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Employment

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Education

- Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.
Degree awarded in Political Science, May 1993.
Fields: Political Economy, Latin American Politics, Comparative Politics.
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- B.A. Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
Degree awarded with Highest Distinction in Geography, June 1979.

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