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Curriculum vitae

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor*, Göteborgs Universitet (The University of Gothenburg, Sweden). Fall 2011- present
- Research Fellow*, The Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden Fall 2007- Fall 2011
- Assistant Professor*, Göteborgs Universitet (The University of Gothenburg, Sweden).
- Visiting Lecturer*, Department of Political Science University of Memphis, Memphis, TN. Fall 2006-Spring 2007
- Music/ Language Teacher TASIS Switzerland, (Lugano) Summer 2000, 2003

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL Summer 2007
- M.A., University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI Spring 2002
- B.A., University of Maine, Orono, ME (music - piano & voice) Spring 2000

GRANTS

1. European Commission Commission Directorate-General Regional Policy (500,000 Euros)
Title: "Measuring the quality of government and sub-national variation" (principle investigator with Victor Lapuente)
From Dec. 2009 through Jan. 2011
2. European Commission's Socio-Economic Sciences and Humanities, 7th Framework Programme (800,000 Euros)
Title: "Measuring Corruption and its Correlates at the Sub-National Level in Europe" (principle investigator)
From Feb. 2012 through Jan 2014

BOOKS

Charron, Nicholas, Victor Lapuente and Bo Rothstein eds. 'Measuring the Quality of Government in the European Union: A Comparative Analysis of National and Regional Variation'
Forthcoming 2012. *Edward Elgar Publishing*

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 Bauer, Monika, Nicholas Charron and Nagmeh Nasirtuosi. "Does Corruption Cause Aid Fatigue?"
Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*
- 2012 Charron, Nicholas, Carl Dahlström and Victor Lapuente. "No Law Without a State".
Forthcoming at *Comparative Journal of Economics*

- 2011 Charron, Nicholas. "Party Systems, Electoral Formulas and Constraints on Corruption." Forthcoming at *Electoral Studies*
- 2011 Charron, Nicholas and Victor Lapuente. "Opening the Darkest Box: Explaining Variation in Government in non-Democracies" *Studies of Comparative International Development*. Vol 46 (4)
- 2011 Charron, Nicholas. "Exploring the Impact of Foreign Aid on Corruption – Has the 'Anti-Corruption' Movement Been Effective?" *Developing Economies*. Vol 49 (1): 66-88
- 2010 Charron, Nicholas and Victor Lapuente. "Does Democracy Produce Quality of Government?" *European Journal of Political Research*. Vol. 49 (4): 443-470.
- 2010 Charron, Nicholas. "Déjà vu All Over Again: A Post-Cold War Empirical Test of Huntington's Civilizational Theory". *Cooperation and Conflict*. Vol 45 (1): 107-127
- 2010 Charron, Nicholas. "The Correlates of Corruption in India: Analysis and Evidence from the States". *Asian Journal of Political Science* Vol. 18 (2): 177 – 194
- 2009 Charron, Nicholas. "Government Quality and Vertical Power Sharing in Fractionalized States". *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol 39 (4): 585-605
- 2009 Charron, Nicholas. "The Impact of Socio-Political Integration and Press Freedom on Corruption." *Journal of Development Studies*. Vol 45 (9): 1-22.

Revise & Re-Submits

Charron, Nicolas and Victor Lapuente. "Why do Some Regions in Europe Have Higher Quality of Government?". Revise and re-submit at the *Journal of Politics*

Charron, Nicholas, Lewis Dykstra and Victor Lapuente. "Bringing the Regions Back In: A Study of Sub-National Variation in Quality of Government in 172 EU Regions." Revise and re-submit at *Regional Studies*

BOOK CHAPTERS

Charron, Nicholas and Victor Lapuente. "In Democracy We Trust, But How Much? Political Regimes and Quality of Government." in 'Quality of Government in a Comparative Perspective' Bo Rothstein and Sören Holmberg, eds. Forthcoming 2012 *Edward Elgar Publishing*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Charron, Nicholas., V. Lapuente and B. Rothstein. 2011. "Korruption i Europa. En analys av samhällsstyrningens kvalitet på nationell och regional nivå i EU:s medlemsstater." Published by Svenska Institutet för Europapolitiska Studier (SIEPS), Stockholm, Sweden. Available at: <http://www.sieps.se/sv/seminarier/17-juni-korruption-i-europa>

Charron, Nicholas., V. Lapuente and B. Rothstein (eds.) "Measuring the quality of government and sub-national variation". Report for the European Commission Directorate-General Regional Policy and Directorate Policy

Development, EU 2010, Brussels.

Charron, Nicholas. 2010. "Bolzano" and "Campania" in Charron, N., V. Lapuente and B. Rothstein (eds.) *Measuring the Quality of Government in the EU and Sub-national Variation*, Report for the European Commission Directorate-General Regional Policy and Directorate Policy Development, EU 2010, Brussels.

Charron, Nicholas. "Run-off Electoral System for Governor Would Let the Majority Rule". Editorial article in the *Portland Press Herald*, published November 10, 2010.

Charron, Nicholas. "A Vicious Cycle: Corruption and Country Development". *Work Style Magazine* (invited publication), published Sept. 2011.

DATA SETS

"The European Union Quality of Government Index (EQI) and its Correlates". Available for 27 countries and 172 regions in the EU. Download at: <http://nicholascharron.wordpress.com/current-projects/>

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW & WORKING PAPERS

Charron, Nicholas, Victor Lapuente and Marina Nistotskaya. "The Wealth of Regions: Government Quality and Entrepreneurship in Europe."

Charron, Nicholas. "The Effect of Electoral Institutions on Budget Stability in U.S. States: Majoritarian vs. Plurality Systems"

Charron, Nicholas and Victor Lapuente. "Party Institutionalization and Government Performance: The Effect of Party Strength on Governance in the United States: 1890-2008"

Charron, Nicholas. "Foreign Aid, Government Expenditures and Corruption in Developing Countries" Quality Under review at *Journal of Development Studies*

Charron, Nicholas. "How Does a Region Remain Clean From Corruption in an Otherwise Corrupt Country? The Case of Bolzano, Italy"

Charron, Nicholas and Luis di Suosa. "Exploring Anti-Corruption Agencies: A New Cross-National Dataset for 18 Agencies"

Charron, Nicholas. "The Quality of Quality of Government Data"

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Explaining the Emergence Anti-Corruption Parties as a New Party Type: Conceptualization and Analysis" (with Andreas Bågenholm). The Quality of Government annual conference, Munich, Germany, Dec. 2011.

"Measuring Quality of Government: Data, Methods and Critiques". Invited guest at University of Cologne, Dept. of Economics and Social Sciences, Germany. Dec. 2011

"Why do Some Regions in Europe Have Higher Quality of Government?" Paper presented at the

Annual *Midwest Political Science Association* conference, Chicago, IL, March-April, 2011.

Winner: Pi Sigma Alpha award for best conference paper.

"No Law Without a State" (with Carl Dahlström and Victor Lapuente). Paper presented at the Annual Structure & Organization of Government (SOG). Hosted by the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany, November 2010.

"The Correlates of Sub-National Level Quality of Government in the European Union" (with Lewis Dykstra and Victor Lapuente). Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Sept. 2010

"The Quality of Quality of Government Data" Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Sept. 2010

"No Law Without a State" (with Carl Dahlström and Victor Lapuente). Paper presented at the Quality of Government Annual conference. Marstrand, Sweden, May 2010

"Which Dictatorships Produce Quality of Government?" (with Victor Lapuente). Paper Presented at the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, Feb. 2010.

"Opening the Darkest Box: Explaining Variation in Government Quality in non-Democracies" (with Victor Lapuente). Paper presented at the *Governing Good and Governing Well* conference. Sponsored by VU University Amsterdam University, The Netherlands, May 2009. *Winner of Best Paper Award*

"The Effect of Development Aid and Government Expenditures on Corruption in Developing Countries?" Paper Presented at the *International Studies Association*, New York City, NY, Feb. 2009.

"Opening the Darkest Box: Explaining Variation in Government Quality in non-Democracies" (with Victor Lapuente). Paper presented at the *Quality of Government* Annual conference. Tallinn, Estonia. Dec. 2008.

"Democracy and Quality of Government". Paper presented at the *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. August 2008

"Multilateral and Bilateral Foreign Aid Strategies – Which (if any) is More Effective in Combating Corruption?" Paper Presented at the *International Studies Association*, San Francisco, CA, March 2008.

"Power Sharing, Ethno-linguistic Fractionalization and Government Quality" Paper presented at the *Northeast Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2007

"Power Sharing, Ethno-linguistic Fractionalization and Government Quality" Paper presented at the *Quality of Government* Annual conference. Nice, France, October 2007.

"Party Systems and Electoral Volatility in Post-Communist, Eastern and Central Europe: 1990-2003". Paper presented at the Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2006.

“Déjà vu All Over Again: A Post-Cold War Empirical Test of Huntington’s Civilizational Theory”. Paper Presented at the *International Studies Association*, San Diego, CA, March 2006.

“A Re-Examination of the Effects of Federalism on Government Fiscal Policy: 1975-2000” Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA 2006.

"An Examination of the Joint Impact of Globalization and Inequality on Government Spending" Paper presented at the *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2005.

MEDIA APPEARENCES

“Here, There: Why There Is No Swedish Rod Blagojevich” National Public Radio (NPR) Worldview. December 18, 2008. (Radio interview)

“Run-off Elections for Govenor Would Let the Majority Rule” Portland Press Herald (Portland, ME) November 10, 2010. (Newspaper editorial)

“De Neokonservativa Vädrar Morgonluft“. (The Neoconservatives Prepare for a Comeback). *Flamman* (Sweden) November 26, 2010.

“Demokrati hjälper inte mot korruption Så rättvist är Europa” (Democracy doesn’t help against corruption - this is how fair Europe is). *Sydsvenskan* (Malmö, Sweden), June 24, 2011

"Governance in Authoritarian Countries" Article in *Foreign Policy* (Washington, D.C.), forthcoming.

TEACHING INTRESTS

Comparative Politics

Politics of Europe and the E.U.

Scandinavian Politics

U.S. Politics and Institutions

Quality of Government and Governance

Comparative Political Economy and Development

Comparative Institutions - Electoral Systems, Federalism and Sub-national governments

International Relations

IR Theory

International Organizations and Institutions

International Conflict

American Foreign Policy

Israeli Politics

Research Methods (graduate and undergraduate)

COURES TAUGHT

Graduate Level

“Global Democracy and Security” (Göteborg University)

“The Quality of Government in Comparative Perspective” (Göteborg University)
"Theoretical and Historical Perspectives on Global Governance" (Göteborg University)
“Graduate Scope and Methods in Political Science Research” (University of Memphis)

Undergraduate Level

“Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective” (Göteborg University)
"Role of International Institutions in International Relations" (Göteborg University)
“International Conflict” (University of Memphis)
“Comparative West European Politics” (Florida State University)
“Introduction to Comparative Politics” (Florida State University)
“Introduction to International Relations” (Florida State University & Memphis)
“Undergraduate Research Methods” (Teaching assistant with Bumba Mukherjee)
"American Foreign Policy" (Göteborg University)

PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Online Editor and Monthly Contributor to *Transparency International's* Anti Corruption Research Network (ACRN). Spring 2010 - Present

Panel Discussant & Chair, Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Comparative Democratization Division. Washington, D.C. Sept. 2010

Panel Discussant & Chair, Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Comparative Development Division. Boston, MA, August 2008.

Committee Member for *Nordic International Studies Association*

Reviewer for:

European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Politics, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Cooperation and Conflict, Journal of Developing Areas, Canadian Journal of Political Science, and Social Science Quarterly

Professional Memberships:

American Political Science Association, Nordic International Studies Association

ADVISING

Master's Thesis, Dimitar Popovski, Göteborg University, 2011

Master's Thesis, Sara Terring, Göteborg University, 2011

Master's Thesis, Mauricio Hernandez, Göteborg University, 2010

Master's Thesis, Committee Member, Jennifer Downs, University of Memphis, Spring 2007.

Senior Thesis, Betia Volavik, Göteborg University, 2009.

Senior Thesis, Jessica Unthank, University of Memphis Fall 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Pi Sigma Alpha award for best conference paper. Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 2011.

Florida State University, Graduate Student Teaching of the Year (nominee). Spring 2005

Full tuition waiver, Department of Political Science, Florida State University, 2003-2007.

Full tuition waiver, Department of Political Science, University of Rhode Island, 2001-2002.

Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Honor Society, awarded 2001 (University of Rhode Island)

COMPUTER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Explorer and word processing
Advanced Knowledge of STATA

LANGUAGES

Swedish: fluent (C2 level speaking, reading, writing)

Italian: advanced (C1 level speaking, reading)

References:

1. Bo Rothstein, August Röhss' Professor in Political Science at University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

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2. Dale Smith, Chair, Department of Political Science, Florida State University.

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3. Shannon Blanton, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Programs and Professor of Political Science, University of Memphis.

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