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**DESIRED RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:**

**PRIMARY**

Political Economics  
Industrial Organization

**SECONDARY**

Applied Econometrics

**FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION:**

Political Economics, Industrial Organization

**DISSERTATION TITLE:** "Causes and Consequences of Money in Politics"

Expected Date of Completion:

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Principal Advisor:

Professor Gerard Roland

Other References:

Professors Alan Auerbach and Ernesto Dal Bo and Clifford Winston

**PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:**

Massachusetts Inst. of Technology  
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**DEGREE**

S.B.  
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2003  
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**FIELD**

Mathematics  
Economics

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**RESEARCH:**

Research Assistant, Brookings Institution (2003 – 2005)

Research with Senior Fellow Clifford Winston on Applied Microeconomics and Political Economics

**TEACHING:**

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley

American Economic History (Fall 2006, Fall 2007), Intermediate Microeconomics (Spring 2007, Spring 2008), Advanced Microeconomic Theory (Fall 2008)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, MIT

Statistics and Probability (Fall 2002)

**PUBLICATIONS:**

"On the Social Desirability of Urban Rail Transit Systems."

With Clifford Winston, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2007, vol. 62 (3), pp. 362-382.

"An Exploration of the Offset Hypothesis Using Disaggregate Data: The Case of Airbags and Antilock Brakes"

With Clifford Winston and Fred Mannering, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 2006, vol. 32 (1), pp. 83-99.

**PAPERS:**

"Buying the Legislative Agenda: Theory and Evidence" (Job Market Paper)

"Political Expenditures and Power Laws" (in preparation)

"Interest Group Behavior and the Persistent Inefficiencies of Public Policy", with Clifford Winston (in preparation)

"Duopoly Equilibrium Over Time in the Railroad Industry," with Clifford Winston and Scott Dennis, Revised and Resubmitted, *Rev. of Economic Studies*

"Long Run Effects of Mergers: The Case of US Western Railroads," with Clifford Winston and Scott Dennis, Submitted

"Measuring Lawyers' Rents," with Clifford Winston and Robert W. Crandall

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

2009 UC Berkeley Institute for Government Studies Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship

2009 UC Berkeley Institute of Business and Economic Research Dissertation Research Award

2009 UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship

2007-2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley

2007 Grace Katagiri Prize for best Empirical Paper by a UC Berkeley Graduate Student

2003 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, MIT

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