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CURRENT

Research Fellow, Global Economy and Development, The Brookings Institution

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Political Science (M.A., M.Phil 2004; Ph.D. expected 2008)
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2003-06);
Leylan Prize Fellowship (2006-07)
Field Examinations: Political Economy, American Politics, Comparative
Politics, with distinction
ICPSR Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan (2003)

B.A. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
Economics (departmental honors); Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs (2001)
Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*, with University Honors

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Scholar, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei,
Taiwan (Republic of China) (January – March 2006)

Visiting Scholar, Escola de Economia de São Paulo (School of Economics), Fundação
Getulio Vargas, São Paulo, Brasil (March – June 2006)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“Funding Self-Sustaining Development: the Role of Aid, FDI, and Government in
Economic Success,” *International Organization*, vol 60, Winter 2006, pp. 205-243. With
Jennifer Tobin.

“Effective Aid: How Democracy Allows Development Aid to Improve the Quality of Life.”
World Development, vol 31(1), January 2003, pp. 1-22.

Books

Globalization and the Nation State: The Impact of the IMF and the World Bank, London:
Routledge, 2006. Co-editor, with Gustav Ranis and James Vreeland.

Chapters and Other

“Aid and Foreign Direct Investment,” in Michael Dauderstädt, ed., *Towards a Prosperous Wider Europe: Macroeconomic Policies for a Growing Neighborhood*, Bonn: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2005.

Growth and Human Development in Cuba's Transition, Miami, FL: Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami, 2004. With Gustav Ranis.

DISSERTATION

Predicting Good Governance: Political Organization and Education Policymaking in Taiwan, Ghana, and Brazil

When does a government make policies to improve the lives of its citizens? The question is one of the most fundamental in the political economy of development. My dissertation examines it in the key area of education. Despite education's importance to development, existing theories in political economy shed little light on the provision of education. My dissertation proposes a new theory, in which the government's education policy is determined jointly by two factors: the success of political entrepreneurs at organizing the poor, and the flexibility of the labor market faced by employers who need skilled workers. I present evidence from extensive field work in Taiwan, Ghana, and Brazil. Among low and middle income countries, these three provide maximal variance in inequality, regime type, and level of development. Yet I show that in each, over a half-century or more, governments facing similar political entrepreneurship and labor market conditions adjust their education policies similarly, regardless of other factors. The results demonstrate the importance of the organization of the poor to development success.

Committee: Susan Rose-Ackerman (chair), Gustav Ranis, and Frances Rosenbluth.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Finalist, Harvard Society of Fellows (2007)

Brookings Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship (Global Economy and Development), The Brookings Institution (2007-2008)

Robert M. Leylan Prize Dissertation-Writing Fellowship, Yale University (2006-2007)

Dissertation Research Grant, Yale Center for International and Area Studies (2005)

George Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Grant (2005)

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation (2003-2006)

University Fellowship, Yale University (five years; 2001)

Gerald Flueckiger Prize for Undergraduate Excellence in Microeconomics, Miami University (2001)

Attlee Pomerene Senior Prize for Scholarship in Political Science, Miami University (2001)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Realizing Education For All: Defining and Using the Political Will to Invest in Primary Education,” presented at the World Congress of Comparative Education Societies, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, September 3-7, 2007.

“Capital Flows for Development: Japan and the U.S. Compared,” presented at the Toyota Conference on the Legacies of Japan’s Development Experience, Tokyo, Japan, May 30, 2007. With Gustav Ranis.

“Do Democracies Serve the Poor? The Organizational Foundations of Pro-Poor Policy, with Evidence from Education Policies in Taiwan, Ghana, and Brazil,” presented at the Conference on the Comparative Politics of Inequality and Redistribution, Princeton University, May 11-12, 2007.

“The Education of Nations: How Governments Decide to Produce Human Capital in Taiwan, Ghana, and Brazil,” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-15, 2007.

“The Politics that Built Taiwanese Education,” National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan (ROC), March 2006.

“Aid and Foreign Direct Investment,” presented at the Macroeconomics of Neighborhood Policy Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, November 2004.

“The Education of Nations: How Governments Decide to Produce Human Capital in Taiwan, Ghana, and Brazil,” presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University, and the George Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Yale University, December 2003.

“Funding Self-Sustaining Development: the Role of Aid, FDI, and Government in Economic Success,” presented at the George Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Yale University, December 2003. With Jennifer Tobin.

“Apartheid’s Manipulation of the Labor Market and Economic Development in South Africa,” presented at the Society for Comparative Research, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, May 2003.

“Economic Government: Friends and Foes in Business and Politics,” presented at the New England Political Science Association, Providence, Rhode Island, May 2003.

EMPLOYMENT

Economic Policy Advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), ranking Democratic Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (2004 – 2005)

Research Fellow to Gustav Ranis, Frank Altschul Professor of International Economics, and Henry R. Luce Director, Yale Center for International and Area Studies (Since 2003)

Research Assistant to Ernesto Zedillo, former President of Mexico, director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization (2002 – 2003)

Research Assistant to Frances Rosenbluth, Yale University Department of Political Science, New Haven, Connecticut (2002)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, *World Development*, Routledge press (economics)

Member, Junior Faculty Search Committee, Yale Political Science Department (2003-2004)

Founder and first coordinator, Yale World Politics Workshop (2003-2004)

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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