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Research interests	Political economy of development, representation and accountability, governance, state-building, identity, Indigenous politics. Causal inference, experiments, mixed methods. Regional focuses in Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.	
Academic appointments	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University	Fall 2023 -
	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institutions & Political Inequality Unit, WZB Berlin	2020 - 2023
	Research Affiliate, MIT GOV/LAB	Fall 2020 -
	Graduate Research Fellow, MIT GOV/LAB	2015 - 2020
Education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Ph.D., Department of Political Science, September 2020 Fields: Comparative Politics, Models and Methods	
	Stanford University B.A. (with distinction) in Political Science, June 2010 Concentrations: International Relations, Comparative Politics <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	
Dissertation	<i>From Recognition to Representation: Collective Rights and Democratic Citizenship in the Philippines</i> Committee: Lily Tsai (Chair), F. Daniel Hidalgo, Evan Lieberman, Roger Petersen <i>Winner of the Lucian Pye award for outstanding PhD thesis</i>	
Peer-reviewed publications	Nina McMurry . “From Recognition to Integration: Indigenous Autonomy, State Authority, and National Identity in the Philippines.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> (2022). Julio S. Solís Arce, Shana S. Warren, Niccolò F. Meriggi, Alexandra Scacco, Nina McMurry , Maarten Voors, Georgiy Syunyaev, Aryn Malik et al. “COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and hesitancy in low- and middle-income countries.” <i>Nature Medicine</i> (2021). Evan Lieberman, Philip Martin & Nina McMurry . “When Do Strong Parties ‘Throw the Bums Out’? Competition and Accountability in South African Candidate Nominations.” <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> (2021). Baobao Zhang, Sarah Kreps, Nina McMurry & R. Miles McCain. “Americans’ perceptions of privacy and surveillance in the COVID-19 pandemic.” <i>PLoS One</i> 15 (12).	
Editor-reviewed	Nina McMurry , Danielle Hiraldo & Christopher Carter. “The rise of Indigenous recognition: implications for comparative politics.” <i>APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter</i> , Vol. XXXI Issue 1 (Spring 2021).	
Working papers	“Better together? Examining the effect of civic education for local officials and citizens in the Philippines” (with Lily Tsai) “The electoral effects of Indigenous polling places in the Philippines” “Who Wants to be Legible? Digitalization, Legibility, and Intergroup Inequality in Kenya” (with Lisa Garbe, Alexandra Scacco, & Kelly Zhang)	

	“Measuring territorial control in armed conflict using open-source information” (with Michael Rubin, Andrew Halterman, & Benjamin Radford)	
Other writing	“Building robust and ethical vaccine verification systems.” (with Baobao Zhang, Laurin Weissinger, Johannes Himmelreich, Tiffany Li, Naomi Schinerman, & Sarah Kreps). <i>Tech Stream</i> . Brookings (January 26, 2021)	
	“Americans don’t trust contact tracing apps. Here’s how we can fix that” (with Baobao Zhang & Sarah Kreps). <i>Fortune</i> (August 17, 2020)	
	“Contact-tracing apps face serious adoption obstacles” (with Baobao Zhang & Sarah Kreps). <i>Tech Stream</i> . Brookings (May 20, 2020)	
	“The effect of civic leadership training on citizen engagement and government responsiveness: experimental evidence from the Philippines” (with Lily Tsai & Selva Swetha A.R.). Making All Voices Count Research Report (January 2018)	
	“Politicians’ perspectives on voice and accountability: evidence from a survey of South African local councillors.” (with Evan Lieberman & Philip Martin) Making All Voices Count Research Report (December 2017)	
	“South Sudan is fighting again. Can its peacekeeping mission work?” (with Laura Bosco) <i>The Monkey Cage</i> (September 1, 2016)	
	“Here are 4 reasons that South Africa’s ANC lost ground in this month’s elections.” (with Philip Martin, Evan Lieberman, & Daniel de Kadt) <i>The Monkey Cage</i> (August 12, 2016)	
Teaching	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science – Cambridge, MA	
	Co-Instructor, Political Science Laboratory (undergraduate)	Spring 2020
	Teaching Assistant, Science, Technology, and Public Policy (undergraduate)	Spring 2019
	Co-Instructor, Math Pre-fresher/Math Camp I (graduate)	August 2018
	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal Inference (graduate)	Spring 2017
	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (graduate)	Fall 2015
	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA	
	Teaching Assistant, Evaluating Social Programs (Executive Education)	June 2016
Grants & awards	EGAP Climate Change Governance Cast Study Grant (co-recipient): \$6,000	2023
	Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Fellow	2021
	Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding PhD Thesis, MIT Political Science Department	2021
	APSA Southeast Asian Politics Related Group Emerging Scholar Best Paper Award	2020
	SSRC Just Tech Covid-19 Rapid-Response Grant (co-recipient): \$9,000	2020
	NSF PolMeth Summer Meeting Travel Grant: \$1,350	2019
	MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant: \$3,480	2019
	MIT Political Methodology Lab Research Grant: \$1,000	2018
	MIT GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant: \$35,000	2018
	Making All Voices Count Research Grant (co-recipient): £158,265	2015
	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Pilot Grant (co-recipient, declined): \$49,850	2015
	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Travel Grant: \$6,300	2014
	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention	2014 & 2015
	Kenan Sahin Graduate Presidential Fellowship, MIT (tuition & stipend)	2013
	U.S. State Department Critical Languages Scholarship (Arabic)	2010
Conference presentations	Southeast Asia Research Group Conference, Tucson, AZ	2021
	IAST/TSE Conference in Political Science and Political Economy, Online	2021
	American Political Science Association Annual Meetings	2017-2021
	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology) Annual Meeting (poster), Cambridge, MA	2019
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL	2016, 2017, 2019

	International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD	2017
	Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, Cambridge, MA	2015
Invited talks & workshops	Singapore Management University Southeast Asia Seminar Series	March 2022
	Intergroup Relations Working Group	March 2022
	US Naval Academy Introduction to Comparative Politics (Guest Lecture)	December 2021
	UCLA Comparative Politics Workshop	May 2021
	Political Methodology Workshop, MIT Political Science	2018 & 2019
	Making All Voices Count Research Grantees Meeting, Manila, Philippines	July 2017
	Experiments & Fieldwork Module, Watson Institute, Brown University, Providence, RI	May 2017
	Southern Africa Study Tour Course, MIT Sloan School, Cambridge, MA	March 2017
	Global Partnership for Social Accountability Forum, World Bank, Washington, DC	May 2016
Professional service	Referee for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>St Anthony's International Review</i> , <i>AlterNative</i> , <i>PLoS One</i> , <i>Information, Communication and Society</i>	2020-2023
	WZB IPI Brown Bag Seminar Series Organizing Committee	2021-2023
	WZB Ethics Committee	2021-2023
	MIT Summer Research Program Application Review Committee	2018-2023
	Postdoc Representative, WZB	2021-2022
	Co-organizer, WZP-IPI Meetings on the Political Economy of Development	2022
	WZB IPI Digitalization Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee	2021
	Paper award committee, APSA Southeast Asian Politics Related Group	2021
	Mentor, MIT Political Science Application Mentorship Program	2020
	Co-organizer and Discussant, MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference	2018
	Co-organizer, MIT Political Science Women's Dinner	2017
	Founding At-Large Member, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2016-2017
	Research Mentor, MIT Summer Research Program	2016
	Co-chair, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Work-in-Progress Group	2015-2016
Selected professional experience	Internews – Juba, South Sudan	
	Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	October 2012 - July 2013
	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	June 2011 - September 2012
	Mercy Corps – Juba, Sudan	
	Communications Officer	October 2010 - June 2011
IT Skills	R, Python, L ^A T _E X, ArcGIS, SurveyCTO, Qualtrics, MS Access	
Languages	Arabic (MSA: ACTFL Advanced Low, Moroccan and South Sudanese dialects: beginner), Spanish (intermediate), Tagalog (beginner), German (A2)	
Country experience	Philippines (25 months)	2014-2018
	South Africa	2016
	Guatemala	2014
	South Sudan (34 months)	2010-2013, 2015
	Morocco (3 months)	2010
References	Lily Tsai, Ford Professor of Political Science, MIT	
	Evan Lieberman, Total Professor of Political Science, MIT	
	F. Daniel Hidalgo, Associate Professor of Political Science, MIT	
	Roger Petersen, Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science, MIT	
	Macartan Humphreys, Director, IPI Unit, WZB; Professor of Political Science, Columbia University	

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