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## Employment

Editor (with David Samuels), *Comparative Political Studies*, September 2013-.

Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, July 2013-

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2012-2013

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2006-2012

## Education

Ph.D. Government, Harvard University, November 2006.

*Ph.D. Thesis:* From the Ballot to the Blackboard: The Redistributive Political Economy of Education.

Awarded Senator Charles Sumner Memorial Prize by Harvard University

M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. 2001.

M.A. Cultural History, University of Manchester, 1999.

B.A. (Hons) History, First Class, University of Manchester, 1998.

## Research

### *Books*

*From the Ballot to the Blackboard: The Redistributive Political Economy of Education*, 2010, Cambridge University Press, Studies in Comparative Politics series.  
*Winner of 2011 William H. Riker Prize for Best Book on Political Economy, granted by APSA Section on Political Economy*

*Social Policy in Small European States*, Gary Cohen, Ben Ansell, Robert H. Cox, and Jane Gingrich (eds.), 2012, Berghahn Books, NY.

*Inequality and Democracy: A Contractarian Approach*, with David Samuels. Book under advance contract at Cambridge University Press for publication in 2013.

### Articles

‘The Political Origins of Primary Education Systems: Ideology, Institutions, and Interdenominational Conflict in an Era of Nation-Building’, with Johannes Lindvall, *American Political Science Review*, August 2013.

‘Assets in Crisis: Housing, Preferences, and Policy in the Credit Crisis’, *Swiss Political Science Review*, 2013.

‘Preferences in Context: Micro-Preferences, Macro-Contexts, and the Demand for Social Policy’, with Jane Gingrich. *Comparative Political Studies*, December 2012.

‘Inequality and Democratization: A Contractarian Approach’, with David Samuels. *Comparative Political Studies*, December 2010.  
*Winner of Best Article in 2010 by the Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association.*

‘University Challenges: Explaining Institutional Change in Higher Education’. *World Politics*, January 2008.

‘Teachers, Traders, and Tyrants: Democracy, Globalization and Education Spending’. *International Organization*, Spring 2008.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

‘A Tale of Two Trilemmas: Varieties of Higher Education and the Service Economy’ (with Jane Gingrich), in Wren, Anne (ed.) *The Political Economy of the Service Transition*. Oxford University Press. 2013.

‘Introduction’ with Gary Cohen, Robert Cox, and Jane Gingrich, in Cohen et al (eds.) *Social Policy in Small European States*, 2012.

‘Humboldt Humbled? The Germanic University System in Comparative Perspective’, in Cohen et al (eds.) *Social Policy in Small European States*, 2012.

‘Crisis as Political Opportunity? The Role of Partisan Politics in the Response to the Global Credit Crisis’, in Bermeo, Nancy and Jonas Pontusson (eds.) *Coping with Crisis*, Russell Sage Foundation. 2012.

### Manuscripts under Review

‘The Political Economy of Ownership: Housing Markets and the Welfare State’,  
Revise and Resubmit. *American Political Science Review*.

‘Membership Matters: Radical Right Party Composition in Comparative Perspective’,

with David Art, under review.

*Winner of 2010 Best Conference Paper Award granted by European Politics and Society Section of American Political Science Association.*

### *Textbook Chapters*

‘The United Kingdom’ (with Jane Gingrich) in David Samuels (ed.) *Casebook for Comparative Politics*, Longman Pearson. Forthcoming.

### *Newspaper and Thinktank Publications*

‘Quality versus Equality: Hard Choices in Higher Education’ translated as ‘Calidad frente a igualdad: una decisión difícil en enseñanza superior’ for Fundación Alternativas, Madrid. November 2011. Featured in *Publico*, 11th December 2012.

‘British Universities: Quality at the Cost of Inequality’ with Pepper Culpepper. *Times Higher Education* (London), February 3, 2011.

### *Working Papers*

‘Global Capital Markets, Housing Prices, and Partisan Fiscal Policies’, with J. Lawrence Broz.

‘Electoral Institutions, Credit, and Political Responses to Economic Polarization’, with John Ahlquist.

‘The Dynamics of Social Investment: Human Capital, Activation, and Care’, with Jane Gingrich.

‘Sorting for Schools: Housing, Education, and Inequality’, with Jane Gingrich

### Invited Presentations

Workshops on *Inequality and Democracy: A Contractarian Approach*, with David Samuels, October 2012, University of Washington and May 31st 2013, Stanford University.

‘The Historical Development of Primary Education: Cleavages and Coalitions at the Turn of the Twentieth Century’, with Johannes Lindvall, at Workshop on Education, Religion and the Gender-vote gap, Bremen University, October 2011, University of Konstanz, July 2012 and University of Wisconsin, Madison, February 2013.

‘The Political Economy of Ownership: Housing Markets and the Welfare State’, University of North Carolina Departmental Speaker Series, February 2012 and at Harvard / MIT Seminar on State and Capitalism since 1800, December 2012.

- ‘The Dynamics of Social Investment: Human Capital, Activation, and Care’, with Jane Gingrich, at Workshop on ‘The Future of Democratic Capitalism’, University of Zurich, June 2011 and Duke University October 2012.
- ‘The Future of Higher Education in Europe’, Keynote Presentation for Conference on the Future of Education, University of Graz, Austria, November 2010.
- ‘Crisis as Political Opportunity? The Role of Partisan Politics in the Response to the Global Credit Crisis’ presented at Princeton University Conference on the Credit Crisis, March 2010, Princeton, NJ, Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, October 2010 and Indiana University, April 2011.
- ‘The New Political Economy of Wealth’, presented at the Political Economy Colloquium, Oxford University, October 2009.
- ‘A Tale of Two Trilemmas’, with Jane Gingrich, presented at Conference on Postindustrialism and the Service Economy, Trinity College Dublin, May 2008.
- ‘The Role of Globalization and Education in Explaining East Asian and Latin American Development’, Northwestern University, April 2008.
- ‘Humboldt Humbled? The Germanic University System in Comparative Perspective’, presented at the Center for Austrian Studies’ ‘Social Policy in the New Europe: The Experience of Austria and the Smaller EU Members’, University of Minnesota, March 2008.
- ‘Bubbling Under, Political Preferences During Asset Bubbles’, February 2008, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Political Economy Colloquium. Versions also presented at European University Institute, September 2008, and Conference on Political Economy, Trinity College Dublin, October 2008.
- ‘University Challenges: Explaining Institutional Change in Higher Education’, April 2007 at The Domestic Institutional Foundations of International Economic Competitiveness, Georgetown University. Version also presented at the Leitner Conference on Post-Industrial Societies, Yale University, January 2007.

## Conference Presentations

- ‘Global Capital Markets, Housing Prices, and Partisan Fiscal Policies’, with J. Lawrence Broz, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2013.
- ‘Electoral Institutions, Credit, and Political Responses to Economic Polarization’, with John Ahlquist, International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, University of Virginia, November 2012; International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2013, and Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2013.

- ‘Housing, Partisanship and Global Credit’, International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, November 2011.
- ‘Inequality and Democratization: Individual-Level Evidence of Preferences for Redistribution under Autocracy’, with David Samuels, APSA 2011, Seattle, WA.
- ‘Political Preferences During Housing Booms and Busts across Europe’, Council for European Studies Conference, Barcelona, June 2011 and Society for Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference, Madrid, June 2011.
- ‘Fiscal Responses to the Credit Crisis’, Council for European Studies Conference, Barcelona, June 2011.
- ‘Membership Matters: Radical Right Party Composition in Comparative Perspective’, with David Art, APSA 2010, Washington DC.
- ‘Democracy and Redistribution 1880-1930, Reassessing the Evidence’, with David Samuels, APSA 2010 Washington DC.
- ‘National Institutions and Individual Social Policy Preferences’, with Jane Gingrich, APSA, 2009, Toronto.
- ‘The Nest Egg Effect? Housing, the Welfare State, and Political Incentives’, MPSA Annual Conference April 2009.
- ‘Inequality and Democracy’, with David Samuels, Versions presented at APSA 2009, Toronto, MPSA 2008, Chicago, and APSA 2007, Chicago.
- ‘Bubbling Under, Political Preferences During Asset Bubbles’. Versions presented at MPSA 2007, APSA 2007, and Council for European Studies Biennial Conference, Chicago IL, March 2008.
- ‘Who Cut Class? Matching Policy Change to Parties and Voters’, APSA 2006.
- ‘University Challenges: Explaining Institutional Change in Higher Education’, Versions presented at APSA 2006, MPSA 2006, and at the Council for European Studies biennial conference, 2006.
- ‘Teachers, Traders and Tyrants: How Openness and Democracy Affect Education Expenditure’, at APSA September 3rd, 2005, Washington, DC.
- ‘Capturing Creativity: The Diffusion of Human Capital Policy’, APSA September 2004, Chicago, IL.
- ‘Comments on Does Inequality Create Institutions?’. Discussant on presentation by Ronald Rogowski at CES Workshop on Inequality, October, 2003.
- ‘Human Capital and Globalization’, APSA September 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

## Research Grants, Affiliations, and Awards

William H. Riker Award for Best Book on Political Economy in 2010, awarded by Political Economy Section of American Political Science Association.

Best Article Award for 2010 from Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association (joint with David Samuels).

2010 Best Conference Paper Award granted by European Politics and Society Section of American Political Science Association (joint with David Art)

Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar two-year postdoctoral fellowship at UC Berkeley for 2008-10. Declined.

Joint Visiting Scholar of Max Weber and Robert Schumann centers, European University Institute, Florence, 2008-9.

Syllabus Development Funds, \$3,000, European Studies Consortium, University of Minnesota, Summer 2010.

Single Semester Leave, University of Minnesota, Fall 2008.

Faculty Summer Research Grant, \$6,000, University of Minnesota, Summer 2008.

Grant in Aid of Scholarly Activity, \$25,788, University of Minnesota, awarded December 2007.

McMillan Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Summer 2007, Summer 2008, Summer 2009.

Senator Charles Sumner Award for best dissertation from Harvard University, 2007.

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005-2006.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Graduate Research Grant, December 2004.

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Graduate Associate, 2004 / 2005.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Graduate Associate, 2004 / 2006.

CUE Teaching Award for GOV1735 Arms and Arms Control, Fall 2004.

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Graduate Summer Grant, June 2004.

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics, Spring 2004.

CUE Teaching Award for GOV1140, Politics of Social Justice, Fall 2003.

Multi-Year Fellowship, Harvard University, 2003 / 2006.

National Science Foundation, Honorable Mention, November 2000.

Tuition Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley, 2000 / 2001.

British Academy Award for Masters Study in History, 1998 / 1999.

Thomas Brown Memorial Prize for the top graduating student in History department,  
University of Manchester, 1998

## Teaching

### *University of Minnesota*

Transatlantic Summer Institute: Class, Church and Community: The Historical  
Origins of European Social Policy (with Johannes Lindvall, Lund University) (G),  
University of Minnesota June 10-22, 2012.

POL 8440/8660 (G): Theories of Political Economy, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring  
2013.

POL 8405 (G): International Political Economy Spring 2007, Spring 2010, Spring  
2012.

POL 8601 (G): Comparative Politics Core, Fall 2007

POL 8060 (G): Colloquium in Methods and Models, Fall 2007, Spring 2008.

Graduate Student Math Camp (G), Fall 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011.

POL 1905 (U): Puzzles in Politics and Economics, Fall 2006, Fall 2009

POL 3410 / 4410 (U): Globalization and Domestic Politics, Fall 2006, Fall 2007,  
Spring 2009, Spring 2010.

POL 3410/3465 (U): Introduction to Political Economy, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall  
2011 Fall 2012.

POL 3410 (U): Politics of Inequality, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2013.

POL 3833 (U): The US and the Global Economy: Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012.

### *Advising: Graduate*

#### *Ph.Ds completed, Committee Member*

Joel Malen, Ph.D. 2013 (Carlson School of Management), Assistant Professor,  
Hitotsubashi Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy from Fall 2013.

David Leon, Ph.D. 2011, Visiting Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University.

Erica Owen, Ph.D. 2009, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M, Ph.D. 2009

Jennifer Rutledge, Ph.D. 2008 Assistant Professor, John Jay College (CUNY)

Susan Kang, Ph.D. 2007, Assistant Professor, John Jay College (CUNY)

*Current Ph.D. students, Committee Member*

Jonas Bunte (Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Dallas from Fall 2013), Geoff Dancy (Assistant Professor, Tulane University from Fall 2013), Andrew Lucius, Molla Reda, Matt Jacobs, Matt Luttig, Henry Thomson.

*Advising: Undergraduate*

*Summa Theses*

Brett Arenz, 2007, Caroline Abadeer, 2011, Alex Stephenson, 2011

*Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program*

Dylan Nitzorski, Caroline Abadeer, Alex Stephenson, Joseph Spanjers

*Harvard University*

Contemporary Puzzles in Politics and Economics, Junior Tutorial, Fall 2004.

Math Prefresher for Graduate Students, Fall 2004.

Professional Service

*University of Minnesota*

*University and College of Liberal Arts*

CLA Graduate Fellowship Program Committee Member Spring 2013

Bologna Process Advisory Committee Fall 2012-

Faculty Senator, University Senate 2012-2015.

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Awards Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2011-13.

Future of European Studies Advisory Committee to CLA Dean, Spring 2011.

European Studies Consortium Travel Grant Committee, Summer 2010.

Advisory Committee Member, European Studies Consortium, 2009-2011.



Hella Mears Fellowship Reviewer for Center for German and European Studies, 2009-2013.

Steering Committee, Conference on Small European States, Center for Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota, 2007-8

Center for German and European Studies Faculty Member, 2006-2012

*Department*

International Relations Search Committee, Fall 2007, Fall 2012.

Undergraduate Work Committee, 2011-2012.

Methods and Models Field Chair, 2010-2011

Formal Theory Search Committee, Fall 2009, Fall 2010

Merit Advisory Committee, 2009-2010

Convenor of Minnesota Political Economy Colloquium, 2007-2008

International Relations Field Chair, 2007-2008

Graduate Work Committee, 2006-2007

*European University Institute*

Presentation on how to give effective presentations and job talks, December 2008.

Roundtable on 2008 US Election, October 2008 and two in November 2008 (one for James Madison University graduate program).

*Profession*

Section Head, Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies, American Political Science Association, August 2014.

Section Head, Comparative Politics (Advanced Industrial Countries), Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013.

Prize Committees: Riker Prize for best book in Political Economy 2012, European Politics Best Paper Prize 2012.

Manuscripts reviewed for University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press.

Articles reviewed for *International Organization*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *European Journal of Social Policy*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Public Policy*,

*Socio-Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review.*

Discussant: 2007, 2008, 2013 Annual Meeting of MPSA; 2010 Meeting of APSA

### *Community Engagement*

'Views from the U' Pre-election event, October 2012. Coffman Theater. University of Minnesota.

Moderator and Organizer of 'Baby Marx Townhall' event at Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN, August 2011.

TV and radio interviews: WCCO, KFAI

### *Government Consulting*

Policy analyst for Her Majestys Treasury, Productivity Team.

Author of The Next Generation of Skills in the UK education policy forecast for Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer, July 2004.

Member of Leitch Review of Skills, an independent review established under Lord Sandy Leitch to examine British skills policy to 2020. Served 2005 to 2007