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- EDUCATION** **Harvard University** *Department of Government*
Ph.D candidate. Adviser: Gary King.
University of California, Los Angeles,
B.A., Political Science & Economics, June 2005
Magna cum laude & Departmental Highest Honors
- WORKING PAPERS** “cem: Coarsened Exact Matching in Stata,” (with Stefano Iacus, Gary King, Guiseppe Porro.)
Under review.
“Issue Networks and Belief Dynamics.”
“Causal Inference in Panel Data.”
“Pinpointing the Functional Form of Aid.”
- SOFTWARE** **Amelia II: A Program for Missing Data** (with James Honaker and Gary King).
Amelia is an R library for the handling of incomplete multivariate data with an easy-to-use graphical user interface. <http://gking.harvard.edu/amelia/>
CEM: Coarsened Exact Matching (with Stefano Iacus, Gary King, Guiseppe Porro.)
CEM is a Stata library for matching to reduce bias in the estimation of causal effects.
<http://gking.harvard.edu/cem/>
- TEACHING** **Government 2000: Introduction to Quantitative Methods I**, Harvard University.
Teaching Fellow, Fall 2008. A graduate-level course on probability, inference and the linear model with a strong focus on computing in R.
- HONORS & AWARDS** 2009 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.
2008 Fellowship in Political Economy, Department of Government, Harvard University.
2006-09 Graduate Prize Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University.
2005 Sylvia Sorkin Greenfield Memorial Award University of California, Los Angeles.
Best senior thesis in Political Science, Adviser: James Honaker.
- EXPERIENCE** Research Assistant/Co-author for Gary King, 2006-Present.
Research Assistant for James Honaker, University of California, Los Angeles, 2003-2006
- AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE** Student Coordinator, Graduate Student Political Economy Workshop, 2007-08.
Member, Author’s Committee for the IQSS Social Science Statistics Blog, 2008-Present.
Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, 2008-Present.
Non-resident Tutor in Government, Kirkland House, Harvard College. 2007-Present.
- COMPUTER SKILLS** Statistical Packages: Extensive use of R, Gauss, STATA.
Languages: Extensive use of *nix. Some use of Python, tcl/tk, C++, HTML, CSS.