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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, American University, School of Public Affairs, 2008 (May).
Fields: Politics of Developing Countries, Public Policy, Research Methods

Dissertation: *Clientelism and Democratic Policy Representation: Evidence from Attitudes in Bangalore, India*

Committee Members: Todd Eisenstadt, Laura I. Langbein, Irfan Nooruddin

Fieldwork:

- Karnataka, India, where I worked with the Indian Marketing and Research Bureau (IMRB), the Akshara Foundation, and the Institute for Social and Economic Change in Bangalore to conduct a survey of 1700 households collecting data on service delivery, political participation and governance for my dissertation, May 2006-May 2007.
- Bangalore, India, Pre-dissertation research—I held visiting positions at the Institute for Social and Economic Change and the Akshara Foundation, May 2005-August 2005.

M.A. Political Science, American University, 2005.

B.A. Economics and Political Science, Hood College, 2003.

CURRENT POSITION

Consultant
Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank
Washington, DC
April 2010-Present

Duties include:

- Team member on Afghanistan Country Program Evaluation, August 2011-Present. Evaluate the World Bank's portfolio in Health and Education covering the period 2002-2011. Hire and manage a survey team to conduct a beneficiary feedback survey on service delivery. Provide a background paper; travel on mission; contribute to team discussions.
- Team member on Liberia Country Program, July 2011-January 2012. Evaluate the World Bank's capacity building initiatives during the period 2004-2010; provide a background paper; travel on mission to Liberia; contribute to team discussions.
- Team member on an evaluation of the World Bank's Governance and Anti-corruption Strategy, May 2010-July 2011. Provide two background papers on governance and education initiatives taken by the World Bank and on Governance and Anti-corruption initiatives in Bangladesh; Oversee and provide inputs to data management and analysis of a desk review data (content analysis consisting of 50 Country Assistance Strategies and 200 Projects); travel on mission to Bangladesh.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral Research Associate. School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, May 2008-May 2010.

Duties included: Post-doctoral Research on lesser-skilled migrants from South Asia to the Persian Gulf, on highly-skilled migrants from India-EU and India-United States; program planning and management; grant-writing and working with grants from the MacArthur Foundation and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in the Institute for the Study of International Migration. Taught one course on South Asian Politics. Completed two papers published in academic books and journals.

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India, 2005-Present; in residence November 2011-January 2012, August 2012, December 2011, February-March 2009, 2006-2007 academic year and summer 2005.

Conducted research on urban governance and politics in India.

Election Monitor, Election Commission of India, April-May 2009.

Appointed by the Indian Election Commission as an official monitor for the 2009 parliamentary elections in the state of Karnataka.

Associate, Akshara Foundation, Bangalore, India, 2005-2008 (with periods in the field between June-July 2005, and May 2006-May 2007).

Ran a field experiment on pilot project to improve child literacy in public elementary schools, conducted a survey urban governance and education outcomes.

Lecturer, Loyola College of Baltimore, January-May 2006.

Taught two courses: Introduction to Comparative Politics and International Political Economy.

Consultant, American Political Science Association, December 2005-May 2006.

Assessed membership trends for the Association, program planning and management for the 2006 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference,

Consultant, Cummins India Ltd., June-August 2003.

Worked in a team and evaluated how funding provided to NGOs from Cummins' social responsibility initiative was being used to impact local development projects.

International Relations Exchange Student, Seoul, South Korea, Summer 2002.

Bahrom Institute Program, Seoul Women's University, Seoul, Korea.

Congressional Staffer, June 2001-January 2002.

The office of Congressman Mike Pence (Indiana, 6th District) in the United States House of Representatives.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Centre for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service in Qatar. April 2009.

William E. Miller Fellowship. July-December 2007.

The Neil and Ann Kerwin Doctoral Dissertation Award. June 2007.

Akshara Foundation and General Electric Foundation. September 2005-April 2007.

Sri Ratan Tata Fellowship. May 2006-October 2007.

Amos Perlmutter Endowment. Professional development award. Fall 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

“The Micro-Politics of Vote Banks in Karnataka 1955-2009.” *Economic and Political Weekly* XLVI (14): 71-77.

“India-Gulf Migration: Corruption and Capacity in Regulating Recruitment Agencies” *Global Studies Review* (October 2010).

"Vote-Buying: Is it a Threat to Democratic Policy Representation?" *PS: Political Science and Politics* XL (October 2007), 821.

Book Chapters

“Migrant Labor and Regional Policy Initiatives: Recruitment Agencies as Information Brokers.” is forthcoming in a Columbia University Press book edited by Mehran Kamrava.

“Indian Migration and ‘Temporary’ Labor Programs: Select Contrasts in Policies and Trends in the European Union and the United States” is forthcoming in an Oxford University Press book edited by Mark Lopez (Pew Hispanic Center).

“Civil Society and Foreign Aid in India: An Assessment of USAID Policy Assumptions in India.” In *The Role of Public Administration in Alleviating Poverty and Improving Governance*, ed. Jak Jabes. New York: Asian Development Bank, 2005.

WORKING PAPERS

“Primary Education and Electoral Accountability in India’s Silicon Valley: A Case in which Locally Elected Leaders Become Brokers for Securing School Resources.”

“Micropolitics of Vote Banks in Urban and Rural Service Delivery.”

“New Configurations of Old Games: A Theory of Clientelism in Developing Nations.”

“When Machine Party Benefits Influence More than Voter Turnout: The Representational Effects of Turnout Buying in Bangalore Elections.”

“New Configurations of Old Games: A Theory of Clientelism in Developing Nations.”

“Promoting Development Objectives or Managing Reputational Risks: A Review of the World Bank’s Governance and Anti-corruption Strategy?”

“Is the World Bank Responsive to Informal Institutions?”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Primary Education and Electoral Accountability in India’s Silicon Valley: A Case in which Locally Elected Leaders Become Brokers for Securing School Resources.” Panel: Education in South Asia, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) annual meeting, Washington DC, 3-5 November 2011.

“Micropolitics of Vote Banks in Karnataka.” Panel: Politics and Development, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 31 March-3 April 2011.

“Indian Migration and Temporary Labor Programs: Comparing the Costs and Benefits in the United States, United Kingdom and Netherlands.” Panel: Highly-Skilled Migration, APPAM 2010 International Migration Conference, Maastricht, Netherlands, 18-20 February 2010.

“Indian Migration and “Temporary” Labor Programs: Select Contrasts in Policies and Trends in the European Union and the United States.” Panel: India: Responses to New Immigration: The European Union in Comparative Perspective, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto 3-6 September 2009.

“Indian highly-skilled migration to Europe: Comparative Trends with the United States.” IMISCOE Annual Conference in Stockholm, 9–11 September 2009.

“Why Do Political Parties use Material Inducements to Gain Political Support?” Panel: Clientelism, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2-5 April 2009.

“The Changing Politics of Temporary Migration in the United States: Are Non-Immigrant Visas the New Ticket to Legal Permanent Residency?” Panel: International Migration, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2-5 April 2009.

“The Evolution of Indian Migration in the United States: Select Contrasts in Policies and Trends with the European Union.” International Conference on India-EU Labour Mobility Partnerships, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (with Lindsay Lowell).

“Are Temporary Worker Programs Really Temporary? A Review Temporary Worker Programs in the United States.” Panel: Temporary Worker Programs and Labour Rights. 13th International Metropolis Conference, Bonn, Germany, 27-31 October 2008.

“When Machine Party Benefits Influence More than Voter Turnout: The Representational Effects of Turnout Buying in Bangalore Elections.” Panel: India: Clientelism and Cleavages

Compared, 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 27-31 August 2008.

“Field Research and Non-Government Organizations: To Engage or Not to Engage?” Faculty Poster Session, The Society for Political Methodology 25th Annual Summer Meeting, Ann Arbor, 9-13 July 2008.

"The Influence of Clientelism on Policy Representation: Evidence from Bangalore, India." Panel: Participation and Competition in New Democracies, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 3-6 April 2008.

“Clientelist Accountability in Policy Representation: Evidence from India.” Panel: Participation and Competition in New Democracies, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 3-6 April 2008. “Vote-Buying: A Threat to Dyadic Policy Representation?” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 10-13 January 2008.

“Vote-buying and Education in India: When Textbooks Buy Political Support.” Panel: Clientelism, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 11-15 April 2007.

“Politics, Representation and Bureaucratic Cohesion in the Public Goods Provision: More Evidence from India,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 4-7 January 2007.

“Politics, Representation and Bureaucratic Cohesion in the Public Goods Provision: Evidence from India,” Panel: Clientelism and Social Service Delivery, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 20-23 April 2006.

“Reconsidering ‘Cultural Institutions’ in Development: A Look at Kinship Networks, the Marriage Market and School Supply Characteristics in Rural India.” Panel: Economic Development, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, 4-7 January 2006.

“Kinship Networks and School Supply Characteristics in Rural India: Re-thinking Standard Models of School Enrollment and Attendance.” Panel: Improving Educational Outcomes, Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 17-19 November 2005.

“The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in Performance Measurement.” Track: International Trends in Public Management Education, Democracy, and Development, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 13-15 October 2005.

“Using Program Evaluation in Primary Education: A Case from Rural India.” Panel: Teaching Research by Doing it: Learning What Does and Does Not Work. National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 13-15 October, 2005.

“Critical Transfers: Teaching Approaches in Graduate Political Science.” Track: Research Methods and Techniques, American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, Bethesda, Maryland, 19-21 February 2005.

“Civil Society and Foreign Aid in India: An Assessment of USAID Policy Assumptions in India.” Citizen Empowerment through Participation Workshop, NAPSIPAG Conference Paper, Asian Development Bank and INTAN, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 6-8 December 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University, 2009

Course Taught: Development and Politics of India and Pakistan (INAF 390.01)—
Undergraduate seminar course

American University, 2007.

Course Taught: Introduction to Political Research (PS310.001)—Undergraduate research
methods course

Loyola College of Baltimore, 2006.

Courses Taught: Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS350)
International Political Economy II (PS375)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

German: Professional proficiency with 8 years of formal instruction, including a semester study abroad in Germany (1999) and participation in a one month exchange program (1996).

Kannada: Regional language of South India, conversational skills acquired during private lessons and one year of field research May 2006-2007.

SKILLS

Research Skills: Program Evaluation, Applied Econometrics, Qualitative Methods, Survey Design, Mixed-Methods.

Specialized Software: Econometric Software: STATA, R, SPSS, Rats

Qualitative Software: NVivo

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer. *American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Electoral Studies; International Migration; Journal of Political Science Education.*

Rapporteur. “Tocqueville and the Life of Democracy in the US and India.” Assisting Ira I. Katznelson and Partha Chatterjee along with 10 other scholars in a series of meetings on comparative democracy between India and the United States. May 2008.

FIELDWORK

Countries: India (3 years in country since 2005), Bangladesh, Liberia, Qatar

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

Outside the US: Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, India; Asian Development Bank, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India; Metropolis Bonn, Germany.

In the US: Centennial Center, American Political Science Association; Council on Comparative Studies, American University; Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service; Georgia State University.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Political Science Association
Member, Midwest Political Science Association
Member, The Society for Political Methodology
Member, South Asian Studies Association

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request