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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020- Associate Professor, Political Science and International Affairs,
George Washington University
- 2014-2020 Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Affairs,
George Washington University
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule
of Law, Stanford University

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- 2005 M.A., International and Comparative Education, Stanford University
- 2004 B.A., History and Political Science, Stanford University

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2018. *Money for Votes: The Causes and Consequences of Electoral Clientelism in Africa*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

* Winner of the African Politics Conference Group Award for Best Book Published in 2018.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2020. "Does Public Support for Judicial Power Depend on who is in Political Power? Testing a Theory of Partisan Alignment in Africa," *American Political Science Review* 114 (1): 144-63, with Brandon L. Bartels.

2020. "The Moderating Effect of Debates on Political Attitudes," *American Journal of Political Science* 64 (1): 19-37, with Sarah Brierley and George Ofosu.
2019. "When Does Information Influence Voters: The Joint Importance of Salience and Coordination," *Comparative Political Studies*, Online Early View, with Claire Adida, Jessica Gottlieb, and Gwyneth McClendon.
2019. "(Mis)Measuring Sensitive Attitudes with the List Experiment: Solutions to List Experiment Breakdown in Kenya," *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfz009>, with Keith Weghorst.
2019. "Voter Information Campaigns and Political Accountability: Cumulative Findings from a Pre-registered Meta-analysis of Coordinated Trials," *Science Advances* 5 (7), with Thad Dunning, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan Hyde, Craig McIntosh, Gareth Nellis, Claire L. Adida, Eric Arias, Clara Bicalho, Taylor C. Boas, Mark T. Buntaine, Simon Chauchard, Anirvan Chowdhury, Jessica Gottlieb, F. Daniel Hidalgo, Marcus Holmlund, Ryan Jablonski, Horacio Larreguy, Malte Lierl, John Marshall, Gwyneth McClendon, Marcus A. Melo, Daniel L. Nielson, Paula M. Pickering, Melina R. Platas, Pablo Querubín, Pia Raffler, and Neelanjan Sircar.
2019. "Response Bias in Survey Measures of Voter Behavior: Implications for Measurement and Inference," *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, with Claire Adida, Jessica Gottlieb, and Gwyneth McClendon (peer reviewed research note).
2018. "Segregation, Ethnic Favoritism, and the Strategic Targeting of Local Public Goods," *Comparative Political Studies* 51(9): 1111-43, with Simon Ejdemyr and Amanda Robinson.
2017. "Reducing or Reinforcing In-group Preferences? An Experiment on Information and Ethnic Voting," *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 12 (4): 437-477, with Claire Adida, Jessica Gottlieb, and Gwyneth McClendon.
- * Winner of the African Politics Conference Group Award for Best Article Published in 2017.
2017. "Ethnic Group Institutions and Electoral Clientelism," *Party Politics*, Advance online publication.
2017. "Electoral Fraud or Violence: The Effect of Observers on Party Manipulation Strategies," *British Journal of Political Science*, Advance online publication, with Joseph Asunka, Sarah Brierley, Miriam Golden, and George Ofosu.
2016. "Electoral Handouts as Information: Explaining Unmonitored Vote Buying," *World Politics* 68(3): 454-98.

2016. “Where is Vote Buying Effective? Evidence from a List Experiment in Kenya,” *Electoral Studies* 44: 397-408.

2016. “Ethnic Favoritism in Education in Kenya,” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 11(1): 1-58, with Daniel N. Posner.

2013. “Who Benefits from Distributive Politics? How the Outcomes One Studies Affect the Answer One Gets,” *Perspectives on Politics* 11(2): 461-74, with Daniel N. Posner.

Work in Progress

“Deepening or Diminishing Ethnic Divides? The Impact of Urban Migration in Kenya,” with Sarah Baird, Joan Hamory Hicks, and Edward Miguel, Accepted at *American Journal of Political Science*.

“Party Campaign Strategies: Rallies, Canvassing and Handouts in Ghana,” with Sarah Brierley, Accepted at *African Affairs*.

“Can Principles Protect High Courts from Partisan Backlash? Public Reactions to the Kenyan Supreme Court’s Role in the 2017 Election Crisis,” with Brandon L. Bartels and Jeremy Horowitz.

“All the President’s Justices? The Impact of Presidential Co-Partisanship on Supreme Court Job Approval,” with Brandon L. Bartels.

“The Impact of Presidential Debates in Malawi.”

Book Chapters

2019. “Campaign Strategies in Africa,” in *Handbook of Democratization in Africa*, Gabrielle Lynch and Peter VonDoepp (editors), Routledge.

2019, “Under What Conditions Does Performance Information Influence Voting Behavior? Lessons from Benin,” with Claire Adida, Jessica Gottlieb, and Gwyneth McClendon, in *Information and Accountability: A New Method for Cumulative Learning*, Thad Dunning, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan Hyde, and Craig McIntosh (editors). New York: Cambridge University Press.

2019. “Anthropology and Africanist Political Science,” in *A Companion to the Anthropology of Africa*, Roy Richard Grinker, Stephen C. Lubkemann, Christopher B. Steiner, and Euclides Goncalves (editors). Wiley Blackwell.

2013. "Vote Buying and Electoral Turnout in Kenya," in *Voting and Democratic Representation in Africa*, Michael Bratton (editor). Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Other Publications

2017. "Kenyans vote again today. Here's what they think about the current election crisis," *Washington Post*, October 27, 2017, with Brandon L. Bartels and Jeremy Horowitz.

2012. "Measuring Sensitive Attitudes in Developing Countries: Lessons from Implementing the List Experiment," *Experimental Political Scientist* 3(2): 14-26, with Keith Weghorst.

2011. "Kenya's New Constitution," *Journal of Democracy* 22(2): 89-103, with Daniel N. Posner.

RESEARCH GRANTS

External

2018-19 *International Growth Centre*, "Clientelism and the Politics of Social Protection in Kenya," \$26,000.

2018-19 *National Science Foundation*, "Building Institutional Legitimacy or Inviting Institutional Backlash: Kenya's Supreme Court and the Invalidation of the 2017 Presidential Election," with Brandon L. Bartels and Jeremy Horowitz, \$163,929.

2016-17 *International Growth Centre*, "Do Candidate Debates Strengthen Democracy? A Field Experiment on the Effects of Debates on Voter Behavior and Electoral Accountability," \$25,529.

2016-17 *APSA Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs*, "Do Candidate Debates Strengthen Democracy? A Field Experiment on the Effects of Debates on Voter Behavior and Electoral Accountability," \$5,000.

2014-16 *Evidence in Governance and Politics Metaketa*, "Can Common Knowledge Produce Common Goods? A Field Experiment in an African Democracy," with Claire Adida, Jessica Gottlieb, and Gwyneth McClendon, \$204,341.

2011-12 *National Science Foundation*, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, "Vote Buying and Political Preferences in Africa," \$11,800.

Internal (GWU)

- 2016-17 University Facilitating Fund, “Overcoming Clientelism from the Bottom Up.”
- 2016 Elliott School Faculty Research Fund, “Overcoming Clientelism.”
- 2015 Elliott School Faculty Research Fund, “Vote Buying in Africa.”

AWARDS

Early Career Scholar Award, George Washington University, 2020.

African Politics Conference Group Award for Best Book Published in 2018.

African Politics Conference Group Award for Best Article Published in 2017.

Predocctoral Fellowship, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, 2011-13.

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 London School of Economics, Comparative Politics and African Political Economy Speaker Series.
- 2018 Cornell University, Institute for African Development, Symposium on Democratic Backsliding in Africa.
- 2018 Inter-American Development Bank, Political Economy Seminar.
- 2018 University of Konstanz, Germany, Lecture Series of the MA Program in International Administration and Conflict Management.
- 2017 Cornell University, Institute for African Development, Issues in African Development Seminar.
- 2016 Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop.
- 2016 Georgetown University, Comparative Politics Workshop.
- 2016 University of Virginia, Lansing B. Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics.
- 2016 University of Maryland, Comparative Politics Workshop.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2019. “Local Politics and Social Program Implementation in Kenya,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2019.
2019. “Can Principles Protect High Courts from Partisan Backlash? Public Reactions to the Kenyan Supreme Court’s Role in the 2017 Election Crisis,” with Brandon L. Bartels and Jeremy Horowitz, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2019.
2019. “Presidential Debates in Malawi: Research Design,” Evidence in Governance and Politics meeting, George Washington University, February 2018.
2018. “Does Public Support for Judicial Authority Depend on Who is in Power? Executive Control, Judicial Autonomy, and Institutional Legitimacy in Africa,” with Brandon L. Bartels, George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop, October 2018.
2018. “Building Judicial Legitimacy or Inviting Political Backlash? Politics Versus Principle in Public Reactions to the Kenyan Supreme Court’s Role in the 2017 Election Crisis,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2018.
2018. “Candidate Debates and Voter Preferences in a New Democracy: Evidence from Ghana,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2018.
2018. “The Moderating Effect of Debates on Political Attitudes,” Evidence in Governance and Politics meeting, Vanderbilt University, February 2018.
2017. Presentation in Roundtable on Information and Legitimacy, Results from the First Metaketa, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2017.
2016. “Social Structure and Electoral Clientelism,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.
2016. “Reducing or Reinforcing In-group Preferences,” Evidence in Governance and Politics meeting, Santiago, Chile, May 2016.
2016. “Reducing or Reinforcing In-group Preferences,” Washington Area Development Economics Symposium (WADES), Washington, DC, April 2016.
2015. “Vote buying and Ethnic Voting,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

2015. “Traditional Institutions and Strategies of Clientelism in Contemporary Africa,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

2015. “Segregation, Ethnic Favoritism, and the Strategic Targeting of Local Public Goods,” George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop, March 2015.

TEACHING

Craft of Political Inquiry (PhD: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020).

Government and Politics of Africa (MA and Undergraduate Writing in Discipline: 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019).

Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa (Undergraduate: 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020).

Development Politics (Undergraduate: 2015, 2015).

Africa: Problems and Prospects (Undergraduate: 2016, 2017).

ADVISING AND SUPERVISION

Doctoral Committees

Christie Arendt, “The Politics Behind Gender Quotas: Consequences for Women’s Leadership Equity in African Legislatures,” Completed in 2016.

Jessica Anderson, “Making Locals: Recruitment and the Knowledge Market in International Aid,” Completed in 2017.

Jennifer Doherty, “Differentiated Distribution for Authoritarian Stability in Ethnically-Divided Countries,” Completed in 2019.

Samuel Frantz, “India’s Reluctant Philanthropists: Development, Firm Embeddedness, and the Politics of Mandatory Corporate Philanthropy,” Ongoing.

Jangai Jap, “Bringing Power-Sharing Down to the Streets: A Subnational Study of National Unity in Burma,” Ongoing.

Cherie Saulter (American University), “Understanding Social Contact: Cross-Ethnic Interactions and Social Capital in Nairobi’s Informal Settlements,” Ongoing.

MA Thesis Supervision

Gabriel Kelly, “Family as a Conductor of Dominant Partyism in South Africa during the 2009 and 2014 National Elections,” ESIA, Completed in 2018.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision

Jennifer Hamilton, ESIA Undergraduate Scholars Program, 2014-15.
Mackenzie Anderson, ESIA, 2015.
Alexander Jeffrey, University Honors Program, 2016.
Rosamond Kopczynski, ESIA, 2016.
Eunice Lee, ESIA, 2016.
Eva Martin, ESIA, 2016.
Lacy Myrman, ESIA Undergraduate Scholars Program, 2016-17.
Casey Apicella, ESIA Undergraduate Scholars Program, 2017-18.
Ambika Nair, ESIA Dean's Scholars Program, 2018-19.

SERVICE

George Washington University

Political Science Department Comparative Politics Workshop Coordinator, 2019-20.
Faculty and Staff Care Work Team Member, University Institutional Culture Initiative, 2019.
Dean's Seminar in African Politics Committee Member, 2018-19.
Assistant Dean for Research (ESIA) Search Committee Member, 2018.
African Studies Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee Member, 2017-18.
Political Science Comparative Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2017-18.
Political Science Department Comparative Politics Workshop Coordinator, 2017-18.
Faculty in Residence/Faculty Guide, Mitchell Hall and Lafayette Hall, 2014-18.
Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee, 2014-15.
Political Science Department Secretary, 2014-15.
Political Science Methods Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2014.

Discipline

Working Group in African Political Economy, Executive Committee, 2015-present.
Evidence in Governance and Politics Network, Elections Committee, 2014-15.

Manuscript Reviewer

African Affairs; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Cambridge University Press; Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Comparative Politics; Electoral Studies; International Organization; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Politics; National Science Foundation; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Studies in International Comparative Development; World Development; World Politics.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
African Politics Conference Group (APCG)
African Studies Association (ASA)
Evidence in Government and Politics Network (EGAP)
Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

GWU Teaching and Learning Center's Learning Community for Junior Faculty, 2015.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, 2009.