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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS** **New York University Abu Dhabi**, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Lecturer of Political Science 2010 - Present

**Duke University**, Durham, NC, USA  
Visiting Assistant Professor & Postdoctoral Fellow 2009 - 2010

**EDUCATION** **New York University**, New York, NY, USA  
Ph.D. Political Science 2010

**University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL, USA  
B.A. Economics 1999

**REFEREED ARTICLES** “Early Investments in State Capacity Promote Persistently Higher Levels of Social Capital,” joint with Adam Ramey, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Accepted

“Direct Democracy, Constitutional Reform, and Political Inequality in Post-Colonial America,” joint with Mario Chacon, *Studies in American Political Development*, Forthcoming

“The Political and Economic Geography of Southern Secession,” joint with Mario Chacon, *Journal of Economic History*, 2020, 80(2): 1-31.

“Democratization, De Facto Power, and Taxation: Evidence from Military Occupation During Reconstruction,” joint with Mario Chacon, *World Politics*, 2020, 72(1): 1-46.

“Economic Geography, Political Inequality, and Public Goods in the Original 13 US States,” joint with Pablo Beramendi, *Comparative Political Studies*, 2019, 52(13-14): 2235-2282.

“Democratic Reversals and the Size of Government,” joint with Sidak Yntiso, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2019, 58(3): 21-49.

“Revisiting the Democracy-Private Investment Nexus: Does Inequality Matter?” joint with Kemal Kivanc Akoz, Benjamin Barber and Christina Zenker, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2018, 46(4): 1215-1233.

“The Influence of Federal Laboratory R&D on Industrial Research,” joint with James Adams and Eric Chiang, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2003, 84(4): 1003-1020.

**RESEARCH  
IN PROGRESS**

“Going Postal: State Capacity and Violent Dispute Resolution,” joint with Adam Ramey

“Measuring Neighborhood-Level Religiosity Using Automated Name Classification,” joint with Nizar Habash, Daniel Karell and Cole Tanigawa-Lau

“Minority Representation and Democratization: Evidence from Black Politicians During Reconstruction,” joint with Mario Chacon and Sidak Yntiso

“Migration, Religiosity and Political Development: Evidence from Indonesia,” joint with Daniel Karell and Cole Tanigawa-Lau

“Elite-Driven or ‘Bottom-up’ Constitutional Reform? The Case of the 17th Amendment,” joint with Pablo Beramendi and Cole Tanigawa-Lau

“State Capacity, Labor Coercion and Political Control: Evidence from Brazil and the US South,” joint with Giulliana Pardelli and Jeffrey Timmons

**TEACHING &  
SUPERVISION**

Courses:

- *Introduction to Political Thinking*. NYU Abu Dhabi. 2011-2020.
- *Global Economic, Political and Social Development since 1500*. NYU Abu Dhabi. F 2019.
- *Inequality* (Core Colloquia). NYU Abu Dhabi. S 2018. S 2020.
- *Statistics for Social Scientists*. NYU Abu Dhabi. F 2011, F 2012, S 2014.
- *Quantitative Methods for Political Scientists*. Duke University. 2010.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis (‘Capstone’) Supervised: 15 students (2014-2020)

**PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES**

JOURNAL REVIEWER: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Public Choice*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Economics & Politics*

**FELLOWSHIPS**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Political Institutions and Public Choice (PIPC), Duke University, 2009-2010

McCracken Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, New York University, 2003-2009

**OTHER  
EXPERIENCE**

Economic Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 1999-2002

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