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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

“Where has democracy helped the poor? Democratic transitions and early-life mortality at the country-level,” (with Antonio Ramos and Martin Flores), *Social Science and Medicine* (forthcoming)

“What Drives Successful Economic Diversification in Resource-Rich Countries?” (with Addisu A. Lashitew and Eric Werker), *World Bank Research Observer* (2020)

“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)

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

Service to the Profession

Founding Editor, "The Politics of Climate Change" book series, Cambridge University Press, 2020-
Co-founder, Executive Director (2017-20), and Steering Committee member (2020-), Project on Resources and Governance

Member, Social Science Research Council, Working Group on Climate Change, 2017-19
Editorial Board, World Politics, 2013-
Editorial Board, Comparative Political Studies, 2013-
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, Payne Institute Advisory Board, Colorado School of Mines, 2018-
Theme Lead for “Energy and Economic Growth Research Programme,” UC Berkeley Center for Effective Government Action and Oxford Policy Management, 2016-17
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