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EDUCATION:

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ph.D., Foreign Affairs, May 2009.

Fields of Concentration- International Relations, Comparative Politics, Africa.

Dissertation: *Escaping Africa's Predatory Trap: The Social Origins of Development and Democracy in Botswana and Mauritius.*

Abstract: Why do some states, despite having a treasure trove of natural resources, become predatory states while others, with few resources, successfully overcome initial handicaps and emerged as stable developmental states? What accounts for the origins of developmental or predatory institutions? Why did Botswana and Mauritius “succeed” while others failed? This dissertation examines the social origins of predatory and developmental rule through detailed qualitative analysis of Mauritius and Botswana. My comparative historical analysis tracks the histories of these cases from their pre-colonial origins, through colonial rule and the struggle for independence to the present day. It explores the role of social power in the creation and transformation of informal and formal institutions. I examine the role of exogenous power on the dynamics of social power within African states. By uniting institutional and social theories and exploring the role of social power, this dissertation offers insights into the role of pre-colonial and colonial legacies on post-colonial states, how constraints on political violence shaped institution building, and the relationship between coalition building and democratic politics. In doing so, this dissertation provides greater understanding of the social forces and politics that lead to modern developmental and predatory states in Africa.

Dissertation Committee: Robert Fatton (Committee Chair), John Echeverri-Gent, and John Owen.

McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento CA.

LL.M., Transnational Business Practice. May 1993.

Fields of Concentration- Transnational Business, Antitrust, Foreign Investment.

Completed International Program in Transnational Practice at Salzburg, Austria, Fall 1992.

Directed Research- *Investing in Asia's New Tiger? Doing Business and Foreign Direct Investment in Vietnam.*

Graduate Thesis on the origins of Vietnam's Foreign Investment and related laws enacted in the late 1980s and their impact on foreign investors in anticipation of the normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam. Examined how liberalization of the economic regime created new challenges for both investors and regulators.

St. John's University School of Law, Jamaica, NY.

J.D., May 1992.

Fields of Concentration: International, Environmental and Maritime Law.

Directed Research- *The Oil Pollution Act of 1990- the Clash of State, Federal and International Environmental Law.* Graduate Thesis examined the origins of US oil spill liability rules prior to and in the aftermath of the *Exxon Valdez* Spill in Prince William Sound. Explored the overlap of US federal, state, and international law on liability for oil spills.

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY.

B.A., History and Political Science. August 1989.

Fields of Concentration- History and Political Science, International Relations and Asian History. Spent a year abroad at the **National University of Singapore** researching strategic theory, revolutionary warfare, Southeast Asian politics and security, and historical theory and methodology.

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Primary - Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Law.

Secondary - Africa, Asia, Institution Building, Developmental Politics, Conflict Processes.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Virginia, Department of English, Charlottesville, VA.

Teaching Assistant for Academic Writing, 2000-2009.

Created courses to teach academic writing, research and argument to beginning and more advanced students. Prepared syllabi, lectured, conducted group discussions and workshops, evaluated student's written assignments through regular revisions and assisted in academic research. Selected course topics and materials. Supervised all class work. Topics have included Social Resistance, War on Terror, Global Issues, the Third World, Africa, and the War on Drugs.

University of Virginia, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Charlottesville, VA.

Lecturer, Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Spring 2003.

Created a course on US Constitutional Law and Constitutional Practice focused primarily on civil rights and civil liberties. Prepared syllabi and led lectures, conducted group discussions, evaluated students' written work, and prepared and evaluated examinations.

University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Charlottesville, VA.

Lecturer, Environmental Law & Regulation, Summer 1999, 2001.

Created a course on Environmental Law for advanced undergraduates. Wrote the syllabi, lectured, graded papers and examinations. Course examined environmental ethics and environmental politics, common law remedies, constitutional rules, environmental legal practice and litigation, regulation of hazardous waste, water pollution, air pollution, protection of endangered species, landmark preservation, environmental impact statements, and administrative practice.

Teaching Assistant for International Law, Fall 1999.

Prepared and led discussion sessions on International Law and US International Practice, involved in such topics as sovereignty, treaty making, customary laws, the law of war, environmental protection and human rights. Created and assigned a variety of legal writing exercises, created and conducted simulation exercises, graded examinations, and consulted students on research assignments.

Teaching Assistant for Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, Spring 1999.

Prepared and led discussion sessions on US Constitutional Law relevant to civil liberties, including Fundamental Rights, Takings Clause, Equal Protection, Due Process, Criminal Protections and the First Amendment. Assisted in the preparation of a moot court exercise, assisted students in legal research and writing, and evaluated both examinations and written assignments.

Grader for Public Administration, Fall 1998.

Graded exams and written papers of students. Assisted with classroom instruction.

Senior Teaching Assistant for International Organizations, Spring 1998.

Teaching Assistant for International Organizations, Spring 1997.

Coordinated other teaching assistants. Prepared and led discussions on the origins, history and role of international organizations in the international system, the United Nations system and efforts of international organizations to address issues of international law, peace and security, environmental protection, human rights, and economic development. Prepared and conducted simulation exercises, prepared and graded weekly examinations. Assisted and graded students on term papers.

Teaching Assistant for Separation of Powers and Federalism, Fall 1997.

Prepared and led discussion on US Constitutional Law relevant to separation of powers within the federal government, the US judiciary, and US federalism. Assisted in the preparation of moot court exercise, assisted students in legal research and writing, graded examinations and written projects.

Research Assistant for Professor Keeok Park, 1996-1997.

Reviewed and edited manuscripts on urban and local politics for publication.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Finalist, Seven Society Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching Assistant 1999 & 2000.
- Nominated for Seven Society Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching Assistant 1999-2002.
- Recipient of Department Fellowship and Teaching Awards 1996-2000.
- Graduates 4th of 31 from McGeorge School of Law.
- Captain of St. John's Philip Jessup International Moot Court Team 1992.
- President St. John's International and Comparative Law Society 1990-1992.
- Member- St. John's Moot Court Team.
- Recipient of Study Abroad Award to Singapore 1988-1989.

PRESENTATIONS:

"State Building vs State Collapse- Lessons from the Successes of Botswana and Mauritius" Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts (August 2002).

"Historical Institutionalism, Critical Junctures and the Problem of Civil Peace in Post-Colonial Africa- lessons from three states in Africa (Botswana, Mauritius & Liberia)" Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto (September 2009).

CURRENT RESEARCH AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- The Creation of Predatory and Developmental States in Africa- Examines the causal mechanisms that lead to the creation of different forms of state institutions and their impact on developmental or predatory trajectories on African States. Initial research focused on institution building and collapse in Botswana, Mauritius, Liberia, and Congo/Zaire. More expanded research will examine Ghana, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Tanzania, Namibia, Angola, and Mozambique.

- US Foreign and Security Policy in Africa- Examines the expanding role of US Foreign policy and security policy in Africa, the building of regional security structures and alliances, the promotion of the Defense Department's new Africa Command, and the merging of developmental and security objectives.

- Trans-nationalism, Globalization and War- On-going research on the relationship between globalization and economic inequality, transnational crime, terrorism and civil war, and the challenge of building stable and prosperous post-colonial nation states within the modern international system.

- Inequality, Social Violence and State Penetration of Brazil's Rural Periphery and Urban Center-
Examines the role of social violence and the ability of developing states to penetrate and administer society. Analysis examines the limited capacity of the Brazilian state in the rural Northeast and within poor ghettos of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. **Field Research** conducted 1999-2000, 2002, 2004 and 2007-2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

- Planning on the creation of an International Child Health Advocacy Program for Brazil.
- Advising to the Jefferson Institute on future programs in Africa and South America and development of educational licenses for remote teaching and archival database software.
- Graduate Student Assistant, First Year Orientation and Registration 2006-2009.
- Assisted in the creation of UVa Foreign Service Club, 2005.
- Tomorrows Teachers Today, UVA Teaching Resource Center, 2003.
- University Library Student Advisory Council, 2002-2005.
- UVA Center for Survey Research, CATI Lab Supervisor, 2000-2001.
- Assistant to the Chairman, Virginia 2020 Program on Internationalizing the University, 1999.
- Created and Coordinated UVA Dept. of Government and Foreign Affairs, Brown Bag Lunch and Speaker Series 1997-1998.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- American Political Science Association.
- International Studies Association.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- Intermediate language proficiency in German.
- Basic Proficiency in Mandarin Chinese.

OTHER SKILLS: Familiar with LEXIS/NEXIS, WestLaw, WordPerfect, SPSS, Microsoft Office.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

John Froitzheim, Attorney-at-Law, Hauppauge, NY

Sole Practitioner, Nov. 1993 - Aug. 1996.

Provided legal services on insurance litigation, corporate transactions, intellectual property and personal injury.

Beau Dietl & Associates, New York, NY.

Attorney, Corporate Division, Oct. 1994 - Aug. 1995.

Provided legal support for Corporate and White Collar Divisions. Managed and conducted due diligence and related investigations. Reviewed securities and corporate transactions including initial public offerings. Assisted in the creation of a corporate compliance program. Investigations involved fraudulent financial and derivatives dealings, theft of intellectual property, protection and security of gaming and banking firms from criminal organizations.

Arfat Selvam & Gunasingham, Singapore.

Foreign Attache, Oct. 1992 - Jan. 1993.

Researched, advised and prepared opinion memoranda on insider trading, stock purchase agreement, project finance, intellectual property and foreign investment in Vietnam, China, Indonesia and Thailand.

BAR ADMISSIONS: Admitted in New York State, passed California Bar Examination.

REFERENCES:

- *Teaching* - David O'Brien, Leone Reaves and George W Spicer Professor
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