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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Vanderbilt University** Nashville, TN
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, starting Fall 2023
- Temple University** Philadelphia, PA
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2021–present
- Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse** Toulouse, France
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2020–2021

EDUCATION

- Columbia University** New York, NY
Ph.D., Political Science, 2020
M.Phil., Political Science, 2016
M.A., Political Science, 2015
- Northwestern University** Evanston, IL
B.A., Political Science and African Studies, 2012

RESEARCH

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

Political Property Rights: Inequality and Growth Under Selective Rule of Law.

PUBLICATIONS

“Able and Mostly Willing: An Empirical Anatomy of Information’s Effect on Voter-Driven Accountability in Senegal,” with Horacio Larreguy and John Marshall. Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.

“Social, Formal, and Political Determinants of Trade Under Weak Rule of Law: Experimental Evidence from Senegalese Firms.” 2023. *Comparative Political Studies* 56(2):163–192.

“Political Determinants of Economic Exchange: Evidence from a Business Experiment in Senegal.” 2022. *American Journal of Political Science* 66(4):835–852.

“Nation-State or Nation-Family? Nationalism in Marginalized African Societies,” with Lisa Mueller. 2019. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 57(2):297–322.

WORKING PAPERS

“Private-Sector Support for Programmatic Candidates: Evidence from Senegal,” with Jessica Gottlieb.

“Connections, Gender, and Access to State-Facilitated Private-Sector Development: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Senegal.”

“Substituting For Rule of Law: Bilateral Investment Treaties and U.S. Firms’ Investment in Developing Countries,” with Joonseok Yang.

“Firm Strategies, Weak Rule of Law: Property Rights, Forum Shopping, and Contract Enforcement in Developing Countries.”

“Political Connections, Patronage, and Consumer Attitudes: Evidence from Morocco,” with Erin York.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“The Economic Costs of Favoritism,” with Horacio Larreguy.

“Economics, Politics, and the Rule of Law: An Experiment in Formalization,” with Jessica Gottlieb.

“Who Controls Private-Sector Development? Bureaucratic Origins and Preferential Access to Economic Growth.”

“Estimating the Determinants of Entrepreneurial Intentions in Tunisia and Senegal,” with Robert Kubinec.

OTHER WRITING

“African Countries Are Opening Their Borders. What Does This Mean for Security, Identity and Trade?” with Lisa Mueller. *The Washington Post*. August 13, 2019.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) - Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL), 2019, £38,371.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP), 2015-18, \$138,000.

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) - Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL), 2017, £29,944.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), 2017, \$18,900.

Spencer Foundation (with Horacio Larreguy and John Marshall), 2017, \$50,000.

J-PAL Governance Initiative Seed Grant, 2016, \$5,036.

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2015, \$5,000.

INTERNAL

Summer Research Award, Temple University, 2022, \$7,000.

Grant-in-Aid for Research/Creative Activity, Temple University, 2022, \$1,500.

College of Liberal Arts Research Award (CLARA), Temple University, 2021, \$3,500.

Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award (LAURA), Temple University, 2021, \$2,000.

Katerina Alevizaki Dracopoulos Summer Fellowship, Columbia University.

Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University, 2016, \$2,500.

Schiff Fellowship, Columbia University, 2015.

Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University, 2013.

African Research Leadership Award, Northwestern University, 2011, \$1,500.

Provost's Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2011, \$4,000.

National Merit Scholarship, Northwestern University, 2008-12.

TEACHING

AS INSTRUCTOR

POLS 3530: Contemporary African Politics (undergraduate lecture), Temple.

POLS 3550: Comparative Politics of Developing Countries (undergraduate lecture), Temple.

POLS 4896: Business and Politics in the Global South (undergraduate seminar), Temple.

POLS 8230: States and Markets (Ph.D. seminar), Temple.

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Political Science Honors Thesis Seminar (undergraduate), Columbia.

Analysis of Political Data (graduate/undergraduate), Columbia.

Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Columbia.

Contemporary African Politics (undergraduate), Northwestern.

OTHER TEACHING

Spatial Econometrics Graduate Workshop, African School of Economics. 2015.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2023: Washington University in St. Louis; NYU, Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science; University of Connecticut, Business and Human Rights Initiative; Columbia University, Seminar for the Study of Development Strategies; Copenhagen Business School Money in Politics Conference (scheduled); European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference (scheduled); American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference (scheduled)

2022: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference; Copenhagen Business School Money in Politics Conference; European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference; Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse; Enda Espace de coproduction et des offres populaires pour l'environnement et le développement, Senegal

2021: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference; Enda Espace de coproduction et des offres populaires pour l'environnement et le développement, Senegal

2020: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference; Office of Evaluation Sciences, Washington, D.C.; Toulouse School of Economics

2019: Yale University, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Experiments Workshop; NYU-Columbia Political Economy of Informal Institutions Workshop; Harvard University, Department of African and African American Studies; Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), NYU Abu Dhabi; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference

2018: Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), UPenn; Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), NYU; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference; African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Conference

2017: WZB, Berlin, Germany; PEDL, Oxford University; Harvard Experiments Working Group; Macalester College; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference; African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Conference

2016: Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), NYU Abu Dhabi; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference; Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference; African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Conference

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*

APSA Mentor, 2020–present.

Temple Political Science Undergraduate Committee. 2021–present.

Temple Fulbright Campus Committee. 2021–present.

Columbia Political Science Undergraduate Advisor. 2016–17.

Coordinator, Columbia Political Economy Seminar. 2015–16.

Coordinator, Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS). 2013–14.

POLICY EXPERIENCE

Research collaborator, World Bank DIME Governance Program. 2021.

Consultant, DRG Impact Evaluation, USAID Senegal (contracted by NORC). 2015–17.

Fellow, UN World Food Programme (WFP), West Africa Regional Bureau, Dakar, Senegal. 2012–13.

SKILLS

LANGUAGES: French (fluent), Wolof (basic)

COMPUTING: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS/QGIS, Open Data Kit/SurveyCTO/Qualtrics

FIELDWORK: Senegal, Niger, Mozambique, Gambia

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