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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Yale University

Professor of Political Science, 2018 - present
Senior Research Fellow, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, 2015 - present
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2015 - 2018

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2012 - 2015
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2006 - 2012
Instructor, Political Science, 2005 - 2006

VISITING APPOINTMENTS AND RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Henry Hart Rice Visiting Associate Professor, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2014-2015
Visiting Scholar, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Summer 2012
Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2008-2009

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2006), M.A. (2001), Political Science, **The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
M.A. (1999), **Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary
B.A. (1998), **Comenius University**, Bratislava, Slovakia

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: Politics of Authoritarian Regimes, Democratization
Formal Political Theory: Applied Game Theory
Political Economy: Comparative and International Political Economy, Political Economy of Weakly Institutionalized Settings

BOOK

2012. *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
★ Winner of the 2013 *Best Book Award* of the Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2020. “Legislatures and Legislative Politics Without Democracy” (with Jennifer Gandhi and Ben Noble). *Comparative Political Studies* 53(9): 1359-1379.
2020. “Democracy in America? Partisanship, Polarization, and the Robustness of Support for Democracy in the United States” (with Matthew Graham). *American Political Science Review* 114(2): 392-409.
2020. “When Polarization Trumps Civic Virtue: Partisan Conflict and the Subversion of Democracy by Incumbents.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 15(1): 3-31.
2019. “Polarization versus Democracy.” *Journal of Democracy* 30(3): 20-32.
2019. “Democracy as an Equilibrium: Rational Choice and Formal Political Theory in Democratization Research.” *Democratization* 26(1): 40-60.
2016. “Formal Models of Authoritarian Politics” (with Scott Gehlbach and Konstantin Sonin.) *Annual Review of Political Science* 19: 565-584.
2016. “Deliver the Vote! Micromotives and Macrobbehavior in Electoral Fraud” (with Ashlea Rundlett.) *American Political Science Review* 110(1): 180-197.
★ Winner of the 2017 *Best Article Award* of the the Comparative Democratization section of the American Political Science Association
2015. “Which Democracies Will Last? Coups, Incumbent Takeovers, and the Dynamic of Democratic Consolidation.” *British Journal of Political Science* 45(4): 715-738.
2015. “Third-Party Actors and the Success of Democracy: How Electoral Commissions, Courts, and Observers Shape Incentives for Election Manipulation and Post-Election Protest” (with Svitlana Chernykh.) *Journal of Politics* 77(2): 407-420.
2013. “Learning to Love Democracy: Electoral Accountability and the Success of Democracy.” *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3): 685-702.
★ Winner of the *Best Paper in Political Economy Award* presented at the 2010 APSA Annual Meeting
2013. “The Foundations of Limited Authoritarian Government: Institutions, Commitment, and Power-sharing in Dictatorships” (with Carles Boix.) *Journal of Politics* 75(2): 300-316.
2013. “Contracting on Violence: Authoritarian Repression and Military Intervention in Politics.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(5): 765-794.
2009. “Power-sharing and Leadership Dynamics in Authoritarian Regimes.” *American Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 477-494.
2008. “Authoritarian Reversals and Democratic Consolidation.” *American Political Science Review* 102(2): 153-168 [lead article].
2006. “Lies, Defection, and the Pattern of International Cooperation.” *American Journal of Political Science* 50(4): 909-25.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

2017. "Force vs. Institutions in Authoritarian Politics." *Crisis in Autocratic Regimes*. Edited by Johannes Gerschewski and Christoph H. Stefes. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
2015. "Equilibrium Analysis of Political Institutions." *Routledge Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*. Edited by Jennifer Gandhi and Rubén Ruiz-Rufino. London: Routledge.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2013. "Incentives, Institutions, and the Challenges to Research on Authoritarian Politics." *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter* 11(2): 1, 7-11.
2011. "Moral Hazard in Authoritarian Repression and the Fate of Dictators." *The Political Economist* 13(2): 7-9.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Democratization in the Age of Elections* (a book project in preparation)
- Downsizing Democracy: Why Ordinary People Acquiesce to Authoritarianism* (a book project in preparation)
- Legislatures and Legislative Politics without Democracy (with Jennifer Gandhi and Ben Noble)
- Who Stole the 2004 Ukrainian Presidential Election? Electoral Fraud and the Origins of the Orange Revolution
- Equilibrium Party Hegemony
- Don't Back No Losers! The Supply of Political Labor and the Political Organization of Clientelism
- Moral Hazard in Repression and the Microfoundations of Authoritarian Breakdowns, Protests, and the Rule of Law
- Electoral Competition, Party Organization, and the Supply of Political Labor
- Democracy and Dictatorship in the Age of Elections: Inferring Regime Type and Change from Data on Political Competitiveness
- Do Linguistic Minority Rights Make a Difference? Democracy, Citizenship, and Conflict in Multi-ethnic Societies (with Bonnie Weir)
- The Paradox of Absolute Power: Power and Authority under Personal Authoritarian Rule

ORIGINAL DATA COLLECTIONS

- Political Competitiveness around the World, 1815-2012
- Leadership Selection and Institutions in Dictatorships, 1945-2012

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- Best Paper Award, Democracy and Autocracy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2020.
- SES Award no.1851524, \$456,600, National Science Foundation, 2019.
- Faculty Research Grant, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2017, 2018, 2020
- Kempf Memorial Fund Conference Grant, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2017, 2018
- Best Article Award of the Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association, 2017
- Campus Research Board Award, Do Linguistic Minority Rights Make a Difference? (with Bonnie Weir), University of Illinois, 2014
- Best Book Award of the Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association, 2013
- Clarence Berdahl Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2013
- Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2013)
- Linowes Fellowship, Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois, 2012
- Best Paper in Political Economy presented at the 2010 APSA Annual Meeting, Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011
- Campus Research Board Award, The Political Organization of Authoritarian Regimes, University of Illinois, 2011
- Campus Research Board Award, A New Dataset of Repressive Events in Dictatorships, University of Illinois, 2010
- Peter F. Nardulli Scholar Award, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, 2009
- Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, 2008-2009
- Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2005
- Mellon Foundation Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2004
- Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2004
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Formal Coursework Grant, National Science Foundation, 2003
- Social Sciences Doctoral Scholarship, University of Chicago, 1999-2004

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

- 2019-2020** Yale Cowles Lunch Talk, GWU, Boston University, Technical University Munich, Georgetown, Tulane, Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series, Harvard, EPSA
- 2018-2019** Berkeley, Harvard, Yale Law School, University of Texas (Austin), Vanderbilt, Texas A&M, Columbia, IAST Toulouse, Caltech, Peking University
- 2017-2018** Emory, Penn State, NYU Abu Dhabi, University of Pennsylvania, University of Southern California, University of Warwick, London School of Economics, University of Virginia, George Washington University
- 2016-2017:** Harvard (Formal Models in Comparative Politics Conference), University of Virginia, UCSD, Princeton, Notre Dame, Columbia, Duke, Emory, Heidelberg, Oxford, Higher School of Economics (Moscow, honorary lecture), Rochester, Chicago, University of Gothenburg
- 2015-2016:** University of Chicago (The Harris School, Formal Models in Comparative Politics Conference), CIDE (Mexico City), Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop (discussant), Harvard (Daniel Koss's book conference), Aarhus University, W-PECO Conference (discussant)
- 2014-2015:** George Washington University, University of Virginia, University of Washington, Juan March Institute, Washington University in St. Louis (Formal Models in Comparative Politics Conference), Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, University of Iowa, University of British Columbia (Economics)
- 2013-2014:** University of Wisconsin, University of Houston (EITM speaker series), University of Mannheim, Harvard University, UCLA, NYU, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Chicago (Harris), Yale University, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, University of Essex, WZB Berlin, UC Berkeley (book conference), George Washington University
- 2012-2013:** Notre Dame, Emory University (Elections and Political Order Workshop), Central European University, Charles University (CERGE-EI), ETH Zurich, University of Oxford, Duke University (Frontiers in Political Economy), The University of Chicago, UC Davis
- 2011-2012:** University of Chicago Law School (Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes), Eureka College (Newson Lecture on International Affairs), Purdue University (Social Science Mechanics), University of Illinois, The New Economic School (Moscow), Yale University (Democracy with Edges Conference, GIGA Hamburg, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, University of Tampere, University of Sao Paulo)
- 2010-2011:** Northwestern University (Kellogg School of Management), University of Notre Dame (Kellogg Institute for International Studies), University of Sao Paulo, Stanford University (Comparative Politics Workshop and Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law), University of Michigan (Conference "How Autocracies Work: Beyond the Electoral Paradigm")

2009-2010: University of Michigan (Comparative Politics Workshop), University of Rochester (Comparative Politics Workshop), IMT Lucca, Yale University (Conference on Non-Democratic Regimes), University of Illinois

2008-2009: Princeton University (Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Political Economy Workshop), Yale University (Comparative Politics Workshop, Workshop on the Rule of Law), International Political Economy Society Annual Conference (University of Pennsylvania)

2007-2008: Princeton University (“Dictatorships: Their Governance and Social Consequences,” conference co-organizer and presenter), UC Berkeley (Workshop on Endogenous Institutions and Political Conflict)

2006-2007: International Political Economy Society Inaugural Conference, Princeton University, Dublin City University

2005-2006: The University of Chicago

2004-2005: University of Illinois, New York University, Caltech, The University of Chicago

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

“6th Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference,” Yale University, conference co-organizer with Alex Debs, 2018

“Democratic Backsliding: Understanding the Breakdown of Democracy in the 21st Century,” Yale University, conference organizer, 2018

“Dictatorships: Their Governance and Social Consequences,” conference co-organizer with Carles Boix, Princeton University, April 25-26, 2008

TEACHING

Doctoral Dissertations Chaired: Aya Kachi (2012, ETH Zurich)

Graduate Courses: Formal Political Theory (Introduction; Applications); Dictatorship, Democracy, and Regime Change

Undergraduate Courses: Strategic Models of Politics; Democratization; Politics of Authoritarian Regimes

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Disciplinary Service: Member of the editorial boards of the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, the *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, and the *Journal of Politics*, APSA Political Economy Section Best Book Award (Chair 2019), APSA Comparative Democratization Best Article Award (Committee Member 2011, Chair 2013), APSA Comparative Democratization Best Book Award (Chair 2014), MPSA Comparative Politics Poster Session (Discussant, 2011), MPSA (2015 Program Committee, Section Head for Comparative Politics: Transitions Toward Democracy), APSA Political Economy Fiona McGillivray Award (Committee Member 2015)

Departmental Service, Yale University: Director of Graduate Studies (2017-present),
Co-coordinator of the Leitner Political Economy Seminar (2015-2017)

Departmental Service, University of Illinois: Coordinator of the Comparative Politics subfield Workshop (2010-11, 2013-14), Annual Alumni Lecture (2012), Advisory Committee (elected, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-14), Comparative Politics Area Chair (elected, 2012-14)

Member: American Political Science Association (Comparative Politics, Comparative Democratization, Political Economy, and Political Methodology sections), Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association

Reviewer: The National Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Economics & Politics*, *European Union Politics*, *International Interactions*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Science and Research Methods*, *Political Studies*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*