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Education

Ph.D. Politics, Princeton University, 1996
B.A. Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1984

Academic Appointments

Professor, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2009-present
Professor, UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, 2012-present
Associate Professor, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2004-2009
Assistant Professor, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2001-2004
Assistant Professor, University of Michigan Department of Political Science, 1996-2001
Visiting Professor, Blavatnik School of Govt & Nuffield College, Oxford University, 2016-17
Visiting Scholar, World Bank, Washington D.C. and Jakarta, 2000

Books

The Oil Curse: how petroleum wealth shapes the development of nations (Princeton University Press, 2012)

- Outstanding Academic Title, *The Oil Curse*, Choice magazine, 2012
- Japanese translation with new preface, 2017 (Yoshida Publishing)
- Russian translation with new preface, 2015 (Gaidar Inst for Economic Policy)
- Arabic translation, 2015 (Forum for Arab and International Relations)
- Portuguese translation, 2015 (CDG Editora)
- Excerpted in *Essential Readings in World Politics* (5th edition), Karen A. Mingst and Jack L. Snyder (eds.), Norton

Timber Booms and Institutional Breakdown in Southeast Asia (Cambridge University Press, Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions series, 2001)

- Japanese translation, 2013 (Shuppanken).

Academic journals

“What Drives Successful Economic Diversification in Resource-Rich Countries?” (with Addisu A. Lashitew and Eric Werker), *World Bank Research Observer*, forthcoming

“What do we know about export diversification in oil-producing countries?” *Extractive Industries and Society* (2019)

“Kleptocracy and Tax Evasion Under Resource Abundance,” (with Hamid Mohtadi, Uchechukwu Jarrett, and Stefan Ruediger), *Politics and Economics* (2019)

“Global progress and backsliding on gasoline taxes and subsidies,” (with Chad Hazlett and Paasha Mahdavi) *Nature Energy* 2 (2017)

“Oil and International Cooperation,” (with Erik Voeten), *International Studies Quarterly*, 60:1, 85-97 (2016)

“What Have We Learned About the Resource Curse?” *Annual Review of Political Science* (2015)

“The Big Oil Change: a closer look at the Haber-Menaldo analysis” (with Jørgen Juel Andersen), *Comparative Political Studies*, 47:7 (2014)

“The Political Economy of Petroleum Wealth in Low-Income Countries: some policy alternatives,” *Middle East Development Journal* (2013)

– Reprinted in Arezki, Pattillo, Quintyn and Zhu (eds.), *Commodity Price Volatility and Inclusive Growth in Low-Income Countries*, International Monetary Fund (2015)

“What’s So Special About the Arabian Peninsula? A Reply to Groh and Rothschild,” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 7:1 (2012)

“Does Oil Wealth Hurt Women? A Reply to Caraway, Charrad, Kang, and Norris,” *Politics and Gender*, 5:4 (2009)

“Oil, Islam, and Women,” *American Political Science Review*, 102:2 (2008)

– Heinz Eulau Award for best article in the *American Political Science Review*, 2009

– Reprinted in Susan Shaw and Janet Lee (eds.), *Women Worldwide: Transnational Feminist Perspectives on Women*, McGraw-Hill Higher Education (2011)

“Is Democracy Good for the Poor?” *American Journal of Political Science*, 50:4 (2006)

“A Closer Look and Oil, Diamonds, and Civil War,” *Annual Review of Political Science* (2006)

“How Does Natural Resource Wealth Influence Civil Wars? Evidence from Thirteen Cases,” *International Organization*, 58 (2004)

“What Do We Know About Natural Resources and Civil War?” *Journal of Peace Research*, 41:3 (May 2004)

“Does Taxation Lead to Representation?” *British Journal of Political Science*, 34 (2004)

“Announcement, Credibility, and Turnout in Popular Rebellions,” (with Ravi Bhavnani), *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 47:3 (2003)

“Does Oil Hinder Democracy?” *World Politics* 53 (April 2001). Reprinted in:

– Runner-up, Gregory M. Luebbert prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics

– *Resource Curse: The Political Economy of Despotism*, Faleh A. Jabar (ed.), Iraq Institute for Strategic Studies (2006). In Arabic, Kurdish, and Persian

Among Nations: Readings in International Relations, Gideon Rose (ed.), Pearson Custom Publishing (2006)

– *Democratization*, Jean Grugel (ed.), SAGE Publications (2012)

“The Political Economy of the Resource Curse,” *World Politics* 51 (January 1999)

– Reprinted in *Resource Curse: The Political Economy of Despotism*, Faleh A. Jabar (ed.), Iraq Institute for Strategic Studies (2006). In Arabic, Kurdish, and Persian

Book chapters

"The Politics of the Resource Curse," in Nicolas Van de Walle and Carol Lancaster, *Oxford Handbook on the Politics of Development* (Oxford University Press, 2018)

"Conflict and Natural Resources: Is the Latin American and Caribbean Region Different from the Rest of the World?" in Juan Cruz Vieyra and Malaika Masson (eds.), *Transparent Governance in an Age of Abundance: experiences from the extractive industries in Latin America and the Caribbean* (Inter-American Development Bank, 2015)

– Spanish translation (Inter-American Development Bank, 2015)

"Conflict and Instability" in Robert Looney (ed.), *Handbook of Oil Politics* (Routledge, 2012)

"Horizontal Inequality, Decentralizing the Distribution of Natural Resource Revenues, and Peace," with Päivi Lujala and Siri Aas Rustad, in Päivi Lujala and Siri Aas Rustad (eds.), *High-Value Natural Resources and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding* (Earthscan, 2011)

"Mineral Wealth, Conflict, and Equitable Development," in Anthony J. Bebbington, Anis A. Dani, Arjan de Haan, and Michael Walton (eds.), *Institutional Pathways to Equity: Assessing Inequality Traps* (World Bank, 2008)

"How Mineral Rich States Can Reduce Inequality" in Macartan Humphreys, Jeffrey Sachs, and Joseph Stiglitz (eds.), *Reversing the Resource Curse* (Columbia University Press, 2007)

"Resources and Rebellion in Indonesia," in Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis (eds.), *Understanding Civil War: Europe, Central Asia, and Other Regions*, (World Bank and Oxford University Press, 2005)

"The Natural Resource Curse: How Wealth Can Make You Poor," in Ian Bannon and Paul Collier (eds.), *Natural Resources and Violent Conflict: Options and Actions* (World Bank, 2003)

"Oil, Drugs, and Diamonds: The Varying Role of Natural Resources in Civil War" in Karen Ballentine and Jake Sherman (eds.), *Beyond Greed and Grievance: The Political Economy of Armed Conflict* (Lynne Rienner, 2003)

– Reprinted in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder (eds.), *Essential Readings in World Politics, 3rd Edition*, (Norton, 2008)

"Conditionality and Logging Reform in the Tropics," in Robert O. Keohane and Marc A. Levy (eds.), *Institutions for Environmental Aid: Problems and Prospects* (MIT Press, 1996)

"Old Fads, New Lessons: Learning from Economic Development Assistance" (with David Fairman), in Robert O. Keohane and Marc A. Levy (eds.), *Institutions for Environmental Aid: Problems and Prospects* (MIT Press, 1996)

Working Papers & Forthcoming

"What explains fossil fuel taxes and subsidies?" (with Cesear Martinez-Alvarez and Paasha Mahdavi), August 2019

“Where has democracy helped the poor? Democratic transitions and early-life mortality at the country level” (with Antonio Pedro Ramos and Martiniano Jose Flores), July 2019

“The Political Economy of Hydrocarbon Wealth and Fuel Prices” (with Paasha Mahdavi), January 2017. Issued as a CEGA Working Paper and Energy and Economic Growth “State of Knowledge” paper.

“The ‘Resource Curse’ in MENA? Resource wealth, economic shocks, and conflict risk,” (with Nimah Mazaheri and Kai Kaiser) July 2011. Issued as *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* 5742

“Mineral Wealth and Budget Transparency,” January 2011

“The Political Economy of Fertility in the Middle East,” (with Amaney Jamal and Irfan Nooruddin), August 2010

“Latin America’s Missing Oil Wars,” June 2010

“Oil and Democracy Revisited,” March 2009

“Booty Futures,” May 2005

“How Should States Manage the Distributive Aspects of Resource Revenues? Some Considerations,” December 2004

“Mineral Wealth and Equitable Development,” Background paper for the *World Development Report 2006*, World Bank, December 2004

“Nigeria’s Oil Sector and the Poor,” Background paper for the Department for International Development (UK), May 2003

“How Does Mineral Wealth Affect the Poor?” April 2003.

“Indonesia’s Puzzling Crisis,” July 2001.

Other Publications

“Americans weaned themselves off oil in the 1970s crisis. We can do it again,” *The Guardian*, December 11, 2015

“How oil wealth can make Russia and other countries less cooperative,” (with Erik Voeten), *The Monkey Cage* website, April 30, 2014

“How the 1973 Oil Embargo Saved the Planet,” *Foreign Affairs*, October 2013.

“Resource Wealth and Violent Conflict,” *The Environmental Forum*, 30:5, October 2013

“EITI 2.0,” *Natural Resource Governance Institute* website, May 2013

"The Beginning and End of the Oil Curse?" *Words Without Borders*, October 2012

"Putin Victory Shows How Oil Supports Autocrats," *Bloomberg News*, May 6, 2012

"The Past and Future of the Oil Curse," *Oil*, Summer 2012

"The Beginning and End of the Oil Curse," *Public Service Europe* website, March 30, 2012

"Will Oil Drown the Arab Spring?" *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2011
– reprinted in *Harper's*, November 2011

"From Land Mines to Copper Mines," *ForeignPolicy.com*, June 15, 2010
– reprinted in *Energy Politics*, 2010

"Blood Barrels," *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2008

"Myanmar, the Latest Petro Bully," *Los Angeles Times* (Op-Ed), October 26, 2007

"Testing Inductively-Generated Hypotheses With Independent Data Sets," *APSA-Comparative Politics Newsletter*, 14:1, Winter 2003

"Oil, Democracy, and the Resource Curse: A Lesson for Central Asia?" *ASNews: The Newsletter of the Association for the Study of Nationalities*, 7:2 (Spring 2002)

"Extractive Sectors and the Poor," report issued by Oxfam America, October 2001

"Disarmament at Sea," *Foreign Policy*, Winter 1989-90

"Trident II Missile Doesn't Fly," *The New York Times* (Op-Ed), August 25, 1987

Extramural Grants

Social Science Research Council, to develop a Summer Institute on the Politics of Climate Change, 2018

Hewlett Foundation (Co-PI), for Project on Resources and Governance, 2017-2021

Natural Resources Governance Institute, for Project on Resources and Governance, 2017

Natural Resources Governance Institute, research grant, 2015

Natural Resources Governance Institute, research grant, 2014

Open Society Institute, research grant, 2006

Honors, Honorary and Keynote Addresses

Frank W. Woods Lecture, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, January 2019

Earth Day featured speaker, Mt. San Antonio College, April 2018

Meadowbrook Lecture on International Relations, Oakland University, March 2015

Keynote address, joint meeting of the Natural Resource Governance Institute and Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Economies, Oxford University, June 2014

Al Moumin Lecture on Environmental Peacebuilding, sponsored by American University, Environmental Law Institute, and United Nations Environment Programme. American University, Washington D.C., March 19, 2013

Distinguished Political Scientist Annual Lecture, University of Vermont, October 2012

Keynote address, Columbia University, "Oil Talk" Conference, April 2012

Keynote address, International Mining for Development Conference, Sydney, Australia, May 2013

Outstanding Academic Title, *The Oil Curse*, Choice magazine, 2012

Heinz Eulau Award for best article in the *American Political Science Review*, 2009

Keynote Address, Taxing Natural Resources Conference, IMF, Washington D.C., September 2008

Keynote Address, *United Nations Forum on Forests*, High-Level Segment, New York City, May 2005.

Keynote Address, "Industrias Extractivas, alivio a la pobreza?" conference, Lima, April 2002

Runner-up, Gregory M. Luebbert prize for Best Article in Comparative Politics, 2001

Academic Presentations

- 2019 UCLA Burkle Center, May
University of Toronto, Political Science Department, January
- 2018 American Political Science Association, August
University of Wisconsin, Madison, March
Center for Global Development, Washington D.C., February
University of Colorado, Boulder, January
- 2017 Peace Research Institute Oslo, May
King's College London, "Legacy of Plenty" workshop, March
Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen May
Peace Research Institute Oslo, May
King's College London, March
German Institute of Global and Area Studies, March
Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Econ., Oxford University, Feb
Nuffield College, Oxford University, February
Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, January
- 2016 Norwegian Technical National University, Trondheim, August
NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, September
Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, October
Georgetown University, February
- 2015 Economic Research Forum and AFESD, Kuwait City, November
Pomona College, October

- Yale University, October
 APSA meeting, September
 Oxford Policy Management, Oxford, June
 Council on Foreign Relations, Washington D.C. May
 University of Southern California, School of International Relations, March
 Columbia University, Comparative Politics Seminar, March
 World Bank, February
 UCLA Law School, January
- 2014 Oxford University, Oxcarre conference, June
 Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, May
 Interamerican Development Bank, Washington D.C., March
- 2013 International Studies Association, San Francisco, April
 University of California, Santa Cruz, February
 UC Berkeley, Department of Political Science, January
 Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy, January
 Washington University of St. Louis, January
- 2012 University of Toronto, Political Science Department, November
 NYU-Abu Dhabi, New York City, September
 International Studies Association, Annual Meeting, San Diego, April
 Economic Research Forum, Cairo, March
 King's College, University of London, March
 London School of Economics, March
 Institute of the Environment, UCLA, February
 World Bank, Brown Bag Lunch, February
 Cornell University, Department of Government, March
 Stanford University, Center for Democracy, Development, & the Rule of Law, Jan
- 2011 UCLA Sociology Department, October
 American Political Science Association, September
 BI Business School, September
 Norwegian Technical National University, September
 Peace Research Institute Oslo, September
 IMF High-Level Seminar on Commodity Prices, Washington D.C., September
 Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies, May
 World Bank, "Extractive Industries and Conflict Prevention" panel, March
 World Bank, Brown Bag Lunch, March
 Ohio State University, Political Science Department, February
 Ohio State University, Mershon Center, February
 Stanford University, Ctr for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Jan
- 2010 World Bank, Brown Bag Lunch, December
 SUNY Buffalo, Political Science Department, March
 Princeton University, Democracy and Development Speaker Series, March
 Princeton University, Workshop on Arab Political Development, March
- 2009 World Bank, Latin America and Caribbean Workshop, World Bank, September
 Lone Star National Security Forum, San Antonio, Texas, April
 Rand Institute, International Development Speakers Series, July
 Duke University, Islamic Studies and Political Science series
 UC San Diego, International Relations Series, March
 Soka University, Pacific Basin Research Center, March

- Georgetown University, Government Department, January
 University of Pennsylvania, Political Science Department, January
 World Bank, Social and Economic Development Group, Washington D.C., January
 2008 Oxford University, Oxford Ctr for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Economies, Dec
 Oxford University, Oxford Center for Islamic Studies, December
 Yale University, Leitner Seminar, November
 Syracuse University, Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, October
 International Studies Public Forum, UC Irvine, October,
 Brigham Young University, Department of Political Science, April
 Georgetown University, Department of Government and Berkeley Center, April
 Columbia Law School, Workshop on Financing of Armed Groups, March
 MIT Department of Political Science, Works in Progress series, February
 Yale University, Council on Middle East Studies, February
 Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies, February
 Stanford University, Ctr on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Feb
 2007 University of Washington, Political Economy Seminar, May
 UCLA, Department of Geography, Faculty Seminar, April
 UCLA Law School, Faculty Seminar, March
 Rice University, Houston Area African Studies Group, January
 Princeton University, Transregional Institute Seminar, January
 2006 UC Berkeley, Seminar on Environmental Politics, September
 Azerbaijan Economic University, Baku, May
 Baku State University, Baku, May
 Azerbaijan Oil Academy, Baku, May
 Central European University, Budapest, May
 Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, April
 Duke University, Comparative Politics Workshop, February
 2005 APSA Meeting, September
 Yale University, Conference on Failed States, May
 Northern Illinois University, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, April
 Duke University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April
 University of California San Diego, Political Economy Seminar, February
 Stanford University, Ctr for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Feb
 2004 Columbia University, Workshop on “The Resource Curse,” December
 Oxford University, Conference on *The Bottom Billion*, June
 Center for Global Development, Washington D.C., June
 Stanford University, Seminar on Comparative Politics, February
 UCLA Law School, Seminar on “Tax Policy and Public Finance,” January
 2003 McGill University, Workshop on Natural Resources and War, September
 APSA Meeting, August
 2002 University of Sussex, Institute for Development Studies, October
 University of Sussex, Conference on “Taxation Perspectives,” October
 APSA Meeting, August
 Yale University, UN Studies/World Bank Workshop on Civil War, April
 Yale University, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, February
 International Institute of Strategic Studies, Washington D.C., June
 2001 Global Development Network, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December
 International Peace Academy, United Nations, New York, November

- UCLA, Conference on “Indonesia: Common Ground,” November
- Yale University, Agrarian Studies Workshop, November
- UCLA, Political Science Seminar, November
- Stanford University, Ctr for International Security and Cooperation, August
- World Bank/PRIO Conference, Norway, June
- World Bank Institute, Washington D.C., May
- APSA meeting, September
- UC Irvine/World Bank Workshop, May
- World Bank Institute, Washington D.C., April
- 2000 World Bank, Washington D.C., August
- APSA meeting, Washington D.C., September
- World Bank, Jakarta, Indonesia, July
- Yale University, Political Economy Seminar, April
- Princeton University, World Bank/Princeton University workshop, March
- 1999 World Bank, Seminar on Political Economy, May
- 1997 University of Wisconsin, Madison, Southeast Asian Studies Seminar, May
- Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, March
- International Studies Association, Toronto, March
- 1995 APSA meeting, Chicago, September
- Duke University, SSRC Conference, June
- 1994 University of Michigan, November
- Georgia Tech, November
- Tulane University, October

Other Addresses

- 2017 Global Witness, London, September
- 2012 Natural Resources Governance Institute, Phnom Penh, December,
- Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, July
- Carnegie Council on Ethics in International Affairs, New York, March
- Revenue Watch Institute, New York, March
- Zócalo Public Square, Los Angeles, March
- 2011 US Treasury Department, International Affairs, March
- Natural Resources Governance Institute, Lima, Peru, October
- 2010 Pacific Council on International Policy, October
- 2009 US-Islamic World Forum, Doha, Qatar, February
- 2007 UN Security Council, briefing for delegates, United Nations, May
- 2006 Interdepartmental Conference on the Future of Iraq, Washington D.C., March
- U.S. State Department, Ambassadorial Briefing, August
- Azerbaijani Alumni Association, Baku, May
- 2005 Conference on Iraq’s Future, London School of Economics, London, June
- 2004 Center for Global Development, Washington D.C., June
- 2003 Oxfam America, Catholic Relief, and the Carnegie Council, Washington D.C., May
- 2002 World Bank and the Agence Francaise de Developpement, Paris, December

Ph.D. Students

- Irfan Nooruddin (Ohio State University, Georgetown University)
- Ravi Bhavnani (University of Illinois, Michigan State, ETH Zurich)

Cari Coe** (Lewis and Clark)
Zachariah Mampilly* (Vassar)
Andrea Herschman* (Central Intelligence Agency, Leidos)
Diyah Larasati (University of Minnesota)
Hye Jee Cho (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Ani Sarkissian (Michigan State)
Tingting Zhang (TerraCotta Group)
Anoop Sarbahi* (University of Minnesota)
Jeffrey Paris** (US State Department)
Risa Toha** (National University of Singapore-Yale)
Anthony Howell (Peking University)
Joshua Eisenman (University of Texas, Austin – LBJ School)
Paasha Mahdavi* (Georgetown University, UC Santa Barbara)
Antonio Ramos (UCLA School of Public Health)
Marika Csapo (post-doc, Vanderbilt University)
Amanda Rizkallah** (Pepperdine University)
Bronwyn Lewis*
Cesar Martinez Alvarez* (advanced to candidacy)
* Chair, ** Co-Chair

Service to the Profession

Executive Director and co-founder, Project on Resources and Governance, 2017-
Member, Social Science Research Council, Working Group on Climate Change, 2017-
Member, Payne Institute Advisory Board, Colorado School of Mines, 2018-
Editorial Board, World Politics, 2013-
Editorial Board, Comparative Political Studies, 2013-
Theme Lead for “Energy and Economic Growth Research Programme,” UC Berkeley Center for Effective Government Action and Oxford Policy Management, 2016-17
Member, Gabriel Almond Prize Committee, APSA Section on Comparative Politics, 2017
Chair, Best Book Prize Committee, APSA Section on Comparative Democratization, 2012
External examiner for viva, London School of Economics, Department of Government, 2014
Member, APSA Task Force on Governance and Democracy Indicators, 2010-11.
Member, Luebbert Prize Committee, Comparative Politics Section, APSA 2008
Co-Principal Investigator, Program on Oil Wealth Management in Developing States, Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development, & the Rule of Law, 2006-2012

Public Service

Non-resident Fellow, Center for Global Development, 2018-
Member, United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Thematic Group on “Good Governance of Extractive and Land Resources,” 2013-
Member, US Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group, Department of the Interior, 2013-2017
Member, Board of Advisors, Clean Trade, 2011-present
Member, Political Instability Task Force, 2009-present
Member, Technical Board, Natural Resource Charter 2008-2014
Member, Board of Advisors, Natural Resources Governance Institute (formerly Revenue Watch Institute and the Natural Resource Charter), 2006-present
Member, Iraq Study Group, National Intelligence Council, 2005-07

Member, Board of Directors, Center for Science in Public Participation, 2004-08
Member, Advisory Committee to the World Bank Extractive Industries Review, 2003-04

UCLA University Service

Vice Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science 2017-18
Vice Chair for Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science 2014-16
Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 2007-13
Graduate Studies Committee 2012-13
Faculty Search Committee, 2001-02, 2011-12, 2018-19
Executive Committee, 2009-11, 2014-16, 17-18
Merit Review Committee, 2005-07, 2011-13
Co-Coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop, 2010-12, 2014-16
Chair, International Development Studies program, 2003-08
Committee to Review Interdisciplinary Programs, International Institute, 2007
Chair, Pacific Rim Fellowship Selection Committee, 2006
Chair, Search Committee for Director of Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 2006
Southeast Asia Faculty Search Committee, 2005-06
Southeast Asia FLAS Award Committee, 2005
Asia Institute Graduate and Wagatsuma Fellowship Award Committee, 2005
Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-08
Committee on Political Economy, Department of Political Science, 2002-06
Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Comparative and Global Research, 2002-04
Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 2001-07
Faculty Advisory Committee, Southeast Asian Studies IDP, 2001-12
Faculty Advisory Committee, International Development Studies, 2002-03, 2008-present