

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Vanderbilt University, *United States of America*, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Expected graduation: February 2010

Vanderbilt University, *United States of America*, M.A., Political Science: 2009

Wageningen University, *The Netherlands*, M.Sc., Agricultural Economics (mention: Development Economics), 2003

Escuela Politécnica del Ejercito, *Ecuador*, B.A. in Agricultural Science, 1999

Dissertation

“Federalism, Unitarism and Support for Democracy.”

By using survey data, this dissertation intends to demonstrate that neither federalism nor unitarism suffice to consolidate democracy at the sub-national level; rather the degree of institutional autonomy shapes the opinions and behaviors necessary for democracy to thrive.

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee: Jonathan Hiskey (Chair); Mitchell A. Seligson (Co-chair); Elizabeth Zechmeister; and Thomas Smith.

Published Works

“Participación ciudadana en sesiones municipales.” *Revista de Ciencia Política*, 28, no.3 (2008): 219-227.

“Percepción del desempeño de los gobiernos locales y nivel de participación ciudadana y su impacto en el apoyo a la democracia estable.” In *Cultura Política de la Democracia en Ecuador, 2008*, edited by Mitchell A. Seligson, 29-73. Nashville: USAID, 2008

“Percepción del desempeño económico del gobierno y su impacto en el apoyo a la democracia estable.” (with Brian Faughnan) In *Cultura Política de la*

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Democracia en Ecuador, 2008, edited by Mitchell A. Seligson, 77-100. Nashville: USAID, 2008

“Decentralize or Centralize? Challenges for Reform of the State and Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean.” In *Challenges to Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean: Evidence from the Americas Barometer 2006-07*, edited by Mitchell A. Seligson, 89-111. Nashville: USAID, 2008.

“Latin American Public Opinion on Decentralization.” in *AmericasBarometer Research Notes*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville 2008.

Works in Progress

“Democratization, System Performance and the “Exit” Option in Latin America and the Caribbean.” (With Jonathan Hiskey) *Under Review at Comparative Politics*

“The State of Decentralization and Municipal Corruption in 11 Latin American Countries.” (Work in progress)

“Panel Rulings under the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism: From a Power-based Towards a Legal-based Trading System?” (Work in Progress)

Unpublished Work

“The Impact of the full-dollarization in Ecuador on Agricultural Producers” *M.Sc. Thesis, Wageningen University, The Netherlands, 2003*

Conference Presentation

“Democratization, System Performance and the “Exit” Option in Latin America and the Caribbean” Paper prepared for presentation at the 66th MPSA National Conference April 3-6, 2008, Chicago, IL. (With Jonathan Hiskey)

Awards and Fellowships

The United States Agency for International Development. Exchange Visitor Program Number: G-2-00263. Student Doctorate.

Professional Experience

Vanderbilt University: Latin American Public Opinion Project
Research Assistant, 2006 – Current

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Central University of Ecuador: Graduate Institute of Public Health
Lecturer "*Food Security Policies*" 2005 – 2006

United Nations: Food and Agriculture Organization
Technical Officer, 2003 – 2006

Organization of American States: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
Technical Advisor, 2003

Languages and Research Skills

Spanish: Native speaker.

Excellent proficiency in English

High proficiency in French.

Advanced proficiency in statistical methods and programs.

Participant, 60th Annual Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, June – July, 2007.

Research and Interests

Public Opinion; Political Institutions; Elite Behavior