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Research and teaching interests

Political Economy, Game Theory, Collective Action, Latin American Political and Economic History, Social Choice Theory, Theories of Justice

Professional Experience

Senior Research Fellow, Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain, Sept. 2010 - present

Professor, Instituto de Empresa,, Madrid, Spain, Sept. 2012 - present

Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Sept. 2008 - Dec. 2011

Professor, Department of Political Science, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Jan. 2011 - present

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, University of Virginia, Sept. 2005 - 2010

Visiting Professor, CEACS, Fundación Juan March, Madrid, Spain, Sept. 2008 - Sept. 2009

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Sept. 2000 - June 2005.

Visiting Consultant, Banco de la República de Colombia, Summer 1997.

Teaching assistant, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics and Mathematics for Economists, 1993-98.

Economic Researcher for the General Comptrollership of Colombia, 1991-93.

Instructor, Masters Seminar on Distributive Justice, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 1993.

Instructor, Political Economy, Universidad de los Andes, 1992.

Courses Taught

Insurgency and Democracy in Latin America.

Development and Social Change in Latin America

Core Seminar in Comparative Politics.

Introduction to Game Theory.

Rationality and Collective Action.

Education

Stanford University, Ph.D. Economics, 2000.

Dissertation: Analytical Models of Parties and Legislatures

Principal advisor: Kenneth Arrow

Other advisors: John Ferejohn, Morris Fiorina, Roger Noll

Universidad de los Andes, M.A. Economics, B.A. Economics 1992.

Universidad Nacional de Colombia, B.A. Philosophy, 1993.

Single-Authored Books

A Unified Theory of Collective Action and Social Change. University of Michigan Press, 2007 (Series on Analytical Perspectives on Politics).

By developing a game-theoretic technique, the method of stability sets, this book offers a systematic framework for the analysis of collective action problems that generalizes existing models (especially the Olsonian and Schellingean paradigms), thus clarifying their reach, while at the same time showing how structural factors impact the likelihood of social coordination. Results of comparative statics of collective action that, although intuitive, had eluded the previous models, become now straightforward applications of the method of stability sets. The resulting theory proves to be a tool useful for the study of several phenomena of political economy, something the book illustrates by developing new analyses of clientelism and wage bargaining that show how both are affected by the economic structure that undergirds them.

The Political Economy of Electoral Participation. under contract with the University of Michigan Press.

This book applies to voting games the techniques of comparative statics obtained in the previous one. After showing that the “turnout paradox” only afflicts a few, rather uninteresting, cases of voting games, the book shows that, with the help of the method of stability sets it is possible to study how electoral turnout depends on the overall structure of elections, including notably the voters’ preferences and the parties’ strategies. The book uses this insight to provide a model that connects the patterns of socioeconomic bias in turnout, or the lack thereof, with the underlying functioning of distributive politics in modern welfare states.

Democracy and Rational Debate: Habermas, Rawls and Social Justice, Editorial Universidad Nacional, Bogotá 1995.

Articles in Refereed Journals

“The Endurance and Eclipse of the Controlled Vote: A Formal Model of Vote Brokerage Under the Secret Ballot,” forthcoming in *Economics and Politics*.

“The Analytical Foundations of Collective Action Theory: A Survey of Some Recent Developments,” in *Annual Reviews of Political Science*, May 2013, vol. 16: 259 - 283.

“Is There Really a Turnout Paradox?” *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, July 2011, 23(3): 382-399.

“Party Discipline with Legislative Initiative,” *British Journal of Political Science*, January 2006, 36(1): 113-132.

“The Comparative Statics of Collective Action: A Pragmatic Approach to Games with Multiple

Equilibria,” *Rationality and Society*, 2005, 17(4): 423-452.

“Social Ethics and Collective Choice” in *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 1992.

Book Chapters

“Monopoly and Monitoring: An Approach to Political Clientelism,” (coauthored with Susan Stokes) in Herbert Kitschelt and Steve Wilkinson (eds.), *Patrons or Policies: Citizen-Party Linkages in Democratic Politics*, forthcoming in Cambridge University Press.

“Etica Racional y Racionalización Social,” in *Economía y Etica*, edited by Jorge Iván González. Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2004.

Coauthored Books

Colombia: Estado, Crecimiento Económico y Equidad (with Manuel Francisco Becerra, Isidro Hernández and Jorge Vivas), Ediciones Contraloría General de la República de Colombia, November, 1993.

Política Fiscal y Equidad en Colombia (with Hernando Gómez Buendía and Jorge Iván González, Ediciones Contraloría General de la República de Colombia, September, 1994.

Other Publications

“Colombia: El Desafío de Hacer Política,” in *El Pas*, September, 2012.

“Colombia: Ending the Endless War,” in *Boston Review*, May/June 2010.

Book Reviews

Review of *Ruling Oneself Out: A Theory of Collective Abdications* by Ivan Ermakoff in *British Journal of Sociology*, September 2009, Vol. 60, No. 3, pgs. 644-646.

Review of *A Logic of Expressive Choice* by Alexander Schuessler in *American Journal of Sociology*, July 2001, Vol. 107, Issue 1, pg. 225-227.

Manuscripts and Working Papers

“Vote Brokerage under the Secret Ballot: An Outcome Contingent Model of the Controlled Vote,” (co-authored with Dan Gingerich) under review at the *American Political Science Review*.

“The Olsonian Model of Collective Action is Fragile,” under review in *Political Analysis*.

“Toward a Structural Model of Biased Turnout: Foundations, Theory and Hypotheses,” paper given at the European Consortium of Political Research, Helsinki, May. 10, 2007.

“The Correlated Equilibria of Voting Games,” Working Paper.

“Colombia 2019: La Irrelevancia de lo Político,” paper given at the Encuentro Nacional de la Federación Colombiana de Estudiantes de Economía, Bogotá, Oct. 24, 2006.

“Reconsidering the Link between Grievance and Conflict: A Game Theoretic Perspective,” Working Paper.

“A Critique of ‘Resource-based’ Theories of Colombia’s Civil War,” paper given at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, Oct. 7-10, 2004. A Spanish version will appear in *Revista de Estudios Sociales*.

“Who is Afraid of Collective Intentionality?” paper given at the IV International Conference on Collective Intentionality, Siena, Oct. 15-17, 2004.

“Rational-Choice Theory as Formalized Common Sense,” Working Paper, Department of Political Science, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

“Is Fiscal Federalism Distributively Neutral?” University of Chicago, mimeo, August 2003.

“Clientelism as Political Monopoly,” (Coauthored with Susan Stokes) Chicago Center on Democracy Working Paper #25.

“Economic Control and Clientelistic Politics,” University of Chicago, mimeo, January 2002.

“Of Rats and Men: Strategic Rationality and Social Theory,” University of Chicago, mimeo, June 2001.

“A Theory of Endogenous Party Alignments,” Stanford University, mimeo, September 1998.

“Ballots and Bullets: the Emergence of Civilian Rule in Colombia,” Stanford University, mimeo, September 1996.

“Language and Agreement in a Partial Coordination Game,” Stanford University, mimeo, October 1995.

Fellowships and Honors

Bankard Fund for Political Economy Fellowship, 2006-2008.

LASPAU-Colciencias Fellowship, 1998-1999.

Stanford University Graduate Fellowship, 1994 - 1999.

Lauchlin Currie Fellowship of the Central Bank of the Republic of Colombia, 1993-1997.

Outstanding Monograph Award, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, April 1993.

Outstanding Student in graduating class, Universidad de los Andes, June 1991.

Invited Lectures and Participations in Academic Conferences

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 22-25, 2010.

Eastern Economic Association, Philadelphia, Feb. 25-28, 2010.

Rethinking Marxism, Amherst, MA, Nov. 5-8, 2009.

University of Essex, Department of Government, May 2009.

ATINER Conference, Athens, June 25-27, 2007.

Summer course on “The Structure of the American Political System,” taught at the Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, May 16-24, 2007.

European Consortium of Political Research, Workshop on Inequality, Poverty and Democratic

Governance in Developing Societies, Helsinki, May 6-13, 2007.

Author-meets-critics on *A Unified Theory of Collective Action and Social Change*, Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 14, 2007.

XXI Encuentro de la Federación Colombiana de Estudiantes de Economía, Bogotá, Oct. 24, 2006.

University of Virginia, International Relations Organization, "The Democratic Left in Latin America: Past, Present and Future," Oct. 17, 2006

Guest Lecturer, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Dec. 2004.

Outside Referee for the Centro de Investigaciones para el Desarrollo, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, March 6, 2005.

Convener of Conference on Colombia: Civil War and Prospects for Peace from a Comparative Perspective, University of Chicago, Nov. 13, 2004.

IV International Conference on Collective Intentionality, Siena, October 12-15, 2004.

Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 7-10, 2004.

Guest Lecturer, "Ethics and Economics in John Rawls and Amartya Sen," Banco de la República de Colombia, Cartagena, July 8-10, 2004.

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Department of Political Science, June 2004.

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Department of Economics, June 2004.

University of Chicago, Political Economy Workshop, May 2004.

Tulane University, Department of Economics, May 2004.

University of Chicago, Political Theory Workshop, April 2004.

Rochester University, Department of Political Science, February 2004.

Universidad de Córdoba, Argentina, Department of Political Science, December 2003.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Department of Political Science, October 2003.

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica de México, Department of Political Science, October 2003.

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, May 2003.

Conference on Colombia: Confronting Conflict, Striving for Peace, University of Chicago, IL, April 3, 2003.

Conference on Informal Institutions, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, March 15-17, 2003.

University of Chicago, Workshop in Comparative Politics, March 2003.

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Dec. 2002.

American Political Science Association, Panel on Political Clientelism in the Developing World, Boston, Sept. 2002.

Conference on Clientelism in Latin America, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 17-18, 2002.

Conference on Informal Institutions and Politics in the Developing World, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 5-6, 2002.

University of Chicago, Workshop in Comparative Politics, January 2002.

Guest Lecturer, Political Economy, International Summer School on Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, June 20 - July 17, 2001.

Liberty Fund Colloquium, Park City, UT, May 30 - June 15, 2001.

Citizen-Politician Linkages Conference, Duke University, NC, March 28-31, 2001.

University of Chicago, Workshop on American Politics, March 2001.

University of Chicago, Workshop on Comparative Politics, March 2001.

American Public Choice Society, San Antonio, TX, March 2-5, 2001.

Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 12-15, 2000.

European Society of Public Choice, Siena, April 22-25, 2000.

American Political Science Association, Panel on Spatial Models in Electoral Competition (Discussant), San Francisco, Sept. 1996.

Summer School on Political Economy, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, June 17 - July 2, 1995.

Languages

Fluent in Spanish, English, French and German.