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**a. Date of birth**

Sololá, Guatemala, 1977

**b. University education**

2006. George Mason University (GMU), Fairfax, VA. USA.

PhD, Economics. M.A. Economics.

Dissertation research: “Three essays on economic anthropology: Economic development in three Colombian communities.”

Adviser: Dr. Tyler Cowen (contact information below).

1996 - 2000. Francisco Marroquín University (UFM), Guatemala

B.A. Economics (Valedictorian, Summa Cum Laude).

**c. GPA**

97 (Undergraduate studies)

3.80 (Graduate studies)

**d. Languages**

Spanish and English

**e. Academic experience**

Fall 2006. Ashesi University, Ghana

Visiting Professor of socio-economic development and macroeconomics

Summer 2006. GMU, Fairfax, VA. USA.

Adjunct lecturer of microeconomic principles

Spring 2005. GMU, Fairfax, VA. USA.

Adjunct lecturer of African economic development

Summer 2005. GMU, Fairfax, VA. USA.

Adjunct lecturer of macroeconomic principles

2002 - 2005. GMU, Fairfax, VA. USA.  
Research assistant: Institutional economics and economic development.

2001. UFM, Guatemala.  
Co-editor: *Apuntes de Economía y Política* (Essays in Economics and Politics).  
Department of Political Studies and International Relations.

1999 - 2001. UFM, Guatemala.  
Course assistant: Economics, econometrics, and strategic alliances.

#### **f. Other experience**

2001. Bancafe, S. A., Guatemala.  
Economic analyst: macroeconomic, international economics, industrial organization, market risk, and Latin American economies.

2001. GETSA, Guatemala.  
Senior consultant: Economics of health and development.

#### **g. Awards**

2003 - 2004. Global Prosperity Fellow: The Mercatus Center, GMU.

2003. Bradley Fellow, GMU.

2003. Vision Award for academic excellence, GMU.

1996 - 1997. Dr. Cofiño Scholarship.  
Academic excellence award of Centro Universitario Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala.

1996 - 2000. Academic Talent Scholarship.  
Department of economics and business administration. UFM, Guatemala

1999 - 2000. Berlitz Fellow. Guatemala

#### **h. Publications**

##### **Books**

*Invisible hand: The wealth of Adam Smith.* Honolulu: University Press of the Pacific, September 2002 (editor).

##### **Journal Articles**

“A supply and demand approach to the institutional performance of Haiti.”  
*Latin American Journal of Economic Development*, 4, 2005.

##### **Book chapters**

“Wayúu crafts: A dilemma of culture and development.” In D. Wood (Ed.), *Research in Economic Anthropology* (REA), 25. Greenwich, Connecticut: Elsevier/JAI Press, forthcoming.

Articles under review:

“Successful management of diamond revenues in Botswana: Institutions, State development, or political coalitions” (with A. Poteete). Prepared for presentation at the 2005 American Political Science Association Meeting in Washington, D. C., Earlier version available at <http://www.mercatus.org/pdf/materials/1355.pdf>

“Simon and Becker visit the Amazon: What does individual behavior have to say about development?”

“Strategic behavior: Indigenous groups in the market place.”

“Social, economic, and technological change in La Chamba, Colombia.”

Book review: Michael F. Brown: 2003. *Who owns native culture?* Harvard University Press. Cambridge, Massachusetts, xii + 315 pp., ISBN 06740117106.

#### Other articles

“Extending the analysis: Dominican Republic: An assessment of the USAID investors roadmap and an alternative new institutional economics perspective on the barriers to entrepreneurship” (with D. Harper, and D. Aycinena) 2003. Available at: <http://www.mercatus.org/pdf/materials/432.pdf>

“The effect of the minimum wage in the labor market: A complex perspective” (with H. Potter). Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the European Social Simulation Association in Valladolid, Spain, September 2004. Available at: <http://www.mercatus.org/pdf/materials/766.pdf>

“Breve análisis económico del sufragio universal” (A brief economic analysis of the universal suffrage). *Apuntes de Economía y Política*, Journal of the Department of Political Studies and International Relations, UFM, Guatemala. October 2002.

“Uso de principios económicos en el análisis del sufragio universal y en la descripción de mecanismos alternos de elección” (Using economic principles in the analysis of the universal suffrage and the description of alternative mechanisms of election). Undergraduate thesis. UFM. Guatemala 2001.

#### Newspapers articles

“Bosque o propiedad: derechos de propiedad y la tragedia de los comunes” (Forest or petroleum: property rights and the tragedy of the commons) *El Único* and *El Periódico*. Guatemala, June 2000.

### **i. Working papers**

“Where did the miracle come from? Explaining Botswana’s economic success.” Paper presented at Public Choice Society Meeting in New Orleans, March 2005;

and at the Canadian Association for African Studies meeting, Concordia University April 2006.

“Agent-based models as a framework to analyze collaborative circles.”

“Mapping rational expectations in the history of economic thought: A review essay of Steven Sheffrin’s *Rational expectations*.”

“Understanding Don Quixote of La Mancha: An economic approach.”

#### **j. Other presentations**

“Social structure, craft production, and development: The case of the Wayúu of Colombia.” Prepared for presentation at the conference “Old economy regions in the new economy: A north-south dialogue on social, cultural, and economic issues.” Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. March 2006.

“Social, economic, and technological change in La Chamba, Colombia.” Presented at Aid to Artisans’ office, Bogotá, Colombia, March 2006, and in Hartford, CT. March 2006.

“Do divided governments create more deficits? A computer simulation approach.” Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the European Social Simulation Association in Valladolid, Spain. September 2004.

#### **k. Field work**

Dissertation fieldwork:

Summer, Fall 2005 and Spring 2006, Colombia: “Three essays on economic anthropology: Economic development in three Colombian communities.”

Fieldwork conducted as a Global Prosperity Fellow, Mercatus Center at GMU: Summer 2004, Botswana: “Why Botswana escapes the resource curse?”

Summer 2003, The Dominican Republic: “Extending the analysis: Dominican Republic: An assessment of the USAID investors roadmap and an alternative new institutional economics perspective on the barriers to entrepreneurship.”

#### **l. Translations**

Smith, Vernon. “Qué es economía experimental?” (What is experimental economics?). *Apuntes del CENES* 39. Escuela de Economía, UPTC - Tunja, Colombia.

#### **m. Memberships**

Canadian Association of African Studies

European Social Simulation Association

Phi Beta Delta; honor Society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education, GMU.

Center for the Analysis of Public Decisions. UFM, Guatemala.

**n. Seminars and conferences**

American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004.

International Association for the Study of Common Property: Age of global transition: Challenges, risks, and opportunities. Oaxaca, August 2004.

The Virginia Political Economy, conducted by Dr. James Buchanan, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Economic Science, GMU. March 2003.

Mont Pélerin Society, annual meeting, Santiago de Chile. November 2000.

Liberty Fund Colloquium on patents and copyrights. Guatemala. October 2000.

The Foundation for Economic Education and GMU, "Public choice outreach program." Fairfax, Virginia. June 2000.

"Salario mínimo, medida económica o política?" (Minimum wage: Economic or political measure?). Rafael Landívar University. Guatemala, March 2000.

International Society for Individual Liberty. XVII World Convention, San José, Costa Rica. August 1999.

Institute for Humane Studies, "Exploring libertarian perspectives", Pitzer College, Claremont, California. June 1998.

Internship at International Business and Taxation Publishers. Panama City. December 1999.

**o. References**

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