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### EDUCATION

#### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2002-Present)

- Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science (ABD).
- Examined Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy. Minor Field: Models and Methods.

#### University of California, Berkeley (1997-2001)

- B.A. with Double Major in Political Science and History.
- Graduated with Distinction (*cum laude*) and Highest Honors in Political Science.
- Honors Thesis: "The 1999 Austrian Election and the Failure of European Sanctions."

### DISSERTATION

- "Migration, Nativism and Party System Change in Western Europe."
- Topic: Accounting for cross-time, cross- and sub-national variation in the growth of West European "Nativist" parties, 1973-present.
- Methodology: Macro- and meso-level quantitative analyses of voting patterns in Western Europe; macro- and meso-level case studies in Germany and Austria.
- Committee: Suzanne Berger (Chair), Roger Petersen, Orit Kedar and Steven Ansolabehere (Harvard).

### ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS

- 2006-2007 J. William Fulbright Research Grant, U. Vienna, Austria.  
2005-2006 German Marshall Fund of the United States, Dissertation Research Fellow.  
2005-2006 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Graduate Research Grant (declined).  
Summer 2005 MIT Center for International Studies, Energy, Technology, and International Affairs (ETIA) Summer Research Grant.  
Summer 2004 Harvard U. Center for European Studies, Graduate Summer Travel Grant.  
Summer 2004 Max Kade Foundation Supplemental Funding Grant.

### TEACHING/RESEARCH

- Fall 2007, 2008 Teaching Assistant, "Political Science: Scope and Methods" (Fall 2007: Professor Adam Berinsky; Fall 2008: Professor Fotini Christia).  
Summer 2008 Research Assistant, Professor Suzanne Berger, "Lessons from the First Globalization" book project.  
Spring 2008 Teaching Assistant, Professor Gabriel Lenz, "Political Science Quantitative Laboratory."  
2007-2008 Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Harvard U. Department of Social Studies.  
2002-05, 2007 Research Assistant, Professor Kanchan Chandra, "A Cross-National Database on Ethnic Parties."

### LANGUAGES

- German (advanced-fluent)
- French (basic/reading knowledge)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Review of Cas Mudde, Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe. Forthcoming (March 2009) in *Nationalities Papers*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- “You Were Welcome Before you Came: Testing the Relationship between Migration and Nativist Party Growth,” Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 2008.
- “Riding the Wave: The Rise and Fall of Nativist Ethnic Parties in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, 1972-2006,”
  - MIT Identity Politics Working Group, February 2006.
  - Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES), May 2006.
  - Institute of Political Science, U. Mainz, May 2006.
- “A Cross-National Study of Ethnic Party Performance,” MIT Political Science Work in Progress Colloquia, April 2005 (with Kanchan Chandra, Rachel Gisselquist, and Adam Ziegfeld).
- “Co-Option...or Legitimization? Center-Right Appropriation of ‘Far Right’ Political Issues,” New England Political Science Association, Boston, November 2004 (with David Art).
- “The Evolving Ethnic Relations in Post-War Western Europe,” Theory Seminar, European Migration Center, Berlin, Germany, August 2004.
- “Toward a Majoritarian Mobilization Model for Western Europe,”
  - American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003.
  - Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 2004.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 10/02-8/07 “A Cross-National Database on Ethnic Parties.” (Database co-author. Primary Author: Kanchan Chandra. Co-authors: Rachel Gisselquist, Daniel Metz and Adam Ziegfeld). Project classifying political parties by presence or absence of explicit ethnic appeals during election campaigns. Includes data on variables related to ethnic mobilization as IV and DV.
- Summer 2003 ICPSR Program in Quantitative Methods, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, U. Michigan.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2/2008-Present Member, Council for European Studies Immigration Research Group.
- 6/2004-Present Graduate Student Affiliate, Harvard University Center for European Studies.
- 6/2004-Present Member, MIT Identity Politics Working Group.
- Spring 2006 Visiting Fellow, U. Mainz Institute of Political Science, Mainz, Germany.
- Fall 2005 Visiting Fellow, Mannheim U. Center for European Social Research (MZES), Mannheim, Germany.
- Summer 2005 Visiting Fellow, European Migration Center, Berlin, Germany.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Identity politics (nationalism and ethnic politics).
- Native/immigrant relations in advanced industrial countries.
- Parties, elections and party system change.
- Western European politics and the politics of German-speaking countries.