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EDUCATION Ph.D. Government 2015-2021
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Committee: Thomas Pepinsky (chair), Rachel Beatty Riedl,
Kenneth Roberts, and Nic van de Walle

M.A. Government, Cornell University 2018
M.P.P. Brigham Young University 2013
B.A. Political Science, Brigham Young University 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS Authoritarianism, Democratization, Democratic Development, Political Parties, Party Systems, Military Politics, Civilian-military Relations, Southeast Asian Politics, Latin American Politics

DISSERTATION From taking direct control of politics, to setting conditions on democratization, or to yielding entirely to civilians, there is substantial variation in how militaries behave in a transitions from a military regime. I argue that the extent to which a military sets parameters on electoral and political institutions during a regime transition, what I call bounded democratization, is a function of a military's confidence that parties will protect the military's corporate interests following a regime transition. A military's confidence in political parties is influenced by the degree of trust between parties and the military, the institutionalization of the incumbent party, as well as the electoral and political strength of the incumbent party. When these factors are high, the military's confidence increases and it becomes more willing to yield to civilian parties. I show that these are causal mechanisms using a comparative historical analysis and, with quantitative analysis using an original dataset, that they are generalizable.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

UNDER REVIEW "The V-Dem Party Institutionalization Index: A New Global Indicator (1900-2018)" (with Fernando Bizzarro and Allen Hicken)

"Authoritarian Legacies and Democratic Party Buildings" (with Allen Hicken)

"Survival Through Strength: How Strong Party Organizations Help Authoritarian Regimes Survive" (*Revise and Resubmit*)

"Putting on the Civilian's Uniform: Understanding Authoritarian Legacies in Civilian-military Relations"

IN PROGRESS Security and Economic Performance: Assessing Popular Support for Democracy with a Conjoint Experiment in Mexico (with Jessica Zarkin)

Why Populism? How Parties Shape the Electoral Fortunes of Populists (with Allen Hicken)

“Datasets, Definitions, and Coding Decisions: Assessing the Effect of Electoral Rules” (with Joel Selway and Desiree Jacobson)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL Fulbright Fellowship (*declined*) 2019
 AIFIS Henry Luce Foundation Research Grant 2019
 SEAREG Pre-dissertation Fellowship 2018

CORNELL Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship 2016/17/18
 UNIVERSITY Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant 2017/19
 Latin American Studies Graduate Fellowship 2017
 Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship 2017
 Deborah Homsher Research Grant 2016

PRESENTATIONS

TALKS & LECTURES Military Professionalism in the Democratic Era, University of Indonesia 2019

ANNUAL MEETINGS American Political Science Association (APSA) 2016/18
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2016/18

WORKSHOPS AND OTHER VARIETIES OF DEMOCRACY ANNUAL MEETING 2018
 CONFERENCE Notes on Authoritarian Diasporas – Oxford University 2018

TEACHING

ASSISTANTSHIPS Introduction to Comparative Politics (Prof. Nic van de Walle) 2020
 Making Sense World Politics (Prof. Sarah Kreps) 2019

TRAINING Teaching and Learning in the Diverse Classroom 2019

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE Referee: *International Studies Quarterly*

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Allen Hicken, P.h.D Joel Selway, Ph.D.	2015-2017 2010-2013
PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT	World Bank Teaching, Research, and International Policy – William & Mary	2015-2016 2013-2015
LANGUAGES	English Spanish (proficient) Indonesian (proficient)	
PROGRAMMING	R, Python, Stata	