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## Education

ABD -- Doctoral Student of Political Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Major Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Minor Field: American Politics

Research Interests: Political Economy of Trade and Regulations, Comparative Political Institutions, Historical Political Economy, Political Thought

Dissertation, scheduled for completion Summer 2019, entails comparative analysis of the impact of trade openness on domestic economic regulations and regulatory politics. In developing the specifics in this field, my cases comprise the European Union and a province in China, as well as the American historic development of the regulatory state, with the interplay of elected officials, regulatory agencies, and major industry firms and cartels.

M.A. -- Political Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Graduate Student of Political Science, Texas A&M Central Texas, Killeen, TX

B.S. -- History and Political Science, Excelsior University, Albany, NY

Undergraduate studies, History and Political Science, University of Wisconsin - Madison, 97 credits.

## Awards & Honors

Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellowship, 2019 – 2020, \$5,000 in funding

Bastiat Research Fellowship, 2017 – 2018, \$5,000 in funding.

IHS Research Fellowship, 2017 – 2018, \$5,000 in funding.

APEE Young Scholar's Program award, April 9 – 12 2017, \$599.

Ludwig von Mises Institute Fellow in Residence, Summer 2017, fully funded residency.

Bastiat Fellowship Colloquium, Study of American Capitalism, with a focus on regulatory theory and decision-making, February 19-20 2016, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA.

Bastiat Fellowship Colloquium, Regulation Studies, February 5 – 6 2016, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA

2x Bastiat Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University. \$10,000 in funding (\$5,000 each year, including colloquium attendance expenses), 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017

Conference Funding, \$600, Bastiat Fellowship Program, Mercatus Center, to attend APEE, 1 – 5 April, 2016

Bastiat Fellowship Colloquium, The Austrian, Virginia, and Bloomington Schools of Political Economy, October 2 – 3 2015, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA

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Rothbard Graduate Seminar, June 7 – 15 2015. Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn, Alabama. Participation including meals and lodging funded by a grant from Yousif Almoayyed, Director of the National Concrete Company of Bahrain

APEE Conference, April 12 – April 14 2015, Cancun Mexico. \$300 funding for participation from the Free Market Institute and \$599 funding for participation, Young Scholar's Program, from the APEE

Rothbard Graduate Seminar, June 8 – June 13 2014. Participation including meals and lodging fully funded by the Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn, Alabama.

TAMU-CT Award for Outstanding Graduate Scholarship in Political Science, 2012

## **Publications**

Martin, Adam and James Ruhland. 2019. "Politics as Exchange in the Byzantine Empire" in *James M. Buchanan: A Theorist of Political Economy and Social Philosophy*, Richard E. Wagner, editor. *Volume III of Remaking Economics: Eminent Post-War Economists*, Robert A. Cord, series editor. Palgrave Macmillan (Basingstoke)

## **Publications Under Contract**

Ruhland, James. "Regulatory Adaptiveness as a Response to the Knowledge Problem: The Case of Tianjin China," in *Informing Public Policy: Analyzing Contemporary US and International Policy Issues Through the Lens of Market Process Economics* edited by Stefanie Haefele, Abigail R. Hall, and Adam Millsap. Roman & Littlefield (London)

## **Conference & Seminar Participation**

Paper, "The Impact of Attitudes on Economic Freedom," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5 – 8, 2018

Paper, "State Capacity, Autonomy, and Commerce in 12<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantium," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5 – 8 2018

Paper, "The Impact of Attitudes on Economic Freedom," presented at the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL, November 17 – 19 2017

Paper, "State Capacity, Autonomy, and Commerce in 12<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantium," presented at the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL, November 17 – 19 2017

Paper, "State Autonomy and Commerce in 12<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantium," presented at the Association of Private Enterprise Education, Lahaina, Hawaii, 9 – 12 April 2017

Paper, "Byzantine Centralization and Decline in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Centuries," presented at the Southern Economics Association Conference, Washington DC, 21 November 2016

Paper, "The Impact of Judiciaries on Domestic Economic Regulations," presented at the Austrian Economics Research Conference, Auburn AL, 1 April 2016

Paper, "The Impact of Judiciaries on Domestic Economic Regulations," presented at the Association of Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas NV, 5 April 2016

Paper, "The Impact of Trade Openness on Domestic Economic Regulations," presented at the Association of Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas NV, 4 April 2016

Mini-Conference on the Origins of Economic Freedom, Free Market Institute, Texas Tech University, September 11 2015

## Working Papers

- “The Impact of Trade Openness on Domestic Economic Regulations”
- “The Impact of Social Trust and System Support on Economic Freedom”
- “State Autonomy and Commerce in 12<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantium”
- “Byzantine Centralization and Decline in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Centuries”
- “Sieve of the Danaides: Measurements of Ideology and Ideological Change”
- “Fight or Flight: Expected Utility, Incrementalism, and the Praxeology of War”
- “The Use of Knowledge in Human Development”
- “The impact of Rule of Law, Sound Money, Bureaucracy Costs, and Political Freedoms on Prosperity in 106 Countries”
- “The Impact of Regulation on Entrepreneurship and Human Development”
- “The Constitution as Footnote: The Jurisprudence of the Hughes Court”
- “Regional Sorting and Party Polarization in the United States, 1972 – 2012”
- “The Impact of Judicial Independence and Integrity on Domestic Economic Regulations”

## Teaching Experience

- Comparative Politics – Instructor, Spring 2018
- U.S. Foreign Policy – Fall 2013, TA to Dr. Toby Rider
- Comparative Politics – Spring 2014, TA to Dr. Alejandro Tirado
- The Politics of Poverty and Social Assistance – Spring 2014, TA to Dr. Alejandro Tirado
- Comparative Foreign Policy – Fall 2014, TA to Dr. John Barkdull
- Transnational Issues – Fall 2014, TA to Dr. John Barkdull
- American Government – Spring 2015, Spring 2015 and Spring 2017, TA to Dr. Aie-Rie Lee-Glasure
- The Political Economy of A Song of Ice and Fire – Fall 2015 TA to Dr. Stephen Meserve
- International Political Economy – Spring 2016 TA to Dr. Mariana Medina
- Politics of Immigration – Spring 2016 TA to Dr. Mariana Medina
- Asian Government and Politics – Fall 2016, TA to Dr. Aie-Rie Lee-Glasure
- American Government – Spring 2017, TA to Dr. Aie-Rie Lee-Glasure
- International Politics – Fall 2017, TA to Instructor Wesley Jamison
- Western European Politics – Fall 2018, TA to Dr. Stephen Meserve
- Comparative Politics – Spring 2019, TA to Dr. Stephen Meserve

## Objectives

**Research** in the areas of comparative and international regulatory institutions, their organization and interaction with state and non-state action, their effects on human development, and the course of ideological change that leads to the adoption or rejection of varieties of regulatory regimes.

**Teaching** the foundations of political systems and their comparative results in promoting human flourishing; developing analytical abilities and critical thinking using data and historical themes. Teaching graduate

students in quantitative and rhetorical methods of research, definition and pursuit of scholarly inquiry.

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I examine how interest groups and influential incumbent agents (i.e. firms) attempt to employ political institutions to create and maintain regulatory cartels or otherwise restrict market entry and competition, and how trade openness affects their ability to stabilize the political coalitions necessary to maintain their influence in shaping domestic regulations to their benefit. I hypothesize that trade openness makes it more difficult for purely domestic actors to maintain regulatory cartels with respect to domestic economic regulations, and they will then attempt to coordinate regionally or transnationally/internationally in pursuit of their interests. On a longer-term basis, this research can contribute to an understanding of how institutions emerge, what causes them to change and how the direction of change is affected as actors respond to crisis, versus non-crisis / relatively stable, periods. For the future, I am also pondering ways to measure the impact of divergent foundational understandings (i.e., common law conventions reconciling with civil code based authorities, countries with bills of rights or charters of rights, judicial independence, monetary policy.) and further explore both efficient and counterproductive aspects of regulatory power in fostering human flourishing.

To tie theoretical advancement in this area with as much general applicability as possible, with explanatory power at the international/ transnational and national level, I will seek funding for field work to the EU to discuss with practitioners (regulators, judges, and elected officials) how regulatory decisions are made, to flesh out my understanding and interpretation of the data for describing conclusions. My experience as an interviewer for the Wisconsin Survey Research Lab developed the expertise to construct and conduct structured interviews with follow-up loops, to gather first person information in an organized fashion and provide anecdotal interpretive support for the data profiled in the analysis chapters.

## **Other Training & Experience**

Interviewer, Wisconsin Survey Research Lab

United States Army, deployed to Iraq as a LNO working in Human Resources.

Leadership Development Course, U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas

Supervisor Development Course, Army Institute for Professional Development, Newport News, Virginia

Manager Development Course, Army Institute for Professional Development, Newport News, Virginia

Human Resource Specialist Course, U.S. Army, Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Materiel Control and Accounting Specialist Course, U.S. Army, Fort Lee, Virginia

Hazardous Material Handling Course (HAZMAT), U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas

Standard Army Training System Course, U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas