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DOCTORAL STUDIES

Ph.D. in Economics George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 1999 to present
Dissertation: "Campaign Finance, Electoral Competition and Economic Policy"
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Primary fields: Public Economics, Political Economy/Public Choice
Secondary fields: Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics
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PREDOCTORAL STUDIES

M.A. in Economics George Mason University 2002
ICPSR Summer Program Scholar University of Michigan–Ann Arbor 2001
Advanced Topics in Economics Summer School ISEG, Lisbon, Portugal 2000
Scholarship and the Free Society Seminar University of Virginia 2000
B.A. in Economics Universidad de las Américas–Puebla, México 1999
International Studies Summer School El Colegio de México, México 1993 and 1995

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Macroeconomic Principles, Lecturer George Mason University Summer 2003
Econometrics I (Ph.D. level), Teaching Assistant George Mason University Spring 2003
Microeconomics (MA level), Lecturer Universidad de las Américas Summer 2001/02
Industrial Organization (Undergraduate), Lecturer Universidad de las Américas Summer 2002
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Teaching Assistant Universidad de las Américas Fall 1995
Basic Economics (High School), Lecturer Instituto Carlos Pereyra 1993-1994
Microeconomic Principles, Teaching Assistant Universidad de las Américas Fall 1993

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Prof. Thomas Stratmann James M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy
Political economy of campaign finance George Mason University 2002-2003
Research Assistant to Prof. Sharon Brown School of Management
Financial microstructure and regulation George Mason University 2001-2002
Public Investments Planning Supervisor State Ministry of Finance
State and municipal investments planning Puebla, México 1998-1999
Budget Planning Research Intern Federal Ministry of the Treasury and Public Credit
Federal public expenditure decentralization México City Summer 1995
Research Assistant to Prof. Fausto Hernandez T. Department of Economics
Analysis of the Mexican financial system Universidad de las Américas Spring 1994

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

James M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy Fellowship George Mason University 2002-2003
School of Management Graduate Assistantship George Mason University 2001-2002
National Science and Technology Council Scholarship CONACYT, México 1999-2003

WORKING PAPERS

"Campaign finance law and economic policy in the states, 1950-1999" (Job market paper)

Do campaign finance laws affect policy choices? This paper presents evidence on the effect of campaign contribution limits on state fiscal policy from 1950 to 1999 in all US states. To do so, we exploit the cross-state variation of limits on contributions from individuals, corporations and labor unions during the period. Results indicate that more stringent contribution limits are correlated with larger spending per capita, and lower taxes, relative to unregulated states. The result for taxes is sensitive to the majority party in the House: In states with contribution limits, Republican Houses tax less, but Democrat Houses tax more, than states with no contribution limits.

"Competition policy for elections: Do campaign contributions limits matter?"

(With Thomas Stratmann).

This paper examines whether campaign contribution restrictions have consequences for election outcomes. States are a natural laboratory to examine this issue. We analyze state House elections from 1980 to 2001 and determine whether candidates' vote shares are altered by changes in state campaign contribution restrictions. We find that limits on giving narrow the margin of victory. Limits lead to closer elections for future incumbents, but have less effect on the margin of victory of incumbents who passed the campaign finance legislation. Contribution limits also increase the number of incumbent defeats and we find some evidence that they increase the number of candidates in the race.

"Campaign finance law and primary elections competition"

(In progress)

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

"Campaign finance and economic policy in the states, 1950-1999." Presented at:

Public Choice Society Meetings, Nashville, TN.

March 2003

James M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy *Brown Bag Seminar*.

October 2002

"Competition policy for elections: Do campaign contributions limits matter?"

(With Thomas Stratmann) Presented at:

American Economic Association Meetings, Washington, DC

January 2003

Public Choice Society Meetings, San Diego, CA.

March 2002

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REFERENCES

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