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## Education

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Department of Government, Ph. D. Candidate, 2006 - Present.

**Creighton University**, Omaha, NE

B.A. in Mathematics and Political Science, summa cum laude, 2006.

## Publications

### Books

*Applying Fuzzy Mathematics to Formal Models in Comparative Politics*. Springer, 2008. With Terry D. Clark, Joshua D. Potter, John N. Mordeson and Mark J. Wierman.

### Articles

“Extension of the Portfolio Allocation Model to Surplus Majority Governments: A Fuzzy Approach,” 2008. *Public Choice* 134:3, pp. 179-199. With Terry D. Clark, John N. Mordeson and Mark J. Wierman.

“Choice Functions and Upper Choice Functions,” 2008. *New Mathematics and Natural Computation* 4:2, pp. 177-190. With Terry D. Clark, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

“Specifying Theories in Comparative Politics: Toward a More Thoroughly Deductive Approach,” 2007. *New Mathematics and Natural Computation* 3:2, pp. 165-189. With Terry D. Clark, Adam D. Grieser, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

“Applying Fuzzy Logic to Comparative Politics: A Proposal,” 2007. *Critical Review* 1:1, pp. 19-23. With Terry D. Clark, John N. Mordeson, and Mark J. Wierman.

## Working Papers

“Getting Along without Omniscience: The Role of Networks in Inter- and Intra-Group Cooperation”

Presents a game-theoretic model to examine the effect of an incomplete communication network on inter- and intra-group cooperation outside the ‘shadow of the law.’

“Cheating Because They Can”

Shows that, depending on how information spreads, sometimes tolerating a few cheaters in equilibrium is the best a group can do, and offers examples of *almost* fully cooperative social and economic arrangements.

“Deceit, Group Structure, and Cooperation”

Analyzes the prospects for decentralized cooperation in the face of possibly deceitful group members.

“Interethnic Cooperation, Civil Society, and Incendiary Rumors”

Assess the effectiveness of cross-group ties at mitigating interethnic conflict in different civil society contexts using a model adapted from Fearon and Laitin (1996).

“What We Didn’t Know We Know About Civil Society”

Presents findings from networks research in fields ranging from computer science to epidemiology to show the rich set of results that can inform the study of civil society in comparative politics.

“Twitter, the Unambiguous Liberator?”

Shows that despite recent excitement about the role of online social networks media in pro-liberalization movements, under plausible conditions, the existence of such information channels might actually be detrimental to the success of movements.

“The Fragility of Revolution”

Investigates a social movement’s susceptibility to government repression based on the structure of communication between participants in the movement.

“The Evolution of International Cooperation” with Andrew J. Coe.

Uses techniques from evolutionary game theory to determine conditions under which cooperation can arise in an international system with a few strong and many weak states.

**Presentations**

“Interethnic Cooperation, Civil Society, and Incendiary Rumors,”

Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA. 2011;  
Peace Science Society Meeting, Fort Worth, TX. 2010;  
American Political Science Association Conference, Washington D.C. 2010;  
Duke Political Networks Conference, Durham, NC. 2010.

“A Failure to Communicate: Networks and Interethnic Conflict,”

Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, New York, NY. 2010;  
Harvard-MIT-Yale Graduate Student Conference on Political Violence, Cambridge, MA. 2010;  
Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL. 2010;  
Graduate Methods and Models Class, Cambridge, MA. 2010.

“Institutional Change on a Network,”

R User Conference, Rennes, France. 2009.

“Issue Salience and Coalitions: Exploring the Relationship between Redistribution and Religion,”

Markets, Labor, and Liberty: Symposium in the American Experience, Liberty Fund, Park City, UT. 2007.

“Necessary Conditions for Democracy: An Evaluation of Crisp Set and Fuzzy Set Methods,”

Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL. 2006.

**Teaching Experience**

## Teaching Fellow

Networks (Econ 970), sophomore tutorial of my own design on network models, Harvard University, Spring 2010, Spring 2011;

Redeeming Keynes (Econ-S 1936), professor Steven Marglin, Harvard University/ Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Summer 2011;

Economics: A Critical Approach (SA 72), professor Steven Marglin, Harvard University, Fall 2009, Summer 2010, Fall 2010;

Corporate Finance (Econ-S 1749), professor Efraim Benmelech, Harvard University/ Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Summer 2010, Summer 2011;

Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Gov 2000), professor Adam Glynn, Harvard University, Fall 2008;

Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (Gov 2001), professor Gary King, Harvard University, Spring 2008.

## Instructor

Nebraska Debate Institute, Summer 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009;

Michigan National Debate Institute, Summer 2007;

Kentucky National Debate Institute, Summer 2003, 2004, 2005.

**Service**

Statistics Consultant for Senior Thesis Writers, Fall 2008-Present

Hold seminars and office hours to assist senior thesis writers with statistical methods

**Honors, Fellowships and Awards**

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2011-2012

One year of support for completing the dissertation

Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Spring 2011

Awarded based on student evaluations from Econ 970

Best Paper Award, NYU Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, 2010

Awarded for "A Failure to Communicate: Networks and Interethnic Conflict"

Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Spring 2010

Awarded based on student evaluations from Econ 970

Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy, Harvard University, 2008-2009  
One year of support for economics training

Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Fall 2009  
Awarded based on student evaluations from SA 72

Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Fall 2008  
Awarded based on student evaluations from Gov 2000

Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Spring 2008  
Awarded based on student evaluations from Gov 2001

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, 2006-2011  
Full graduate fellowship

Creighton University Faculty Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science, 2006  
Awarded to a graduating senior at the discretion of political science faculty

Creighton University Faculty Award in Mathematics, 2006  
Awarded to a graduating senior at the discretion of mathematics faculty

Creighton University Senior Award, 2006  
Awarded to four graduating seniors at Creighton University

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, 2005-2006  
National award in mathematics, science and engineering

Clare Boothe Luce Scholarship, 2004-2006  
Awarded to 'outstanding women in science' at Creighton University

Creighton Presidential Scholarship, 2002-2006  
Creighton University's top academic scholarship