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**EDUCATION** **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
PhD Political Science (expected, 2012)  
Major Field: Comparative Politics  
Minor Field: Methods, Population Studies  
M.A. Political Science (2009)  
Thesis: "The Emergence of Three Worlds of Welfare"  
Committee: John D. Stephens (Chair), David Brady, and Evelyne Huber

**Cornell University**  
B.A. Government, with Distinction (2005)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Welfare States, Political Economy, Demography, Methods

**HONORS AND AWARDS** **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
2009 Predoctoral Traineeship at the Carolina Population Center for 2009–2010  
2008 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Swedish

**Cornell University**  
2005 Admitted to Phi Beta Kappa, Theta of New York Chapter  
2005 Admitted to Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Beta Eta Chapter

**PAPERS IN PREPARATION** Danforth, Benjamin T. "The Determinants of Social-Insurance Generosity in 18 OECD Countries."

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE** **Teaching**  
2009 Teaching Assistant, POLI 238: Contemporary Latin American Politics  
2008 Teaching Assistant, POLI 100: Introduction to Government in the United States  
2008 Grader, POLI 431: African Politics and Society  
2007 Grader, POLI 150: International Relations and World Politics

**Administration**  
2006 – 2007 Assistant Web Programmer, World Learning (Brattleboro, VT)  
2005 – 2006 Presidential Intern (Web Development), American University in Cairo (Cairo, Egypt)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
2009 – Present Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Federation  
2009 – Present Member, 91st Student Congress

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP** American Political Science Association  
Population Association of America

METHODS TRAINING	Statistics I & II Game Theory Generalized Linear Models	Time Series Bayesian Statistics
LANGUAGE SKILLS	Swedish: Proficient	Colloquial Egyptian Arabic: Basic
COMPUTER SKILLS	Statistical Packages: R, BUGS, and Stata Web: XHTML, CSS, JavaScript, ColdFusion, PHP, MySQL, and SQL Applications: L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, OpenOffice, Microsoft Office Operating Systems: Mac OS X, Unix/Linux, Windows	
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