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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Doctor of Philosophy in Government, expected June 2008

Fields of Concentration: International Relations, Political Theory

Dissertation: "Information and Configuration: Examining Differential International Responses to HIV/AIDS." Committee: Stephen Peter Rosen (co-chair), Beth A. Simmons (co-chair), and Bear Braumoeller.

University of California, Berkeley

September 1999 to May 2002

Master of Arts in Political Science, May 2001

Fields of Concentration: International Relations, Political Theory and Philosophy, Research Methods

Thesis: "Punctuated Equilibrium and International Relations: The Case of European Monetary Union"

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England

Master of Philosophy in International Relations, July 1999

Thesis: "A Punctuated Equilibrium Approach to Discontinuity in International Relations"

California State University, Sacramento

California State Senate Fellow, 1997-98, with coursework in public policy

University of California, Davis

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in International Relations with a minor in History, June 1997.

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior (June 1996)

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

"Virtue From Vice: Duty, Power, and *The West Wing*" in *Deceptive Words: The Poetics and Politics of Aaron Sorkin*, Thomas Fahy, ed., Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland Press, 2005.
<http://www.mcfarlandpub.com/book-2.php?isbn=0-7864-2120-7>

"Outside Public View: Let the Games Begin!" in *Making Government Work: California cases in policy, politics, and public management*, Barry Keene, ed., Berkeley: IGS Press, 2000.
<http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/publications/detailbooks/makinggovtwork.html>

Secondary author: "The Effects of Including Gay and Lesbian Soldiers in the Australian Defense Forces: Appraising the Evidence." Prepared for the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military, UC Santa Barbara. <http://www.gaymilitary.ucsb.edu>

Politics and Policy of HIV. Group blog with several other young political science and public health scholars considering various aspects of the HIV pandemic. <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/politicshiv>. Used as resource by classes at Princeton and UCLA (among others) for information and commentary on the social science of the pandemic.

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Non-Academic

Nate Knows Nada. Personal weblog (“blog”). May 2003 to present. <http://www.nateknowsnada.org>. Official accredited blogger of the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Indexed as part of the [Library of Congress MINERVA](#) permanent historical collection on the 2004 election cycle.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Paper, “Information, Configuration, Many Nations: Organizational Learning and the Development of Public Health Policy.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, 14 April 2007; Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, 31 August 2007.

Discussant, “Qualitative Methods and International Relations.” Qualitative Methods Section, Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, 30 August 2007.

Discussant, “Social and Communicative Action Theories of International Relations.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, 15 April 2007.

Paper, “Organizational Learning and Differential Response to HIV.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, 22 April 2006; Conference on “Politics and Policy of HIV/AIDS in the Developing World” sponsored by the Princeton University Center on Globalization and Governance and the Princeton AIDS Initiative, 5 May 2006; Berkeley Working Group on HIV/AIDS. 8 March 2006

Discussant, “History of the Great Powers and IR Theory.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, 22 April 2006.

Paper, “Duty, Power, and *The West Wing*.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, 16 April 2004.

AWARDS

Harvard University Graduate Student (full) Fellowship, 2002-04

UC Berkeley Political Science Department Fellowship, 1999-2000

University of Cambridge Honorary Overseas Trust Scholar, 1998-99

Trinity Hall (Cambridge) Postgraduate Research Bursary, 1998-99

Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, 1998-99

British Marshall Scholarship, Finalist, 1997

UC Davis International Relations Citation for Outstanding Performance, 1997

Finalist, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellowship, 1997

UC Davis, Institute of Government Affairs Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 1996-97

Phi Beta Kappa (elected as junior), 1996

National Forensics League Degree of Outstanding Distinction (NFL’s highest student honor), 1993

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley

Beth Simmons, Fall 2001 to Summer 2002.

Norman Jacobson, Summer 2000 to Spring 2001.

Steven Weber, Summer 2000.

ELM Research, Berkeley, California.

Summer/Fall 2000. Assisted in research, writing, and production of report on Australian policy regarding the admission of gays and lesbians into military. Full text of report available at <http://www.gaymilitary.ucsb.edu>

Department of Political Science, UC Davis

Profs. Scott Sigmund Gartner and Gary Segura, April 1996 to October 1997.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Government, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow, “Conflict and Cooperation in the Modern World.” Spring 2007. Profs. Stephen Peter Rosen and Michael Hiscox.

Teaching Fellow, “Introduction to Political Theory.” Fall 2005. Prof. Sharon Krause.

Teaching Fellow, “Sophomore Tutorial,” Spring 2005. Profs. Stanley Hoffmann and Cindy Skach.

Head Teaching Fellow, “International Law.” Spring 2004, Fall 2004. Prof. Beth Simmons.

Senior Thesis Advising: Ryan Coughlan (Harvard, '06), “Differential Sovereignty and Military Contamination Cleanup.”

Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley

Graduate Student Instructor, “International Law.” Spring 2001, Spring 2002. Prof. Beth Simmons.

Graduate Student Instructor, “Research Practice and Quantitative Methodology.” Fall 2001. Prof. Eric Schickler.

Graduate Student Instructor, “International Relations.” Fall 2000. Prof. Steven Weber.

Department of Political Science, UC Davis

Course Reader, “History of United States Foreign Policy.” Fall 1996. Prof. Scott Gartner.

WORKSHOPS/ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Fourth Annual Institute for Qualitative Research Methods

Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University, January 2005.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Harvard Department of Government and Harvard University

Resident Tutor in Government and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Advising, John Winthrop House, August 2005 to present.

Major Adviser, September 2003 to present.

California State Senate, Sacramento, California

Legislative Aide to Sen. Quentin L Kopp (I-San Francisco), October 1997 to September 1998.

U.S. Department of State, London Embassy

Intern to the Labor and Social Affairs Officer and the General Services Officer, June 1996 to August 1996.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

National Public Radio: *Open Source*, 6 November 2006, “Homosexuality and the American Church.”

SERVICE

Berkeley Canterbury Foundation (<http://www.berkeleycanterbury.org>)

Board of Directors Member, September 2000 to August 2002.

UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly (<http://ga.berkeley.edu>)

Grants Adviser, December 2001 to August 2002.

New Graduate Student Orientation Coordinator, Summer 2001.

Department of Political Science Representative (1999-2001)

Trinity Hall (Cambridge University) Middle Combination Room Committee

Member-at-Large (1998-99), *Trinity Hall Graduate Student Government*

UC Davis

Joint Campus Committee on Information Technology, Undergraduate Representative (1996-97)

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PROFICIENCIES

Reading and basic speaking comprehension in Spanish.

Familiar with Stata statistical software and R statistical language, LaTeX typesetting language.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, 2001 to present

Midwest Political Science Association, 2004 to present

Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (and associated APSA organized section), 2005 to present

Health Politics Working Group, APSA 2007