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## Education

Doctoral Student of Political Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. (ABD)

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

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

Graduate Student of Political Science, Tarleton State University, Killeen, Texas site

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

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

## RESEARCH

### Dissertation

*A comparative analysis of the impact of trade openness on domestic economic regulations and regulatory policy from the perspective of bureaucratic politics.* In developing the analysis of this subfield, my cases comprise the European Union and the Tianjin special economic zone in China, as well as the American institutional history of the regulatory state, with the interplay of elected officials, regulatory agencies, and major industry firms and cartels. My quantitative data chapter covers a range of developed and less developed countries using propensity score matching analysis.

### 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)

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 Haeffele, Abigail R. Hall, and Adam Millsap. Roman & Littlefield (London)

### Conference & Seminar Presentations

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

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

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

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

Paper, “State Autonomy and Commerce in 12<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantium,” presented at the Association of Private Enterprise Education, Lahaina, HI, 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

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

“The Use of Knowledge in Human Development”

“The Impact of Regulation on Entrepreneurship and Human Development”

“The Impact of Judicial Independence and Integrity on Domestic Economic Regulations”

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellowship, 2019-2020, funded.

Bastiat Research Fellowship, 2017-2018, funded.

IHS Research Fellowship, 2017-2018, funded.

APEE Young Scholar’s Program award, April 9-12, 2017, funded.

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, Virginia, funded.

Bastiat Fellowship Colloquium, Regulation Studies, February 5-6, 2016, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia, funded.

Conference funding, 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, Virginia, funded.

APEE Conference, April 12-April 14, 2015, Cancun Mexico. Funded by the Free Market Institute and the APEE Young Scholar’s Program

Tarleton State University (Killeen) Award for Outstanding Graduate Scholarship in Political Science, 2012

## 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. Ongoing research in institutional development from a historical perspective.

**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 analytical methods of research; definition and pursuit of scholarly inquiry.

**Dissertation**, ABD. The research is a comparative analysis of the impact of trade openness on domestic economic regulations and regulatory politics. In exploring in this field from the perspective of institutional political economy, my cases analyze the European Union and the Tianjin special economic zone 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. My quantitative data chapter covers a range of developed and less developed countries using propensity score matching analysis.

I examined how interest groups and influential incumbent agents (i.e. firms) attempt to employ political institutions to create and sustain regulatory cartels or otherwise restrict market entry and competition, and how trade openness affects their ability to maintain the political coalitions necessary to maintain influence in shaping domestic regulations to their benefit. This research supported the notion that trade openness makes it more difficult for purely domestic actors to sustain regulatory cartels with respect to domestic economic regulations, and they would then attempt to shift their strategy in pursuit of their interests. This study also contributes 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.

## Graduate coursework

Liberal Political Thought (TSU)  
International Relations of the Middle East (TSU)  
Origins of Conservatism (TSU)  
Political Decision Making (TSU)

Conflict Studies (TSU)  
Religion in World Politics (TSU)  
Studies in Political Ethics (TSU)  
Politics of Human Development (TSU)  
Constitutional Law (TSU)  
Pro-Seminar American Politics (TTU)  
Research Design (TTU)  
Data Analysis (TTU)  
Pro-Seminar in International Relations (TTU)  
Pro-Seminar in Comparative Politics (TTU)  
Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (TTU)  
Seminar in Political Behavior (TTU)  
International Organizations (TTU)  
Topic in American Government: Distributive Politics (TTU)  
Research: Economics of Regulation (TTU)  
Colloquium in Political Science (TTU)  
International Political Economy (TTU)  
Topic in Comparative Government: Mass Political Behavior (TTU)  
Austrian Economics (TTU)  
Topic in Comparative Government: Comparative Political Economy (TTU)  
Research: Judicial Behavior (TTU)  
Topic in International Relations: International Conflict Management & Resolution (TTU)  
Topic in Comparative Government: Polycentric Governance (TTU)  
Advanced Political Analysis: Time Series (TTU)  
International Development / Food & Fiber (TTU)  
Politics of Trade and Regulations (TTU)  
Topic in Comparative Government: Public Choice (TTU)

## **Other Training & Experience**

Interviewer, Wisconsin Survey Research Lab  
United States Army, deployed to Iraq 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