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Academic Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.
July 2017-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.
January 2012-June 2017.

Visiting Research Fellow, Niehaus Center on Globalization and Governance, Princeton University.
September 2015-June 2016.

Coca-Cola World Fund Post-Doctoral Fellow, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University.
July 2011- June 2012.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, New York University, May 2012
Committee: David Stasavage (chair), Adam Przeworski, Jon X. Eguia, Sanford Gordon

MA, International Relations, University of Chicago, May 2006
Advisor: Carles Boix

BA, with Honors, magna cum laude, Williams College, May 2003
Advisors: Douglas Gollin, Darel Paul

Research

Research Interests

Transparency
Bureaucratic Development and State Capacity
Corruption
Comparative Political Economy
International Political Economy
Political Methodology

Publications

Books

Information, Democracy and Autocracy: Economic Transparency and Political (In)Stability

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.
Cambridge University Press, September 2018.

Articles

Transparency, Protest and Democratic Stability

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, forthcoming.
British Journal of Political Science.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123417000308>

The Millennium Development Goals and Education: Accountability and Substitution in Global Assessment

with James Bisbee, B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, Summer 2019.
International Organization. Vol. 73(3):547-578.

Why do Autocrats Disclose? Economic Transparency and Inter-Elite Politics in the Shadow of Mass Unrest

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, July 2019.
Journal of Conflict Resolution Vol. 63(6):1488-1516.
<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0022002718792602>

Cooperative Autocracies: Leader Survival, Creditworthiness and Bilateral Investment Treaties,

with Eric Arias and B. Peter Rosendorff, October 2018.
American Journal of Political Science. Vol. 62(4):905-921.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12383>

Transparency, Protest and Autocratic Instability

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, November 2015.
American Political Science Review. Vol. 109(4):764-784.
DOI: [10.1017/S0003055415000428](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055415000428)

Information, Disclosure and Regime Stability

APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter, October 2015.
<http://www.compdem.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Oct-2015-APSA-CD.pdf>

Corruption and Ideology in Autocracies

with Leonard Wantchekon. August 2015.
Journal of Law, Economics and Organization. Vol.31(3): 499-533.
DOI: [10.1093/jleo/ewu015](https://doi.org/10.1093/jleo/ewu015)

Measuring Transparency

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, Autumn 2014.
Political Analysis. Vol.22(4): 413-434.
DOI: [10.1093/pan/mpu001](https://doi.org/10.1093/pan/mpu001)

Leadership Survival, Regime Type, Policy Uncertainty and PTA Accession

with B. Peter Rosendorff, December, 2012.

International Studies Quarterly. Vol. 56: 748-764.

DOI: [10.1111/j.1468-2478.2012.00750.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2478.2012.00750.x)

Do Human Rights Agreements Prolong the Tenure of Autocratic Ratifiers?

with B. Peter Rosendorff, Spring 2012.

Journal of International Law and Politics. Vol. 44, Num. 3:791-811.

<http://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/nyuilp44>

Is it Better to Empower the People or the Authorities? Assessing the Conditional Effects of ‘Top-Down’ and ‘Bottom-Up’ Anti-Corruption Interventions, June 2012.

Research in Experimental Economics,. Vol. 15: 247-277.

Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Sign the Convention Against Torture? Signaling, Domestic Politics, and Non-Compliance

with B. Peter Rosendorff, December, 2011.

Quarterly Journal of Political Science. Vol. 6, Issue 3-4: 275-327.

DOI: [10.1561/100.00010059](https://doi.org/10.1561/100.00010059)

Democracy and Transparency

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James R. Vreeland, October, 2011.

The Journal of Politics. Vol. 73: 1191-1205.

DOI: [10.1017/S0022381611000880](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022381611000880)

Conditionality, Compliance, and Domestic Interests: State Capture and EU Accession Policy, December 2010.

The Review of International Organizations. Vol. 5, Issue 4: 387-431.

DOI: [10.1007/s11558-010-9085-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-010-9085-2)

In Books

“Measuring Governance: Objective and Perceptions-based Governance Indicators,” in **Governance Indicators: Approaches, Progress, Promise**, November 2018. Helmut K. Anheier, Matthias Haber, and Mark A. Kayser, eds. Oxford University Press.

“Bureaucracy, Rational Choice Models,” in **The International Encyclopedia of Political Science**, 2011. Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, and Leonardo A. Morlino, eds. Sage.

Working Papers**Political Outsiders and Democratic Backsliding**

with Marko Klašnja and Roció Titiunik.

Parties as Disciplinarians: Commitment Problems in Party Branding

with Marko Klašnja and Roció Titiunik.

Transparency and Forms of Investment

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland

Employment

Consultant, The US Millennium Challenge Corporation, Tanzania Threshold Country Program. November 2009-July 2010

Talks & Presentations (2014-present)

August 31, 2019 – “Political Outsiders and Democratic Backsliding.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Democratic Backsliding and Authoritarian Control. with Marko Klašnja and Rocío Titiunik.

June 21, 2019 – “Political Outsiders and Democratic Backsliding.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference.

March 20, 2019 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: The Electoral Strategies of Centrist Parties.” Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo.

March 20, 2019 – Forum on Transparency in a Comparative Perspective, with Transparencia Brasil and Fundação Getúlio Vargas, sponsored by the US Consulate in São Paulo.

March 19, 2019 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: The Electoral Strategies of Centrist Parties.” Universidade de São Paulo.

August 30, 2018 – “Transparency and Forms of Investment.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Domestic Experience and International Political Outcomes. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 23, 2018 – “Transparency and Forms of Investment.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Politics of International Investment. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 22, 2018 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: The Electoral Strategies of Centrist Parties.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Party Strategies. with Marko Klašnja and Rocío Titiunik.

June 8, 2018 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: The Electoral Strategies of Centrist Parties.” Workshop on Political Selection, Peking University. with Marko Klašnja and Rocío Titiunik.

September 1, 2017 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: The Electoral Strategies of Centrist Parties.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Consequences of Personalism for Representation. with Marko Klašnja and Rocío Titiunik.

September 1, 2017 – “Transparency and Investment: Micro Data and Mechanisms.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on International Political Economy with Governments, Firms and Individuals. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 24, 2017 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: The Electoral Strategies of Centrist Parties.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the End of Party Politics as we Know It? with Marko Klašnja and Rocío Titiunik.

June 23, 2017 – “Transparency and Investment: Micro Data and Mechanisms.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Politics of Global Capital. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 14, 2017 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose? Economic Transparency and Inter-Elite Politics in the Shadow of Mass Unrest.” Institute of Law & Economics, University of Hamburg. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

November 12, 2016 – “Transparency and Investment.” International Political Economy Society Annual Conference. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

September 1, 2016 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose? Economic Transparency and Inter-Elite Politics in the Shadow of Mass Unrest.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Formal Models of Autocracies. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 24, 2016 – “The Millennium Development Goals and Education: Accountability and Substitution in Global Assessment.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Economic Voting when it Matters Most. with James Bisbee, B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 23, 2016 – “Migration, Machines and Reform.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Electorate Evaluations of Candidates and Parties. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

April 10, 2016 – “Transparency and Investment.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Autocracy: Implications for Investment. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 8, 2016 – “Was Meritocracy Inspired by a Nativist Backlash Against Immigration? Migration and the Civil Service During the US ‘Age of Reform’.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Comparative Political Economy of Corruption. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

March 16, 2016 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Panel on Political Business Cycles, Policy Credibility and Transparency. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

December 14, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” Princeton University International Relations Faculty Colloquium. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

October 16, 2015 – “The Adoption of the Civil Service and Ethnic Threat During the Age of Reform,” Workshop on State Bureaucracy and Democratic Development, Aarhus University. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

September 6, 2015 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: Clientelism, Corruption and the Industrial Organization of Parties,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Corruption and the Politics of Reform in Middle-Income Countries. with Marko Klašnja and Rosío Titiunik.

September 5, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Transparency in Democracies and Dictatorships: Challenges and Enduring Questions.

with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 27, 2015 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: Clientelism, Corruption and the Industrial Organization of Parties,” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Roots of Corruption. with Marko Klačnja and Rocío Titiunik.

June 26, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Dictators and the Media. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 17, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Decision-making in Autocracies. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

October 16, 2014 – “Migration, Bureaucratic Reform and Institutional Persistence: Evidence from U.S. Municipalities.” Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

August 30, 2014 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Accountability and Development. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 19, 2014 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Elements of a General Peace. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 11, 2014 – “Transparency, Protest and Autocratic Instability,” Princeton-Stanford Conference on the Causes and Consequences of Policy Uncertainty. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 5, 2014 – “Data Disclosure, Accountability and the Facets of Transparency,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Lobbying, Corruption and Transparency. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 4, 2014 – “Migration, State Capacity and Institutional Persistence: Evidence from US Municipalities,” Midwest Political Science Association, Panel on Corruption. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

Honors & Awards

Benjamin E. Lippincott Professor in Political Economy, 2015-present

Coca-Cola World Fund Fellowship, Yale University, 2011-2012

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University 2006-2011

Phi Beta Kappa, Williams College

Class of '39 Memorial Scholarship, Williams College

Meade Loan for Scholarship in the Social Science or Humanities, Williams College

National Merit Finalist

Professional Activities

Editorial Board Member, *Comparative Political Studies*

Referee, *American Political Science Review*
Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*
Referee, *Journal of Politics*
Referee, *Political Analysis*
Referee, *International Organization*
Referee, *Comparative Political Studies*
Referee, *British Journal of Political Science*
Referee, *World Politics*
Referee, *Comparative Politics*
Referee, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*
Referee, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
Referee, *International Studies Quarterly*
Referee, *Review of International Organizations*
Referee, *Journal of Peace Research*
Referee, *Economic & Politics*
Referee, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*
Referee, *Political Behavior*
Referee, *Journal of Legal Studies*
Referee, *Governance*
Referee, *International Interactions*
Referee, *Human Rights Review*
Referee, *Public Administration Review*
Referee, *World Development*
Referee, *Business & Politics*
Referee, *Sage Open*
Referee, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*
External Assessor, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Managing Editor, *Economics & Politics* (April, 2008-September, 2011)
Member, American Political Science Association
Member, Midwest Political Science Association
Member, European Political Science Association
Member, International Studies Association

Teaching

Game Theory I (PhD)
Game Theory II (PhD)
Maximum Likelihood Estimation (PhD)
Thinking Strategically in International Relations (Undergraduate)
Patronage and Corruption (Undergraduate)
The U.S. in the Global Economy (Undergraduate)

Computing

Stata, R, JAGS, \LaTeX , Mathematica, ArcGIS, HTML, emacs