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## EDUCATION

Yale University

M.A. and M.Phil, 2004

Ph.D. in Political Science, with Distinction, 2008

Committee: Susan Rose-Ackerman (chair), Gustav Ranis, and Frances Rosenbluth

Miami University (Ohio)

B.A. in Economics and Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs, 2001, *summa cum laude*,  
Phi Beta Kappa

## EMPLOYMENT

2013 – Associate Professor (with tenure) of Public Policy and Governance, Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, Seattle (Assistant Professor 2013 – 2016)

2013 – Senior Research Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

2013 – Associate, Center for International Development, Harvard University

2010 – 2013 Assistant Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

2009 – 2010 Lecturer (assistant professor equivalent in UK), Department of International Development, London School of Economics

2008 – 2009 Visiting Fellow, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University

2007 – 2008 Research Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution

2006 Visiting Scholar, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (Republic of China)

2006 Visiting Scholar, Escola de Economia de São Paulo (School of Economics), Fundação Getulio Vargas, São Paulo, Brasil

2004 – 2005 Economic Policy Advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Ranking Democratic Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

*The Education of Nations: How the Political Organization of the Poor, not Democracy, Led Governments to Invest in Mass Education*, Oxford University Press, 2012.

Best Book award from the Higher Education section of the Comparative and International Education Society

*From the Ground Up: Improving Government Performance with Independent Monitoring Organizations*, Brookings Institution Press, 2010. With Charles Griffin and Courtney Tolmie.

### *Journal Articles*

“The Functional Structures of U.S. State Governments,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, forthcoming.

“Which Countries’ Citizens are Better Off With Trade?,” *World Development*, Vol 76, 2015, pp. 95-113. With Jennifer Tobin.

“Does Transparency Improve Governance?,” *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol 17, 2014, pp. 65-87. With Archon Fung.

“The Logic of Pro-Poor Policymaking: Political Entrepreneurship and Mass Education,” *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol 44(2), 2014, 409-444.

“The Tertiary Tilt: Education and Inequality in the Developing World,” *World Development*, Vol 54, 2014, pp. 253-272. With Lloyd Gruber.

“Realizing Education For All: Defining and Using the Political Will to Invest in Primary Education,” *Comparative Education*, vol 45(4), 2009, pp. 495-523.

“Capital Flows for Development from Japan and the United States,” *Singapore Economic Review*, vol 54(4), 2009, pp. 489-527. With Gustav Ranis.

“Funding Self-Sustaining Development: the Role of Aid, FDI, and Government in Economic Success,” *International Organization*, vol 60, Winter 2006, pp. 205-243. With Jennifer Tobin.

“Effective Aid: How Democracy Allows Development Aid to Improve the Quality of Life.” *World Development*, vol 31(1), 2003, pp. 1-22.

### *Edited Volumes*

*Globalization and the Nation State: The Impact of the IMF and the World Bank*, London: Routledge, 2006. Co-editor, with Gustav Ranis and James Vreeland.

*Book Chapters and Policy Papers and Reports*

“Transparency for Development: Phase 2 Evaluation Design,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2017. With Jessica Creighton and Courtney Tolmie.

“Citizen Voices, Community Solutions: Designing Better Transparency and Accountability Approaches to Improve Health,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2017. With the Transparency for Development Team.

“Transparency for Development: Intervention Design,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2016. With the Transparency for Development Team.

“Transparency for Development: Baseline Report,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2016. With Jean Arkedis, Jessica Creighton, Archon Fung, Dan Levy, Rohit Naimpally, Lindsey Roots, and Courtney Tolmie.

“Transparency for Development: Evaluation Design Report,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2015. With Jean Arkedis, Jessica Creighton, Archon Fung, Dan Levy, Rohit Naimpally, and Courtney Tolmie.

“On Incentivizing Useful Budget Transparency,” Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency, International Budget Partnership, 2015.

“Linking Think Tank, Performance, Decisions, and Context,” Results for Development Institute report for the Think Tank Initiative, 2014. With Elizabeth Brown, Aprille Knox, Courtney Tolmie, Mary Kay Gugerty, and Ashley Fabrizio.

“Transparency for Development: Intervention Design and Evaluation Approach,” Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, 2013.

“A New Model of Foreign Aid, from the Experiences of Japan and the United States,” in Koichi Hamada, Keijiro Otsuka, Gustav Ranis, and Ken Togo, eds, *Miraculous Growth and Stagnation in Post-War Japan*, London: Routledge, 2011; and in Japanese (新しい援助モデル：日米の経験から) in Koichi Hamada, Keijiro Otsuka, and Ken Togo, eds, *模倣型経済の躍進と足踏み (The Boom and Halt of the Imitation Economy)*, Kyoto: Nakanishiya, 2010. With Gustav Ranis and Ken Togo.

“Directing Foreign Aid for Basic Education: Taking Account of Political Will,” *Brookings Global Economy and Development Policy Brief No. 4*, Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, May 2008.

*Trade for Poverty Reduction: The Role of Trade Policy in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers*, Geneva: United Nations Development Programme, 2008

“Aid and Foreign Direct Investment,” in Michael Dauderstädt, ed., *Towards a Prosperous Wider Europe: Macroeconomic Policies for a Growing Neighborhood*, Bonn: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2005.

*Growth and Human Development in Cuba's Transition*, Miami, FL: Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami, 2004. With Gustav Ranis.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Distinction in Political Science, Yale University, 2008

Brookings Research Fellowship, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution, 2007-2008

Robert M. Leylan Prize Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Yale University, 2006-2007

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2003-2006

Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 2001-2006

Phi Beta Kappa, Miami University, 2002

## GRANTS

Hewlett Foundation, Gates Foundation, and DFID  
“Transparency for Development: From Transparency to Accountability, Delivery, and Impact”  
2013-2019, \$ 8,211,195  
(Co-PIs: Archon Fung, Dan Levy, Courtney Tolmie, Jean Arkedis)

Minerva Research Initiative, Office of Naval Research  
“Understanding the Origin, Characteristics, and Implications of Mass Political Movements”  
2014-2019, \$1,287,911

Results for Development Institute and Think Tank Initiative  
“Linking Think Tank Performance, Decisions, and Context”  
2013-2014, \$120,000  
(Co-PI; PI: Mary Kay Gugerty)

DFID/Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre, University of Manchester  
“Understanding Government Commitment to Inclusive Development: The Role of Mass Movements”  
2012-2014, Direct Costs: \$104,743

Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
“Mass Movements and Responsive Governance”  
2012-2013, Direct costs: \$16,500

National Science Foundation  
“Using Web Crawling and Complex Network Analysis to Understand Government Activity and Connectivity”  
2012-2015, \$124,220  
(Co-PI: Ricardo Hausmann)

Transparency and Accountability Initiative  
“Impact of Transparency and Accountability Interventions” (Evaluation Planning Grant)  
2012, Direct costs: \$157,000  
(Co-PIs: Archon Fung, Dan Levy, Jean Arkedis, Courtney Tolmie)

Harvard Medical School William F. Milton Research Award  
“The Role of Mass Movements in Policymaking and Institutional Change”  
2012-2013, Direct costs: \$39,200

Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Research Incubation Award  
“The Role of Mass Movements in Policymaking and Institutional Change”  
2011-2012, Direct costs: \$30,000

Harvard Kennedy School Dean’s Research Fund Seed Grant  
“The Role of Mass Movements in Policymaking and Institutional Change”  
2011, Direct costs: \$5,000

LSE Research Committee Seed Fund Award  
“Political Entrepreneurship and the Roots of Pro-Poor Policymaking”  
2009, Direct costs: £9,000

Brookings Research Fellowship  
2007-2008, Direct costs: \$23,500

Yale Leyland Fellowship  
2006-2007, Direct costs: \$23,000

Yale Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Research Grant  
“How Governments Decide to Produce Human Capital”  
2005, Direct costs: \$12,500

Yale George Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Grant  
“How Governments Decide to Produce Human Capital”  
2005, Direct costs: \$3,000  
2007, Direct costs: \$2,000

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  
2003-2006, Direct costs: \$85,000

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *World Development*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Governance*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Development Policy Review*, *Democratization*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Journal of Public Administration, Research, and Theory*, *Public Administration Review*

Evans School Faculty Council (elected), 2017-18

Evans School Representative to University of Washington Faculty Senate (elected), 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18

Evans School Faculty Affairs Committee, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16

Evans School International Development Certificate Program, 2013-14

Harvard Kennedy School PhD Placement Director for Political Science, 2012-2013

Harvard Kennedy School MPP Admissions Committee, 2010-2012

LSE MPA Admissions Committee, 2009-2010

Convener, LSE Friday Speaker Series, 2009-2010

Consultant for United Nations Development Program, 2008, 2010-2011

Member:

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association