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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, 2007-present.
Major Fields: Comparative Politics (Latin America), American Politics. Minor Field: Quantitative Methodologies. Comprehensive exams passed in September 2009.

Dissertation title: Substituting the State: The Colombian Coffee Federation's Effect on Democratic Behaviors and Attitudes

Committee: Mitchell A. Seligson (chair), Jonathan T. Hiskey, Elizabeth J. Zechmeister, Zeynep Somer-Topcu, Miriam Shakow (anthropology)

Master of Arts (in passing), Political Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, 2010.

Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs and Modern Language and Culture (double major), Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, 2007. Cum Laude.

Additional Training

Graduate Certificate, Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, 2010.

Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Summer 2008. Courses Completed: Methods of Survey Sampling, Design and Analysis of Complex Survey Data, Multi-Level Analysis of Survey Data.

Political Science and International Affairs coursework at the Universidad de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico, 2005-2006. Courses taken in the Facultad de Estudios Internacionales.

Spanish language courses at the Instituto Cultural Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico. Summer 2004.

Conference Presentations

“From the Bottom Up: Accounting for Subnational Variation in Latin American Political Culture” to be presented at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 30-April 2, Chicago, Illinois. (with Mason Moseley)

“Business as Usual: Corruption Attitudes and Experiences in Mexico's One-Party Political Environments.” Paper prepared for the 2011 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 6-9, New Orleans, Louisiana. (with Jonathan Hiskey and Scott Revey)

“Explaining Voter Turnout in Colombia: A Subnational Approach.” Paper prepared for the 2009 International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 16-17, Nashville, Tennessee.

“Explaining Voter Turnout in Colombia: A Subnational Approach.” Paper prepared for the 2009 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 8-11, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Political Context and Perceptions of Corruption in Mexico.” Paper prepared for the 2009 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 8-11, New Orleans, Louisiana. (with Jonathan Hiskey and Scott Revey)

Works in Progress, Working Papers and Papers Under Review

“Business as Usual Amidst Democratic Change: Corruption Across Mexico’s Uneven Political Landscape” (with Jonathan Hiskey and Scott Revey) *Under Review*

“From the Bottom Up: Accounting for Subnational Variation in Latin American Political Culture” (with Mason Moseley)

“Vote-buying in Latin America” (with Mollie Cohen and Elizabeth Zechmeister)

Policy Publications

Faughnan, Brian and Daniel Montalvo. 2008. “Impacto de la percepción ciudadana del desempeño económico del gobierno en el apoyo a la democracia estable y el rol del Estado en la economía nacional” in Mitchell A. Seligson, ed. *Cultura política de la democracia en Ecuador: 2008*. Quito: CEDATOS, USAID.

Fellowships, Awards & Affiliations

2011	Dissertation Enhancement Grant, Graduate School, Vanderbilt University.
2011	Summer Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Vanderbilt University.
2011-present	Research Associate, Institute for Coffee Studies, Vanderbilt University.
2009	Tinker Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University.
2009	Alternate, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF), Social Science Research Council
2008	Award to attend the Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University.
2007-present	Graduate Tuition Fellowship/Assistantship, Vanderbilt University.
2007-2009	Graduate Fellow, Center for the Americas, Vanderbilt University.
2005-2006	National Security Education Program Scholarship Recipient/David L. Boren Scholar for international study in Monterrey, Mexico.

Research & Teaching Experience

Spring 2011, Research and Teaching Assistant for Zeynep Somer-Topcu, Department
Spring 2010, of Political Science, Vanderbilt University.
Fall 2009

Fall 2010 Teaching Assistant for David Lewis (PSCI 100: Introduction to American
Government), Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University.

Summer 2010, Research Assistant for the Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt
Summer 2009, University.
Spring 2008

Spring 2009, Research and Teaching Assistant for Jonathan Hiskey, Department of
Fall 2008, Political Science, Vanderbilt University.
Fall 2007 — Data collection in Bogotá, Colombia, May 2008.

Professional Activities & Service

Member, American Political Science Association
Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Research Skills

Languages: English, Spanish
Statistical Packages/Programs: STATA, SPSS, HLM