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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	McGill University , Institute for the Study of International Development Postdoctoral Fellow in Global Governance (2016-present) Stanford University , Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2015-2016)
EDUCATION	The University of Texas at Austin , Department of Government Ph.D. Political Science, August 2015 <i>Fields:</i> Comparative Politics and Methodology <i>Committee:</i> Wendy Hunter & Kurt Weyland (co-chairs), B. Jones, D. Brinks, J. Bussell The University of Notre Dame B.A., Political Science, May 2004
PUBLICATIONS	“State Capacity, Bureaucratic Politicization, and Corruption in the Brazilian State,” 2017. Co-authored with Sérgio Praça and Matthew Taylor. <i>Governance</i> , (30)1: 105–124. “Bureaucratic Capacity and Political Autonomy within National States: Mapping the Archipelago of Excellence in Brazil” 2017. Co-authored with Sérgio Praça and Matthew Taylor. <i>States in the Developing World</i> , edited by Miguel Angel Centeno, Atul Kohli, and Deborah Yashar (with Dinsha Mistree), Cambridge University Press. “The Merits of Problem-Solving over Powering: Governance Reform in Brazil and Argentina,” 2016. <i>Comparative Politics</i> , 48(2): 205–225. “Measuring Governance: Implications of Conceptual Choices” 2014. Co-authored with Sandra Botero. <i>European Journal of Development Research</i> 26(1): 124–141. “Identifying Transparency” 2013. Co-authored with Robert Michener. <i>Information Polity</i> 18(3) 233–242.
BOOK MANUSCRIPT	<i>When Democracies Deliver: Governance Reform in Latin America.</i> Under review at Cambridge University Press.
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Making Inroads: Infrastructure, State Capacity, and Chinese Dominance in Latin American Development” (with Riitta-Ilona Koivumäki). <i>Under review.</i> “Measuring Government Quality Cross-Nationally” (with Francis Fukuyama, Dinsha Mistree, Margaret Boittin, and Greg Distelhorst) <i>In progress.</i> “Comparing Federal Behemoths: Bureaucracy and Politics in the US and Brazil” (with Matthew Taylor). <i>In progress.</i>

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Some parts of the Brazilian government actually aren’t corrupt. Here’s what they have in common,” 2016. <i>Washington Post: The Monkey Cage</i> (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew Taylor).</p> <p>“Conceptualizing the Quality of Transparency” Working Paper no. 49, Political Methodology Working Paper Series of the IPSA Committee on Concepts & Methods (with Robert Michener).</p>
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	<p>Postdoctoral Fellowship in Global Governance, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, 2016-18</p> <p>Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, 2015-16</p> <p>Best Paper Award, Latin American Studies Association, Political Institutions Section (LAPIS), 2015</p> <p>National P.E.O. Scholar Award, 2014-15 (\$15,000)</p> <p>Dwight Eisenhower-Roberts Graduate Fellowship, The Eisenhower Institute, 2013-14 (\$10,000)</p> <p>David L. Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, 2011-12 (\$24,000)</p> <p>Fulbright Fellowship (Brazil), Institute of International Education, 2007 (\$16,150)</p> <p><i>University of Texas at Austin</i></p> <p>Mike Hogg Endowed Fellowship, 2014-15 (\$26,000)</p> <p>Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, Fall 2012, Spring 2014 (\$19,400)</p> <p>Macdonald Summer Research Fellowship, 2012, (\$5,000)</p> <p>Long Dissertation Fellowship, 2011 (declined; \$18,100)</p> <p>Institute for Qualitative & Mixed Method Research Fellowship, 2010</p> <p><i>University of Notre Dame</i></p> <p>John J. Kennedy Prize (for best thesis on Latin America), Helen Kellogg Institute, 2004</p>
GRANTS	<p>Latin American Studies Association Travel Grant, 2014 (\$600)</p> <p>Graduate Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Award, University of Texas, 2011, 2013 (\$2,000)</p> <p>American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2013 (\$275)</p> <p>Lozano Long Summer Research Grant, University of Texas, 2010, 2012 (\$3,775)</p> <p>Tinker Summer Field Research Grant, University of Texas, 2009 (\$1,298)</p> <p>Professional Development Award, University of Texas, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2014 (\$1200)</p>
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE	<p>2012 Argentina (Buenos Aires), Fall, Dissertation fieldwork</p> <p>2011-2012, Brazil (São Paulo and Brasília), Dissertation fieldwork</p> <p>2010 Argentina (Buenos Aires), Summer, Pre-dissertation fieldwork</p> <p>2009 Brazil (São Paulo and Brasília), Summer, Pre-dissertation fieldwork</p> <p>2007 Brazil (Rio de Janeiro), Fulbright Fellowship</p> <p>2004 Chile (Linares and Santiago), Summer</p>
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	<p>“Governance Reform and State Capacity in Latin America” Keynote address at Brazil’s National School of Public Administration’s international conference on “Building State Capacity for Development.” Brasília, September 19-20, 2017.</p> <p>“State Capacity, Bureaucratic Politicization, and Corruption in the Brazilian State.” Presented at University of Sussex and ESRC Workshop on “Uneven State Building and Democratisation.” London, January 27-28, 2016.</p>

“When Democracies Deliver: Governance Reform in Latin America.” Presented at Institute for International Development, McGill University, Montreal, October 29, 2015.

“Brazilian State Reform: Unprecedented Advances and Persistent Challenges.” Presented at Catching Up to the Future? Advances and Challenges in the Politics, Society, and Social Policies of Contemporary Brazil Conference, The Watson Institute, Brown University, November 14-15, 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

“Making Inroads: Infrastructure, State Capacity, and Chinese Dominance in Latin American Development.” Presented at “Contemporary Challenges to Inclusion and Representation in Latin America,” Stanford University, May 16, 2016.

“When Democracies Deliver: Governance Reform in Latin America.” Presented at Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Research Seminar, October 22, 2015.

“The Politics of Partisanship in the Brazilian Civil Service.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2014.

“Political Appointments, State Capacity, and Bureaucratic Virtue in the Brazilian State.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May 2014.

“The Merits of Puzzling over Powering: Governance Reform in Brazil and Argentina.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 29-September 1, 2013.

“State Capacity, Bureaucratic Politicization, and Governance Outcomes” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, Aug 29-Sept 1, 2013.

“State Capacity and Bureaucratic Autonomy within National States: Mapping the Archipelago of Excellence in Brazil” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2013.

“An Archipelago of Excellence? Autonomous State Capacity among Brazilian Federal Agencies” Paper presented at the Brazilian Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada), Brasília, Brazil, May 2012.

“Measuring Governance: A Defense of Disaggregation” Paper presented at Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, McGill University

International Development Seminar: Corruption and Development (Winter 2017)

University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Level Teaching Assistant

Statistical Analysis I (Fall 2009)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

U.S.-Russian Relations (Spring 2013)

Research Methods in Government (Fall 2010)

International Politics of Latin America (Spring 2010)

The U.S. in Comparative Perspective (Fall 2008)

Law and Social Change in Comparative Perspective (Spring 2009)

American Government (Summer 2009)

SKILLS **Languages:** Advanced Portuguese (ACTFL-certified), advanced Spanish, basic French

Computer: R, BUGS, STATA, SPSS, LaTeX, SQL

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS American Political Science Association
Latin American Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association

SERVICE Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, and *Governance*.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **CACI**, Arlington, VA, Lead Business Analyst 2004-07; Consultant 2008-09
Coordinator for e-Procurement Projects at the U.S. Missile Defense Agency and U.S. Navy's Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

REFERENCES

<p>Kurt Weyland Mike Hogg Professor in Liberal Arts Department of Government University of Texas at Austin 4.126 Batts Hall 1 University Station A1800 Austin, TX 78712 kweyland@austin.utexas.edu</p>	<p>Francis Fukuyama Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute Director, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law Professor, by courtesy, of Political Science Stanford University 616 Serra St Stanford, CA 94305-6055 f.fukuyama@stanford.edu</p>
<p>Wendy Hunter Professor Department of Government University of Texas at Austin 4.120 Batts Hall 1 University Station A1800 Austin, TX 78712 wendyhunter@austin.utexas.edu</p>	<p>Philip Oxhorn Associate Provost and Professor of Political Science McGill University James Administration Building 845 Sherbrooke St. W. Montreal, QC, H3A 0G4 philip.oxhorn@mcgill.ca</p>
<p>Bryan Jones Professor, J. J. "Jake" Pickle Regents Chair Department of Government University of Texas at Austin 3.154 Batts Hall 1 University Station A1800 Austin, TX 78712 bdjones@austin.utexas.edu</p>	<p>Matthew M. Taylor Associate Professor School of International Service American University 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016 mtaylor@american.edu</p>

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