We? (with Stephan Haggard), *World Development*, 39(5): 673-85 (2011)
- Ruling against the Executive in *Amparo* Cases: Evidence from Peru's Constitutional Tribunal (with Aldo Ponce), *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, 2: 107-140 (2011)
- Criminal Law Reform after Dictatorship: Chile's Struggle over Law, Order and Rights in *Legitimacy, Legal Development and Change: Law and Modernization Reconsidered* (David Linnan, ed.)(forthcoming Ashgate 2011)
- Taking Rights Seriously in Chile, forthcoming *International Journal of Human Rights* 15(8): 1275-1290 (2011)
- Judicial Attributes and Sentencing Deviation Cases: Do Sex, Race, and Politics Matter? (with Robert Carp and Kenneth Manning), *Justice System Journal* 31(3): 249-272 (2010)
- The Swinging Pendulum of Sentencing Reform: Political Actors Regulating District Court Discretion, *Brigham Young University Journal of Public Law*, 24(1): 1-47 (2009)
- The Impact of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and Reform: A Comparative Analysis, *Justice System Journal*, 30(1): 34-49 (2009)
- The Rule of Law and Economic Development (with Stephan Haggard and Andrew MacIntyre), *Annual Review of Political Science* 11: 205-34 (2008)
- Delegating Discretion: Quasi-Experiments on District Court Decision-Making, *American Politics Research*, 35(5): 595-620 (September 2007)
- Judicial Independence: Often Cited, Rarely Understood, *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* 15: 129-161 (2006). Reprinted in *Judicial Independence and Accountability: A Debate* (Hyderabad, India: The Icfai University Press, 2008)
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS**
- Entries on *Mistretta v. United States* and *Miller v. Cockrell* in David Schultz, *Encyclopedia of the United States Constitution*. (NY: Facts on File: 2009)
- Update of Freedom of Information Laws, Initiatives, and Exceptions in Central America, Inter-American Dialogue, paper (2005)
- Battered Immigrant Women and Immigration Remedies: Are the Standards Too High? *Human Rights*, Volume 28, Number 1 (Winter 2001). Republished in *Battered Women*, (Greenhaven Press, 2004) and *Immigration* (Greenhaven Press, 2005)
- Committing to Justice: An Analysis of Criminal Law Reforms in Chile, UCSD's Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, working paper 22 (2004)
- Fortifying Democracy and the Rule of Law in Latin America: Criminal Law Reforms in Chile and Costa Rica. (Masters Thesis, 2002)
- A Year in the Balkans: Macedonia and the Rule of Law, *Human Rights*, Vol. 24(1)(1997)

The Debate Over Capital Punishment, *Security Journal* (1996)(published in Macedonian language)

Prosecution of Money Laundering: American and Macedonian Developments, *Security Journal* 1996)(published in Macedonian language)

The Rule of Law an American Perspective, Law Faculty of University of Cyril and Methodius Symposium on Constituting the Republic of Macedonia under the Rule of Law (1995)(Published in Macedonian language)

Factors or Prices? An Evaluation of Antidumping Laws as Applied to Companies Existing in Non-Market Economies, 5 *Am. U.J. Int'l L. & Pol'y* 893 (1990)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

University of Houston, College of Literature Science and Arts, New Research Grant (2012), \$6,000

University of Houston, Small Grant (2009), \$3,000

University of Houston, Faculty Development Initiative Program (2009), \$4,000

Provost Faculty Travel Fund (2009), \$750

University of Houston, New Faculty Grant's Program (2009), \$6,000

U.S. Department of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship Grant (2007) for comparative sentencing research in the United States and United Kingdom, \$19,465

Mark Twain Teaching Assistantship, UCSD Department of Political Science (2003-2007), TA stipend, all fees and tuition for four years of PhD program

Department of Education Title VI Summer Intensive Language Fellowship (2001)

Tinker Field Research Grant for research in Chile and Costa Rica (2001)

Diane Lin Scholarship from the Friends of the International Center, University of California, San Diego (2001), \$2,000

State Bar of California Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services (2000, 1997)

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program's Distinguished Service Award (2000, 1997)

Scholarship, Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Center, Nova Scotia, Canada (1997)

REVIEWS

Book Review: Jeffrey Staton. 2011. *Judicial Power and Strategic Communication in Mexico*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming *Journal of Politics* 73(3): 957-958.

Book Review: Peruzzotti, Enrique and Catalina Smulovitz (eds.). 2006. *Enforcing the Rule of Law: Social Accountability in New Latin American Democracies*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press. In *Law and Politics Book Review* 16(9): 761-766 (September 2006).

Occasional reviewer for American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Justice System Journal, Social Science Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly,

PRESENTATIONS

Invited guest speaker:

Hague Rule of Law Network Meeting, The Hague, April 2011

South Texas School of Law, February 2011

University of Texas Law School, Conference on Measuring the Rule of Law, March 2010

University of Texas Law School, Law, Business, and Economics Workshop Series, April 2009

University of Houston, Center for Public Policy, January 2009, February 2010

Conference presentations:

American Political Science Association, 2007, 2008, 2010

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011

International Political Science Association, 2009 (Santiago), 2010 (Bologna), 2011 (Irvine)

Midwest Political Science Association, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Western Political Science Association, 2007, 2008

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses:

Judicial Process

Law and Society

Graduate courses:

Judicial Process and Behavior

Law and Society

Bureaucratic Politics

SERVICE

Senior honors thesis advisor (2012)

Supervised student research under Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship (PURS) (2011)

Supervised student research under the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) (2011)

Panel discussant, "Immigration, Citizenship, and Law" for the UH Center for Immigration Research and Sociology Students Association (2010)

Department search for position in public administration (2010)

Panel discussant for University of Houston undergraduate organizations of World Aid Organization and Amnesty International (2010)

Department undergraduate committee (2009-present)

Department search for position in political theory (2009)

National and worldwide recognition subcommittee of the university strategic action group established by the president of the University of Houston (2008-2009)

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

International Expert, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Spillover Monitor
Mission to Skopje (2010)
Drafted guidance on uniform sentencing in Macedonian election – related crimes and misdemeanors.

Field research: Costa Rica (2001) Chile (2001, 2007, 2009)
Research on courts and judicial profession as well as reforms converting the criminal law system from an inquisitorial to adversarial system. Conducted interviews of judges and attorneys. Observed trials and court procedures.

Researcher for Alternatives in Rural Development, Peruvian Rule of Law project, Burlington, VT (2003)
Research on Peru's judicial and legal system.

American Bar Association Law Assessment Commentator
Reviewed Pre-Trial Detention Law for the Republic of Lithuania (1999). Reviewed Criminal Procedure Law of the Brcko District of Bosnia and Hercegovina (2000).

Rule of Law Liaison, American Bar Association, Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI)
Skopje, Macedonia (9/1995-8/1996)
Implemented USAID-supported legal reform project in areas of judicial reform, court administration, judicial discipline, bar development, and women's legal issues. Worked with the Macedonian Judges' Association to develop a more autonomous judiciary through the creation of a permanent office, judges' organization, and training programs. Trained groups of lawyers and judges throughout Macedonia on topics ranging from the establishment of private partnerships to the independence of the judiciary.

Election Observer, National Democratic Institute, Albanian Parliamentary Elections (5/1996)

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Private Practice, San Diego, CA, (2001-2004)
Represented immigrants and criminal defendants before the Executive Office of Immigration Review, Board of Immigration Appeals, U.S. District Court, and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Associate, Casa Cornelia Law Center, San Diego, CA, (1999-2001)
Represented clients in all immigration proceedings. Implemented and managed naturalization and battered immigrant women programs for San Diego and Imperial counties.

Associate, Detisch and Christensen, San Diego, CA, (1993-1995; 1997-1999)
Managed all aspects of the litigation process, including discovery, motions, brief writing, mediations, arbitrations and court appearances for diverse private practice.

Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, San Diego, CA, (1991-1993)
Prosecuted misdemeanor cases before jury and bench.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

American Bar Association Positions:

Co-Chair, Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Committee on International Human Rights (2002-2003)
Co-Chair, Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Committee on the Rights of Women (1999-2002): Earned Committee Excellence Award (August 2002); Conducted training on immigrant women at ABA Annual meeting; Presented resolution before ABA Board of Delegates on gender based persecution

Alumni Board member, CEELI (1999-2004)

Co-Chair, Task Force on Future War Crime Tribunals, Prosecution Section (1994-95)

Other Professional experiences:

*Legal Intern, U.S. Judge Advocate General's Corps, Nuernberg, Germany, 1990

*Staff Associate, National Criminal Justice Association, Washington, DC, 1987-1988

*Intern, U.S. Senatorial Campaign for Tom Daschle, Washington, DC, 1986

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Spanish and French

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Causal Inference: Frequentist Methods Workshop, Northwestern Law School, August 15-19, 2011

Weekly Training in Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) with Jim Granato, September 2011-present

REFERENCES

Mathew McCubbins

Provost Professor of Business, Law and Political Economy

Marshall School of Business, Gould School of Law, and Department of Political Science

University of Southern California

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Stephan Haggard

Lawrence and Sallye Krause Professor of Korea-Pacific Studies; Director of the Korea-Pacific Program at the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies

Department of Political Science University of California, San Diego

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Daniel Rodriguez

Dean, Northwestern Law School

Presentations

- Crack Down at the Border or Staff Up?: The Effect of Judicial Vacancies on Federal Immigration Enforcement. Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Northwestern Law School, Chicago, November, 2011.
- Ideological Voting on Chile's Constitutional Tribunal, International Political Science Association, Comparative Judicial Studies Conference, Irvine, California, July 2011 (co-authored with Royce Carroll)
- Civil War Settlements and the Revival of the Rule of Law. Hague Rule of Law Network Meeting on Security Sector Reform and the Rule of Law: Partners or Rivals? The Hague, Netherlands, April 2011.
- The Effect of Judicial Vacancies on Federal Immigration Enforcement. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2011.
- Ruling against the Executive in *Amparo* Cases: Evidence from Peru's Constitutional Tribunal (co-authored with Aldo Ponce who presented the paper) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2011
- An Assessment of Federal Immigration Crimes in the District Courts. South Texas School of Law, Houston, Texas, February 2011.
- Conflict on Chile's Constitutional Tribunal, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, November 2010 (co-authored with Royce Carroll)
- Assessing the Assertiveness and Responsiveness of Peru's Constitutional Tribunal 1994-2006, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2010 (co-authored with Aldo Ponce who presented the paper)
- Independence and Democratic Accountability: Assessing Chile's Constitutional Tribunal, International Political Science Association, Comparative Judicial Studies Conference, Bologna, Italy, June 2010 (co-authored with Royce Carroll)
- Independence and Political Influence on Chile's Constitutional Tribunal. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010 (co-authored with Royce Carroll)
- Oil and Good Governance: Do Oil Resources Lead to Weak Institutions? Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010 (co-authored with Ryan Kennedy who presented the paper)
- The Rule of Law and Economic Growth: Where Are We? Conference on Measuring the Rule of Law, University of Texas Law School, March 2010 (co-authored with Stephan Haggard)
- Explaining the Variance in Federal Immigration Prosecution: Should National Policy Control a Largely Local Endeavor? Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Southern California Law School, November 2009; University of Houston Center for Public Policy, February 2010
- Taking Rights Seriously in Chile. International Political Science Association, Santiago, Chile, July 2009
- Who is Really in Control? Explaining the Variance in Federal Immigration Prosecution? Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, Chicago, April 2009.

Legal Reform and Good Governance: Assessing Rights and Economic Development in Chile. University of Houston Center for Public Policy, January 2009. University of Texas Law Center, The Law, Business and Economic Workshop Series, Austin, TX, April 2009

Rule of Law Complexes. Conference on Defining the Rule of Law. University of Southern California Law School, March 2009 (co-authored with Stephan Haggard who presented the paper)

The Unintended Consequences of Criminal Law Reform: The Case of Chile. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2008

Chile's Experiment in Criminal Law Reform: Conversion from an Inquisitorial to Adversarial System. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2008

The Effect of Sentencing Legislation on State Court Sentencing Outcomes. Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2008

District Court Decision-Making after the PROTECT Act and *U.S. v. Booker*. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2007

Quasi-Experiments on District Court Decision-Making: Testing the Effects of *U.S. v. Booker*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2007

The Effect of Pennsylvania's Sentencing Guidelines on Judicial Discretion and Disparity of Outcomes. Western Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007

Other Participation

Participant in conference on "Improving Security and Development in Conflict-Affected Situations – Recommendations for International Action." (sponsors: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands), World Bank, and OECD). The Hague, Netherlands, April 27, 2011.

Discussant on panel on "The Law and Politics of Mandatory Minimum Sentencing." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2011.

Book Critic for Kirk Randazzo. 2010. *Defenders of Liberty Champions of Security: Federal Courts, the Hierarchy of Justice and U.S. Foreign Policy*. State University of New York Press Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2011.

Discussant on panels on "Judging" and "Supreme Courts," Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Southern California Law School, November 2009

Discussant on "Decentralization and Federalism," International Political Science Association, Santiago, Chile, July 2009

Chair and discussant on panel on "High Courts in their Larger Political Environments," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2007

Member, Human Rights Working Group, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006

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