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Academic Appointments & Affiliations

Duke University, DevLab and Department of Political Science

Postdoctoral Associate
July 2018 – present

University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies

Research Fellow
2016-2018

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, June 2018
M.A., Political Science, 2012
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Methodology & Formal Theory
Committee: Leonardo Arriola (chair), Aila Matanock, Robert Powell, Solomon Hsiang

University of New Mexico

B.A., Political Science & Economics, 2011
Magna Cum Laude

Research

Dissertation

Post-Conflict Governance & Reconstruction: Public Goods, Policing, & Foreign Aid in Uganda

Working Papers

“The Political Logic of Electricity Provision in Post-Conflict Uganda”

“Policing in a Post-Conflict State: Evidence from Uganda”

“Competitive Elections and Public Goods Distribution in Africa” (with Leonardo Arriola, Donghyun Choi, & Matthew Gichohi)

“Candidates and Combatants: Why Do Simultaneous Electoral and Armed Campaigns Occur?”
(with Aila Matanock)

In Progress

“The Political Economy of Localized Communal Conflicts in Ethiopia” (with Leonardo Arriola and Lahra Smith)

“Evaluating the Human Rights Record of African Regional Institutions” (with Leonardo Arriola and Fiona Shen-Bayh)

“Economic Austerity & Political Violence: The Effect of Structural Adjustment”

“Contesting Autocracy: Explaining the Origins of Opposition Strongholds” (with Leonardo Arriola and Natalie Letsa)

Other Writing

Dataset Review: ACLED, *African Politics Conference Group Newsletter*, September 2013

Fellowships & Awards

Bendix Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC-Berkeley, 2016-17

Dean’s Completion Fellowship, UC-Berkeley, 2015-16

Andrew & Mary Thompson Rocca Scholarship in Advanced African Studies, 2014-15

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (for Kiswahili), 2013-14, UC-Berkeley

Graduate Fellowship, UC-Berkeley, 2011-12, 2014-2015

Presidential Scholarship, 2007-2011, University of New Mexico

Research Experience

Amnesty International

Research consultant for project on human rights institutions and conflict in Africa.

May – August 2016

International Rescue Committee

Research consultant during design stage of evaluation of IRC’s & DFID’s community-driven reconstruction program, Tuungane II, in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Feb – July 2014

University of California, Berkeley

- Research Assistant, Program on Security Institutions and Violent Instability, Professors Leonardo Arriola, Aila Matanock, and Michaela Mattes.
Jan. 2016 – June 2018
- Research Assistant, Professor Alison Post, April 2015
- Research Assistant, Professor Aila Matanock, Dec. 2013 - Aug 2014
- Research Assistant, Professor Leonardo Arriola, Mar 2012 - Aug 2013

Teaching Experience

Mills College (Lecturer)

GOVT 16: Comparative Politics (Fall 2017)

University of California, Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor)

PS 146A: African Politics (Fall 2012, Fall 2013)

PS 149B: Modernization in Turkey & Iran (Spring 2013)

PS 5: Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2016)

Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP) (Spring 2018)

Conferences and Presentations

Princeton University, "State Capacity and Public Goods Provision across Space and Time," April 2019 (scheduled)

Duke University, Security, Peace, and Conflict Seminar, September 2018 (scheduled)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2018

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 2017

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2016

Professional Organizations & Service

American Political Science Association, African Politics Conference Group

Referee: *Journal of Politics*

Additional Training & Skills

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research - Syracuse, NY (June 2014)

Field Research

Uganda

Language & Software

Software: R, Stata, ArcGIS

Languages: Swahili (intermediate)

References

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