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Employment:

Assistant Professor 2012-Present
Department of Economics
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Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Oklahoma (May 2012)
M.A. in Economics, University of Oklahoma (December 2010)
B.A. in Economics, University of Oklahoma (May 2007)

Refereed Publications:

“Legislatures, Leaders, and Leviathans: How Constitutional Institutions Affect the Size of Government Spending” (2013). *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 94 (4), pp. 1102-1123.

Research in Progress:

“Electoral Experience, Institutional Quality, and Economic Development in Latin America” (*with Robin Grier, under review*)
“Women as Policy Makers and Donors: Female Legislators and Foreign Aid” (*with Daniel Hicks and Joan Hamory Hicks, under review*)
“Are Female Politicians More Responsive to International Crises” (*with Daniel Hicks and Joan Hamory Hicks, under review*)
“The Cost of Dissidence: International Commodity Prices and Political Unrest in Latin America” (in preparation)
“The Capricious Leviathan: Volatility of Government Spending and Political Institutions” (in preparation)

Additional Research Projects:

“Do Foreign Aid Donors Reward Recipients for Gender Equality?” (*with Daniel Hicks and Joan Hamory Hicks*)
“Divided Government in Latin America” (*with Peter Calcagno*)
“Crime, Civil Unrest, and Climate Change: Evidence from Latin America” (with Daniel Hicks)

Presentations:

“The Capricious Leviathan: Volatility of Government Spending and Political Institutions.”
Public Choice Conference, Charleston, SC, March 2014

“Female Leaders and Foreign Aid.” Northeast University Development Consortium, Harvard
University, November 2013

“Electoral Experience, Institutions, & Development in Latin America.”
Public Choice Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2013

“The Cost of Dissidence: International Commodity Prices and Political Unrest in Latin America.”
Northeast Universities Development Consortium, Dartmouth College, November 2012

“Bittersweet Relationship: Political Instability and International Commodity Prices in Latin America.”
Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington D.C., November 2011

“Institutions and Development in Latin America: Results from a New Instrument,” Latin American
Lunch, University of Oklahoma, November 2010

“Legislatures, Leaders and Leviathans: How Constitutional Institutions Affect the Size of Government
Spending,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA, November 2010

Teaching Experience:

Economics of Globalization: Fall 2012, 2013, 2014; Spring 2013, 2014

Principles of Macroeconomics: Fall 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014; Spring 2011, 2012, 2013; Summer 2010

Elements of Statistics: Summer 2008, 2009, 2011

International Development: Spring 2013, 2014

Economics for Development: Spring 2014

Awards:

Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process Research Fellow – 2014

Outstanding Graduate Student, Dept. of Economics, University of Oklahoma – 2012

Research & Creative Endeavors Grant – 2011

Chong Liew Graduate Research Award (1st place) – 2011

A.J Kondonassis Fellowship in Growth and Development Economics – 2010

Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Award – 2010

Chong Liew Graduate Research Award (2nd place) – 2009

Chong Liew Outstanding First Year Graduate Student – 2008

Phi Beta Kappa – 2007

Service:

First Year Experience College Committee Member: Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Economics Position Search Committee Member: Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

International Studies Search Committee Member: Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

Refereed for: *American Political Science Review*

Professional Memberships:

American Economic Association
Southern Economic Association
Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association
American Society of Hispanic Economists

Languages:

English (Native)
Spanish (Native)

Computer Skills:

Stata
Matlab
Minitab