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### Academic Employment

**Singapore Management University**, Singapore 2019-present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science

**Stanford University**, Stanford, CA 2018-19  
Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary Asia, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific  
Research Center

### Education

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY 2018  
Ph.D. & M.A., Government  
*Subfields*: Comparative Politics and International Relations  
Dissertation: *Dilemmas of Opposition: Building Parties and Coalitions in Authoritarian Regimes*  
Committee: Thomas Pepinsky (chair), Kenneth Roberts, Nicolas van de Walle

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI 2012  
M.A., Southeast Asian Studies

**Pitzer College**, Claremont, CA 2005  
B.A., International and Intercultural Studies (Asia Concentration)

### Publications

#### Peer Reviewed

Dettman, Sebastian. "Democratic Reform and Authoritarian Innovations in the 'New Malaysia.'" *Democratization* (forthcoming).

Dettman, Sebastian and Edmund Terence Gomez. 2020. "Political Financing Reform: Politics, Policies, and Patronage in Malaysia." *Journal of Contemporary Asia* Vol 50(1).

Dettman, Sebastian and Meredith Weiss. "Has Patronage Lost its Punch in Malaysia?" *The Round Table* (107):739-754.

Dettman, Sebastian, Thomas Pepinsky, and Jan Pierskalla. 2017. "Incumbency Advantage and Candidate Characteristics in Open-List Proportional Representation Systems: Evidence from Indonesia." *Electoral Studies* Vol. 48:111-120.

Aspinall, Edward, Sebastian Dettman and Eve Warburton. 2011. "When Religion Trumps Ethnicity: A Regional Election Case Study from Indonesia." *South East Asia Research* 19(1):27-58.

### **Working Papers/Under Review**

Ruling Party Defectors and Opposition Success in Authoritarian Regimes

Governing from the Margins: Subnational Office and Opposition Control in Authoritarian Regimes

Resource Shocks and Local Public Goods: A Tale of Two Districts (with Thomas Pepinsky)

### **Non-Peer Reviewed**

"The Malaysian election results were a surprise. Here are 4 things to know." *The Monkey Cage*, May 15, 2018.

"Malaysia's old players in a new game?" *East Asia Forum*. January 1, 2017.

"Malaysia: Chipping Away at the Opposition Before the Next Election." *East Asia Forum*. September 15, 2016. (Originally published under pseudonym)

### **Awards and Fellowships**

Young Southeast Asia Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG)	2018
Boren Fellowship, NSEP	2015-2016
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA)	2015-2016 (declined)
Sumitro Fellowship, The United States-Indonesia Society	2015
Center for the Study of Inequality (CSI) Seed Grant, Cornell University	2015
Graduate School Research Travel Grant, Cornell University	2015
Milton L. Barnett Scholarship, Cornell University	2013, 2014, 2016
Einaudi Center Research Travel Grant, Cornell University	2013, 2014
Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship (with Thomas Pepinsky), Cornell University	2013
Sage Fellowship, Cornell University	2012
Tuition Award, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan	2011
Rackham Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, University of Michigan	2011
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (Vietnamese)	2011

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (Indonesian)	2010-2011
Fulbright Fellowship, English Teaching Assistant (Indonesia)	2005-2006

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor

Political Participation and Policy	Fall 2019
Democracy	Fall 2019 / Spring 2020
The Politics of Democracy in the Global South (Writing Seminar, Cornell University)	Fall 2014

## Presentations

### Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (co-organized panels)	2017-19
Midwest Political Science Association (co-organized panel, 2017)	2014-15, 2017-18
Association for Asian Studies	2013, 2017, 2019
Asian Studies Association of Australia	2016
Graduate Forum, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore	2012
Southeast Asia: Between the Lines, University of Michigan	2011
Canadian Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Toronto	2011
Northeast Conference on Indonesian Studies, Yale University	2011
International Center for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies, Aceh, Indonesia	2011

### Invited Presentations

University of California-Berkeley, Center for Southeast Asian Studies	October 2018
Washington National Guard/Malaysia State Partnership Program	August 2018
Kings and Dictators: The Legacy of Monarchy and the New Authoritarianism in Asia, Cornell University	April 2018
Cornell Southeast Asia Program (SEAP) Gatty Lecture	September 2017
The World Bank, Jakarta	January 2015

## Service and Affiliations

Research Affiliate, University of Malaya, Malaysia	2016
Research Affiliate, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia	2015
Co-Founder of Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAR), University of Michigan	2011
Co-Organizer, "Between the Lines": University of Michigan graduate student conference	2011
Member, American Political Science Association	2013-
Member, Association of Asian Studies	2013-
Editorial Committee member, <i>Inside Indonesia</i>	2008-2010

**Reviewer:** *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Economics & Politics, Journal of Contemporary Asia, Taiwan Journal of Democracy*

## **Research/Professional Experience**

### **Fieldwork**

Indonesia: 2009-2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Malaysia: 2013, 2014, 2015-2016, 2018

The World Bank, Consultant, PNPM Support Facility, Indonesia	2014
The Asia Foundation, Consultant, Indonesia	2012, 2013
Australian National University, Research Consultant, Indonesia	2009, 2012
Global Leadership Project, Country Expert, Indonesia	2012
International Crisis Group, Research Consultant, Indonesia	2009
The Carter Center, Long-Term Election Observer, Indonesia	2009

## **Skills and Additional Training**

### **Languages**

Indonesian (fluent), Malay (advanced), Mandarin (basic)

### **Software**

Stata, Atlas.ti

### **Language, Methods, and Teaching Training**

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	2015
Teaching Writing Program, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University	2014
SEASSI – Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute	2011