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## Academic Employment

**Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.  
July 2017-present.

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.  
January 2012-June 2017.

**Visiting Research Fellow**, Niehaus Center on Globalization and Governance, Princeton University.  
September 2015-June 2016.

**Coca-Cola World Fund Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University.  
July 2011- June 2012.

## Education

**Ph.D., Political Science**, New York University, May 2012  
Committee: David Stasavage (chair), Adam Przeworski, Jon X. Eguia, Sanford Gordon

**MA, International Relations**, University of Chicago, May 2006  
Advisor: Carles Boix

**BA, with Honors, magna cum laude**, Williams College, May 2003  
Advisors: Douglas Gollin, Darel Paul

## Research

### *Research Interests*

Transparency  
Bureaucratic Development and State Capacity  
Corruption  
Comparative Political Economy  
International Political Economy  
Political Methodology

**Publications***Academic Publications*

**Transparency, Protest and Democratic Stability**, with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, forthcoming.

*British Journal of Political Science*.

<http://0001c70.wcomhost.com/JRHPersonal/DemStabilityRevisionsDraft3.pdf>

**Transparency, Protest and Autocratic Instability**, with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, November 2015.

*American Political Science Review*. Vol. 109(4):764-784.

DOI: [10.1017/S0003055415000428](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055415000428)

**Information, Disclosure and Regime Stability**, *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter*, October 2015.

<http://www.compdem.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Oct-2015-APSA-CD.pdf>

**Corruption and Ideology in Autocracies**, with Leonard Wantchekon. August 2015.

*Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*. Vol.31(3): 499-533.

DOI: [10.1093/jleo/ewu015](https://doi.org/10.1093/jleo/ewu015)

**Measuring Transparency**, with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland, Autumn 2014.

*Political Analysis*. Vol.22(4): 413-434.

DOI: [10.1093/pan/mpu001](https://doi.org/10.1093/pan/mpu001)

**Leadership Survival, Regime Type, Policy Uncertainty and PTA Accession**, with B. Peter Rosendorff, December, 2012.

*International Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 56: 748-764.

DOI: [10.1111/j.1468-2478.2012.00750.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2478.2012.00750.x)

**Do Human Rights Agreements Prolong the Tenure of Autocratic Ratifiers?**, with B. Peter Rosendorff, Spring 2012.

*Journal of International Law and Politics*. Vol. 44, Num. 3:791-811.

<http://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/nyuilp44>

**Is it Better to Empower the People or the Authorities? Assessing the Conditional Effects of ‘Top-Down’ and ‘Bottom-Up’ Anti-Corruption Interventions**, June 2012.

*Research in Experimental Economics*,. Vol. 15: 247-277.

**Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Sign the Convention Against Torture? Signaling, Domestic Politics, and Non-Compliance** with B. Peter Rosendorff, December, 2011.

*Quarterly Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 6, Issue 3-4: 275-327.

DOI: [10.1561/100.00010059](https://doi.org/10.1561/100.00010059)

**Democracy and Transparency**, with B. Peter Rosendorff and James R. Vreeland, October, 2011.

*The Journal of Politics*. Vol. 73: 1191-1205.

DOI: [10.1017/S0022381611000880](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022381611000880)

**Conditionality, Compliance, and Domestic Interests: State Capture and EU Accession Policy**, December 2010.

*The Review of International Organizations*. Vol. 5, Issue 4: 387-431.  
DOI: [10.1007/s11558-010-9085-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-010-9085-2)

“Bureaucracy, Rational Choice Models” in **The International Encyclopedia of Political Science.**, 2011.  
Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, and Leonardo A. Morlino, eds.

#### *Policy Publications*

**Tanzania Threshold Country Program: End Term Evaluation**, with Leonard Wantchekon. Prepared for the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation.

#### **Working Papers**

**Why do Autocrats Disclose? Economic Transparency and Inter-Elite Politics in the Shadow of Mass Unrest** (2017)

with B. Peter Rosendorff, NYU and James Raymond Vreeland, Georgetown  
<http://0001c70.wcomhost.com/JRHPersonal/HRVWhyAutocratsDiscloseDraft14.pdf>

**Migration, Machines and Reform** (2016)

with Alexander Bolton, Emory and Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton  
<http://0001c70.wcomhost.com/JRHPersonal/BHWMigrationReformEPSA2016Draft.pdf>

**Leader Survival, Regime Type and BITs** (2016)

with Eric Arias, NYU and B. Peter Rosendorff, NYU  
<http://0001c70.wcomhost.com/JRHPersonal/LeaderBIT.pdf>

**Data Disclosure, Accountability and the Facets of Transparency** (2013)

with B. Peter Rosendorff, NYU and James Raymond Vreeland, Georgetown  
<http://0001c70.wcomhost.com/JRHPersonal/TransparencyFacetsNewPaperDraft3.pdf>

## **Employment**

Consultant, The US Millennium Challenge Corporation, Tanzania Threshold Country Program. November 2009-July 2010

## **Talks & Presentations**

June 24, 2017 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: The Electoral Strategies of Centrist Parties.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the End of Party Politics as we Know It? with Marko Klačnja and Rocío Titiunik.

June 23, 2017 – “Transparency and Investment: Micro Data and Mechanisms.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Politics of Global Capital. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 14, 2017 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose? Economic Transparency and Inter-Elite Politics in the Shadow of Mass Unrest.” Institute of Law & Economics, University of Hamburg. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

November 12, 2016 – “Transparency and Investment.” International Political Economy Society Annual Conference. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

September 1, 2016 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose? Economic Transparency and Inter-Elite Politics in the Shadow of Mass Unrest.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Formal Models of Autocracies. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 24, 2016 – “The Millennium Development Goals and Education: Accountability and Substitution in Global Assessment.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Economic Voting when it Matters Most. with James Bisbee, B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 23, 2016 – “Migration, Machines and Reform.” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Electorate Evaluations of Candidates and Parties. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

April 10, 2016 – “Transparency and Investment.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Autocracy: Implications for Investment. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 8, 2016 – “Was Meritocracy Inspired by a Nativist Backlash Against Immigration? Migration and the Civil Service During the US ‘Age of Reform.’” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Comparative Political Economy of Corruption. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

March 16, 2016 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Panel on Political Business Cycles, Policy Credibility and Transparency. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

December 14, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” Princeton University International Relations Faculty Colloquium. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

October 16, 2015 – “The Adoption of the Civil Service and Ethnic Threat During the Age of Reform,” Workshop on State Bureaucracy and Democratic Development, Aarhus University. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

September 6, 2015 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: Clientelism, Corruption and the Industrial Organization of Parties,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Corruption and the Politics of Reform in Middle-Income Countries. with Marko Klašnja and Rosío Titiunik.

September 5, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Transparency in Democracies and Dictatorships: Challenges and Enduring Questions. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 27, 2015 – “Parties as Disciplinarians: Clientelism, Corruption and the Industrial Organization of Parties,” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the Roots of Corruption. with Marko Klašnja and Rosío Titiunik.

June 26, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Dictators and the Media. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 17, 2015 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Decision-making in Autocracies. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

October 16, 2014 – “Migration, Bureaucratic Reform and Institutional Persistence: Evidence from U.S. Municipalities.” Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

August 30, 2014 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Accountability and Development. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 19, 2014 – “Why do Autocrats Disclose?” European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Elements of a General Peace. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 11, 2014 – “Transparency, Protest and Autocratic Instability,” Princeton-Stanford Conference on the Causes and Consequences of Policy Uncertainty. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 5, 2014 – “Data Disclosure, Accountability and the Facets of Transparency,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Lobbying, Corruption and Transparency. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 4, 2014 – “Migration, State Capacity and Institutional Persistence: Evidence from US Municipalities,” Midwest Political Science Association, Panel on Corruption. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

August 30, 2013 – “Transparency, Protest and Political (In)Stability.” American Political Science Association, Panel on Known Unknowns: Empirical Approaches to Uncertainty in International Relations. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 22, 2013 – “Transparency, Protest and Political (In)Stability.” European Political Science Association, Panel on Regime Authority. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 20, 2013 – “Migration, State Capacity and Institutional Persistence: Evidence from US Municipalities,” European Political Science Association, Panel on the Origins of State and Fiscal Capacity. with Alexander Bolton and Leonard Wantchekon.

May 20, 2013 – “Transparency, Protest and Political (In)Stability.” Stanford Methods Workshop. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 11, 2013 – “Transparency and Democratization.” Midwest Political Science Association, Panel on Transparency and Corruption. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 22, 2012 – “Transparency and Democratization.” European Political Science Association, Panel on Democratization. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

June 12, 2012 – “Merit Recruitment in 19th and Early 20th Century European Bureaucracies.” The Politi-

cal Economy of State Capacity: An Endogenous Institutions Approach, Fundación Juan March.

April 13, 2012 – “Transparency and Democratization.” Midwest Political Science Association; Panel on Transparency, Monitoring and Democracy. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

April 1, 2012 – “Measuring Transparency.” International Studies Association; Panel on Transparency, Information and Firms in the International Economy. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

February 20, 2012 – “Transparency and Democratization.” Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Yale University. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

November 5, 2011 – “International Human Rights Treaties Delay Regime Change in the Countries that Need it Most.” The American Society for International Law Midyear Meeting and Research Forum. with B. Peter Rosendorff.

September 2, 2011 – “Corruption in Autocracies,” The American Political Science Association, Panel on Audits and Government Accountability in the Developing World. with Leonard Wantchekon.

June 17, 2011 – “Corruption in Autocracies,” The European Political Science Association, Panel on the Political Economy of Authoritarian Regimes. with Leonard Wantchekon.

April 1, 2011 - “Measuring Transparency,” The Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on New Methodologies and Data in IPE. with B. Peter Rosendorff and James Raymond Vreeland.

March 31, 2011 - “Merit Recruitment in 19th and Early 20th Century European Bureaucracies,” The Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on Formal and Empirical Frontiers of Bureaucratic Politics.

November 16, 2010 - “Patronage or Merit? Bureaucratic Recruitment in 19th and Early 20th Century Europe,” University of Minnesota.

September 4, 2010 - “Patronage or Merit? Bureaucratic Recruitment in 19th and Early 20th Century Europe,” The American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Poster Presentation.

September 1, 2010 - “Leadership Survival, Regime Type, Political Uncertainty and PTA Accession,” The American Political Science Association Annual Conference, International Political Economy Division, with B. Peter Rosendorff

April 29, 2010 - “Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Sign the CAT: Signaling, Domestic Politics, and Non-Compliance,” Columbia University. with B. Peter Rosendorff

April 23, 2010 - “Patronage or Merit? Bureaucratic Recruitment in 19th and Early 20th Century Europe,” The Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on the New Politics of Presidential Appointments

January 29, 2010 - “Domestic Politics and the Accession of Authoritarian Regimes to Human Rights Treaties,” Annual Conference on The Political Economy of the International Organizations, Session on IOs and Human Rights, with B. Peter Rosendorff

April 4, 2009 - "Domestic Politics and the Accession of Authoritarian Regimes to Human Rights Treaties," The Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Panel on International Human Rights Agreements

## Honors & Awards

Benjamin E. Lippincott Professor in Political Economy, 2015-present  
Coca-Cola World Fund Fellowship, Yale University, 2011-2012  
MacCracken Fellowship, New York University 2006-2011  
Phi Beta Kappa, Williams College  
Class of '39 Memorial Scholarship, Williams College  
Meade Loan for Scholarship in the Social Science or Humanities, Williams College  
National Merit Finalist

## Professional Activities

Referee, *American Political Science Review*  
Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*  
Referee, *Journal of Politics*  
Referee, *Political Analysis*  
Referee, *International Organization*  
Referee, *Comparative Political Studies*  
Referee, *British Journal of Political Science*  
Referee, *World Politics*  
Referee, *Comparative Politics*  
Referee, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*  
Referee, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
Referee, *International Studies Quarterly*  
Referee, *Review of International Organizations*  
Referee, *Journal of Peace Research*  
Referee, *Economic & Politics*  
Referee, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*  
Referee, *Political Behavior*  
Referee, *Journal of Legal Studies*  
Referee, *Governance*  
Referee, *International Interactions*  
Referee, *Human Rights Review*  
Referee, *Public Administration Review*  
Referee, *World Development*  
Referee, *Business & Politics*  
Referee, *Sage Open*  
Referee, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*  
External Assessor, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
Managing Editor, *Economics & Politics* (April, 2008-September, 2011)  
Member, American Political Science Association  
Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Member, European Political Science Association  
Member, International Studies Association

## Teaching

Game Theory I (PhD)  
Game Theory II (PhD)  
Thinking Strategically in International Relations (Undergraduate)  
Patronage and Corruption (Undergraduate)  
The U.S. in the Global Economy (Undergraduate)

## Computing

Stata, R, WinBUGS,  $\LaTeX$ , Mathematica, ArcGIS, HTML, emacs