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EDUCATION

Doctoral Candidate, Political Science, expected January 2010

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Dissertation Title: “Give me your young, your educated, and your talented: Explaining the international diffusion of the points immigration system”

Abstract: The project seeks to explain the global spread of the points immigration system—a selection instrument through which states target highly skilled migrants—through the theoretical lens of international relations. In this regard, I test diffusion theories of competition, learning, and emulation using case studies of Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Dissertation Committee: Aaron M. Hoffman and Harry R. Targ (co-chairs), S. Laurel Weldon, Brigitte S. Waldorf, William A. Masters

Sub-fields: International Relations (Major), Comparative Politics (Minor), Agricultural Economics (Minor)

Masters of Arts, Political Science, May 2006

Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN

Bachelor of Arts, Modern Languages and Literatures, June 2003

Magna Cum Laude

City University of New York, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Politics, International Political Economy, International Migration, International Development, Comparative Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Duncan, Natasha T. and Brigitte S. Waldorf. 2009. “Becoming a US Citizen: The Role of Immigrant Enclaves.” *Cityscape*, forthcoming.

Hoffman, Aaron, Christopher Agnew, Justin J. Lehmillier and Natasha T. Duncan. 2009. “Satisfaction, Alternatives, Investments and the Microfoundations of Audience Cost Models.” *International Interactions*, forthcoming.

Agnew, Christopher, Aaron Hoffman, Justin J. Lehmler and Natasha T. Duncan. 2007. "From the Interpersonal to the International: Understanding Commitment to the War on Terror." *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* 33(11): 1559-1571.

Duncan, Natasha T. and Dwayne Woods. 2007. "What about Us: the Anglo-Caribbean Democratic Experience." *Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 45(2): 202-218.

Book Chapter

Duncan, Natasha T. 2008. "Brain Drains, Brain Gains, and Migration Policies." In *Migration and Human Capital*, eds. Jacques Poot, Brigitte Waldorf, and Leo van Wissen. Edward Elgar, 259-280.

Working Paper

Duncan, Natasha T. and Brigitte S. Waldorf. 2008. "Immigrant Assimilation: Do Neighborhoods Matter?" *Working Paper* Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Duncan, Natasha T. and Brigitte Waldorf. "Competition for Global Talent: the Effects of Immigration Policies." To be presented at the North American Regional Science Council Conference, San Francisco, CA, November, 2009.

Duncan, Natasha T. and Brigitte Waldorf. "Immigrant Assimilation in Urban Neighborhoods." Presented at the North American Regional Science Council Conference, New York, NY, November, 2008.

Duncan, Natasha T. "Migration and the Global Economy: The Caribbean Case." Presented at the American Studies Conference at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September, 2008.

Duncan, Natasha T. "Network Effects: The Diaspora and US-Caribbean Trade Relations." Presented at the Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Andres, Colombia, May, 2008.

Duncan, Natasha T. "International Labor Competition: Explaining the Timing of Immigration Policy Convergence." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April, 2008.

Duncan, Natasha T. "The Effects of Networks, Level of Development, and Distance on U.S. Immigration." Paper presented at the Social Science Research Council – Mellon Mays Summer Conference, New York, NY, June, 2007.

GRANTS AND HONORS

- Purdue Research Foundation Research Grant, 2009-2010.
- Frank Wilson Field Research Award, Department of Political Science, 2008.
- SSRC-Mellon Mays Predoctoral Research Development Grant, 2008.
- Brown-Forman Corporation Graduate School Travel Grant, 2008.

- SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, 2007.
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow.
- Phi Beta Kappa, initiated 2002.

TEACHING

Independent Instructor, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, Summer 2006 – Fall 2008

- POL 130: Introduction to International Relations (summer 06, fall, 06, spring 07, fall 07, spring 08, fall 08)
- POL 231: Introduction to US Foreign Policy (summer 08)
- POL 141: Governments of the World (summer 07)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN Fall 2004 – Spring 2006, Spring 2009

- POL 130: Introduction to International Relations (fall 04, spring 05, fall 05, spring 06, spring 09)
- POL 430: Challenges to US Foreign Policy (spring 09)
- POL 430: International Human Rights (spring 06)
- POL 491: Senior Seminar in International Terrorism (spring 05)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **SSRC-Mellon Mays** Proposal Writing and Dissertation Development Seminar (PWDDS), Philadelphia, February 2008.
- Learning Styles and College Teaching, Purdue University, Spring 2007.
- Subjective Tests and Assigning Grades Workshop, Purdue University, Fall 2006.
- Classroom Assessment: Finding Out How Well Students are Learning Workshop, Purdue University, Fall 2006.
- Lecturing Techniques Workshop, Purdue University, Fall 2004.

SERVICE

- Department of Political Science Graduate Student Representative, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Recruitment at Duke University, June 2007 and 2008.
- Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2006.
- Co-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Fall 2006.
- International Students and Scholars Orientation Volunteer, Summer 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2008, and Spring 2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Caribbean Studies Association
- Regional Science Association International

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