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EDUCATION The University of Texas at Austin

PhD candidate, Political Science (Fall 2007 – present)
Daniel Brinks (chair), Gary Jacobsohn, Zachary Elkins, Stephanie Lindquist, Sean Theriault
Exam fields: American Politics, Public Law (passed August 2009)
GPA 3.91

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

BA, Political Science (2004) [with honors]
James B. Angell Scholar 2003, 2004

TRAINING Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2010 and 2009)

Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Dr. Zorn)
Spatial and Dimensional Analysis (Dr. Jacoby)
Longitudinal Analysis (Dr. Berbaum)
Structural Equation Models (Dr. Baer)

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR)

Syracuse University (2010)

Methodology Institute sponsored by the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Qualitative Methods section of APSA, and the National Science Foundation

Summer Statistics Institute (SSI)

University of Texas at Austin (2009)

Hazard/Duration Analysis (Dr. Abrevaya)

French School Summer Language Program

Middlebury University (2011)

PAPERS

“Roll-call Votes” (book chapter published 2011)

with Dr. Sean Theriault

In *Oxford Handbook of the American Congress* (eds. Eric Schickler and Frances E. Lee)

“Americans’ Assessments of Money and the Efficacy of the Political System”

with Drs. Brian Roberts and Daron Shaw) presented at MPSA and APSA (2010)

Manuscript under review

“The Institutional Roots of Judicial Power: Latin America from 1975 to 2009”

working paper (with Dr. Daniel Brinks)

“The Role of Diffusion and Domestic Politics in Judicial Design”

working paper (with Dr. Daniel Brinks)

presented at LASA (October 2010) APSA (September 2009)

“Dictators and their Courts”

working paper (with Dr. Daniel Brinks)
presented at University of Michigan (April 2011)

“Advice and Consent: Separation of Powers, Partisanship and Judicial Ideology”

working paper (with Dr. Sean Theriault)

EXPERIENCE Research Assistant (RA or GRA)

Zachary Elkins, Comparative Constitutions Project (NSF funded)
Fall 2008 - present
Daniel Brinks, Judicial Institutional Design in Latin America
Summer 2009
Bruce Buchanan, Public Perception of Presidential Performance (data analyst)
Summer 2008

Teaching Assistant

Constitutional Law: Structure of Power (Jacobsohn)	Fa 2010
Constitutional Interpretation (Perry)	Fa 2009, Fa 2008
Supreme Court & Public Policy (Powe)	Sp 2011, Sp 2010, Sp 2009, Sp 2008
American Presidency (Buchanan)	Su 2008

FELLOWSHIPS

FLAS Dissertation Research Fellowship, Fall 2011, Spring 2012	\$15,000
MacDonald Long Research Fellowship, Summer 2011	\$5,500
Patterson Fellowship, Spring 2011	\$1,500
Departmental Tuition Fellowship for ICPSR, Summer 2010	\$2,300
Fellowship to attend ICPSR, Summer 2010	\$1,800
Institute for Qualitative & Mixed Method Research Fellowship, Spring 2010	\$2,000
Clogg Tuition Fellowship ICPSR, Summer 2009	\$2,300
Fellowship to attend ICPSR, Summer 2009	\$1,800

AWARDS

Conference Travel Award to attend APSA, Fall 2010
Intellectual Entrepreneurship Mentor Award, Spring 2010
Intellectual Entrepreneurship Conference Award to attend MPSA, Spring 2010
Conference Travel Award to attend APSA, Fall 2009
Conference Travel Award to attend MPSA, Spring 2009
Nominated, Outstanding TA Award (top in Government Department)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 2011
“The Role of Diffusion and Domestic Politics in Judicial Design”
(with Daniel M. Brinks)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 2011
“The Conceptualization and Measurement of Formal Judicial Power”
(with Daniel M. Brinks)

How Autocracies Work: Beyond the Electoral Paradigm, April 2011
University of Michigan Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies
“Dictators, Democrats, and their courts: Judicial Institutions in Latin America”
(with Daniel M. Brinks)

American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2010
“Americans’ Assessments of Money and the Efficacy of the Political System”
(with Drs. Brian Roberts and Daron Shaw)

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2010
“Advice and Consent: Separation of Powers, Partisanship and Judicial Ideology”
“Cash for Clunkers? Americans’ Assessments of Money and the Efficacy of the Political System” (with Drs. Brian Roberts and Daron Shaw)

American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009
“The Role of Diffusion and Domestic Politics in Judicial Design”
(with Dr. Daniel Brinks)

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009
“A Science of the Possible: Judicial Tenure and Activism in Colombia and India”

SERVICE

Undergraduate Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneur Program for Minority Students
Fall 2009, Spring 2010

Co-President, Graduate Student Organization, Government Department
2009-2010 academic year

Project Assistant, Public Perception of Presidential Performance (Dr. Buchanan)
Summer-Fall 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (Law & Courts section)
Midwest Political Science Association

INTERESTS

Judicial Politics (American, Comparative) American Politics
Comparative Institutional Design Constitutional Law
Political Methodology

LANGUAGES

English (native)
French (intermediate/advanced)

References available upon request.