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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science and Department of Statistics

Lecturer (Fall 2012-Fall 2015; Winter 2020-present)

University of Southern California, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Lecturer (Spring 2017-Fall 2019)

University of California, Irvine, Department of Political Science and International Studies Program

Lecturer (Fall 2014-Spring 2017)

Occidental College, Diplomacy and World Affairs

Lecturer (Spring 2016)

Princeton University, Department of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School

Lecturer (Fall 2010-Spring 2012)

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2010), UCLA, Department of Political Science

- Major Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations
- Dissertation: *Democracy, Development, and the International Political Economy: Political Institutions and Investment Financing Strategies in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- Committee: Barbara Geddes (co-chair), Daniel Posner (co-chair), Kathleen Bawn, Ronald Rogowski, Edward Leamer (Economics)

M.B.A. (2001), Cornell University, Johnson Graduate School of Management, *with distinction*

B.A. (1992), Claremont McKenna College

- Politics, Philosophy and Economics, *cum laude*, with *departmental honors*
- Semester at Haifa University, Israel (1990)

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, NSF-Funded, UCLA (Summer 2007)

## RESEARCH

### Peer-reviewed Publications

2021. "Does Charisma Affect Survival in Office for Leaders Who Take Power via Military Coup?" *Studies in Comparative International Development*, April 15. (With Lisa Mueller.)
2018. "Economic Policy, Political Constraints, and Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries." *International Interactions*, 44(3): 582-602.
2016. "Côte d'Ivoire's 2015 Presidential Election: A Sign of Democratic Progress?" *Journal of African Elections*, 15(1): 45-61. (With Joseph Kone, Koffi Stephane, and Kim Yi Dionne.)
2015. "The Durability of Presidential and Parliament-Based Dictatorships." *Comparative Political Studies*, 48(7): 915-948.
2015. "The 2015 presidential election in Togo," *Electoral Studies*, 39:168-173. (With Ekoutiame Ahlin and Kim Yi Dionne.)
2008. "The legislative election in Togo, October 2007," *Electoral Studies*, 27(3): 558-561.
2006. "Comparative Fieldwork Experience in Three Neighboring West African Countries." *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*, 33(1): 57-74.

### News Media and Academic Blogs

2021. "Benin continues to slide toward autocracy." *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. May 7.
2020. "Ivory Coast reelected its president. Opposition candidates boycotted the voting." *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. December 2.
2019. "Why did many voters boycott Benin's April 28 election?" *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. May 10.
2019. "Why did 14 opposition parties just boycott Togo's legislative election?" *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. January 7.
2016. "Here's why Benin's election was a step forward for African democratic consolidation. And why it wasn't." *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. March 22.
2015. "The most interesting thing about Côte d'Ivoire's election was that it wasn't interesting." *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. November 26.
2015. "5 things you should know about Guinea's (peaceful!) election." *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. October 20.
2015. "Do executive election rules matter in authoritarian regimes?" *Presidential Power*. May 14
2015. "Executive election rules in dictatorships matter. Here's why." *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. May 12.
2015. "Most Togolese support term limits. But they just re-elected their president for a third term." *Washington Post*. Monkey Cage. May 4. (With Ekoutiame Ahlin and Kim Yi Dionne.)
2011. "Pre-Election Report: Nigerian Presidential Elections." *The Monkey Cage*. March 16.
2010. "2010 Togo Presidential Elections." *The Monkey Cage*. March 15.

## **Selected Conference Papers**

“Regional Trade Agreements and Democratization in Africa,” the African Studies Association annual meeting in Chicago, November 2017, American Political Science Association annual meeting in Boston, August 2018, the Southern California Comparative Political Institutions conference in Claremont, July 2019, Western Political Science Association meeting via Zoom, April 2020.

“Economic Growth in Presidential and Parliament-Based Dictatorships,” Midwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 2017 and April 2019.

“When Does Patronage Promote Political Stability?” Midwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 2018. (Previous versions presented at Southern California Comparative Political Institutions conference in Claremont, February 2017, African Studies Association annual meeting in Washington DC, December 2016, and in San Diego, November 2015.)

“Coup de Hot: How Does Appearance Affect Coup Leader Success in Office?” With Lisa Mueller. Midwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 2016.

“Authoritarian electoral systems around the world, 1946-2009,” American Political Science Association annual meeting in Washington DC, August 2014.

“Aid Effectiveness and Allocation: Evidence from Malawi,” with Kim Yi Dionne and Eric Kramon. Research Frontiers in Foreign Aid conference at Princeton University, April 2013 and the African Studies Association annual meeting in Baltimore, November 2013.

“FDI and HDI: Under what conditions does foreign direct investment help human development?” Midwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 2012

“Foreign aid, oil rents, and electoral quality in Africa,” American Political Science Association annual meeting in Seattle, September 2011 and the African Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, DC, November 2011

“How does foreign aid affect electoral quality in Africa?” Midwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 2011

“Foreign Finance, Domestic Constraints, and Development Strategy in Africa,” Graduate Research Seminar in Comparative Politics, Princeton University, February 2011 and Indaba, Princeton University, March 2011

“Taking Cash and Making Change: Financial Inflows and Political Regime Transitions in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Midwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 2010

“Liberalization, Alliances, and Official Aid Flows in Sub-Saharan Africa,” International Studies Association Annual Convention in New Orleans, February 2010

“Liberalization, Resource Endowments, and Private Capital Flows in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Working Group in African Political Economy meeting at UCLA, May 2009

“Political Determinants of FDI Policy Liberalization in Developing Countries,” Midwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago, April 2008

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### Awards

*BruinLife Professor of the Year* (2014): One of four professors selected by UCLA students

### Teaching Experience

*UCLA, Department of Political Science and Department of Statistics*

PS 6	Introduction to Data Analysis (S2020, S2021)
PS 20	World Politics (S2021)
PS 30	Politics and Strategy (S2014, S2020)
PS 124A	International Political Economy (F2012, Summer 2013, F2013, W2020, F2020, F2021)
PS 151A	African Politics (W2015)
PS 151B	Political Economy of Africa (S2013)
PS 169	Authoritarian Politics (W2013, W2014, F2014, W2020, W2021)
PS 169	Democracy, Development, and the International Political Economy (S2008)
STATS 10	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning (F2015)

*University of Southern California, Department of Political Science and International Relations*

IR 211g	International Relations: Approaches to Research (S2018, S2019)
IR 312	Introduction to Data Analysis (F2018)
POSC 120	Comparative Politics (S2018)
POSC 358	Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa (F2017, F2018, F2019)
POSC 360	Comparative Political Institutions (S2017)
POSC 435	Politics and the Economy (S2019)
POSC 450	Political Development (S2017, F2017, F2018, F2019)

*UC Irvine, Department of Political Science and International Studies Program*

IS 111C	Global Economics and Security (F2014, W2016, W2017)
IS 179	Political Economy of the Global South (S2015, S2017)
PS 41A/IS 14	Introduction to International Relations (S2016)
PS 141B/IS 114A	International Political Economy (W2015, F2015, F2016)

*Occidental College, Diplomacy and World Affairs*

DWA 233	African Politics (S2016)
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*Princeton University, Department of Politics*

POL 230	Introduction to Comparative Politics (S2011)
POL 351	Politics in the Developing Countries (F2011)
POL 371	Democracy and Development (F2010)
POL 385	International Political Economy (S2012)
POL 430	Political Economy of Africa (F2010)
POL 432	Authoritarian Politics (S2011)
POL 981	Junior Workshop: Democracy and Development in the Age of Globalization (F2011)

*Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy (Masters Program)*

WWS 572C	Development Policy in Africa (S2012)
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## **Advising**

*UC Irvine*

- Advised student in Summer Undergraduate Research Program (Summer 2016)

*UCLA*

- Advised two senior theses (Spring 2014)
- Research Mentor for six students in Student Research Program (Fall 2014-Winter 2015)
- Faculty Mentor for four students, Honors Contracts (Spring 2020-Fall 2021)

*Princeton University, Department of Politics*

- Advised four senior theses (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)
- Advised ten junior papers (Fall 2011)

## **Teaching Assistance**

*UCLA, Department of Political Science*

- PS 30 Politics and Strategy, TA for Kathleen Bawn (Fall 2004, Winter 2006, Winter 2009)
- PS 50 Introduction to Comparative Politics, TA for Daniel Posner and Jorge Bravo (Spring 2009) and Michael Lofchie (Spring 2005)
- PS 134 International Relations: Foreign Policy Decision Making and Tools of Statecraft, TA for Arthur Stein (Spring 2006 and 2007)
- PS 154 Government and Politics in Latin America, TA for Barbara Geddes (Fall 2008)
- NSF-EITM Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, NSF-Funded, TA and Coordinator for Kathleen Bawn (Summer 2007)

*Cornell University, Johnson Graduate School of Management (Masters Program)*

NCC 509: Business Strategy, TA for Vrinda Kadiyali (Spring 2001)

NBA 571: Management Simulation Game, TA for Seymour Smidt (Spring 2001)

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2020 Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Award, for WPSA mini-conference
- 2009-10 Dissertation Year Fellowship, for dissertation research support
- 2007-08 Mentored Teaching Fellowship, to design and teach undergraduate class
- 2003-07 Pauley Fellowship, multiyear fellowship package for graduate support
- 2006 International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship, for dissertation research in Benin, Ghana, and Togo
- 2006 Globalization Research Center-Africa Fieldwork Fellowship, for dissertation research in Benin, Ghana, and Togo
- 2004-06 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), to study Hausa and African Politics
- 2005 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Grant, for pre-dissertation research
- 1999-2001 Johnson Merit Scholarship, to support graduate education at Cornell
- 1988-1992 National Merit Scholarship, to support undergraduate education at Claremont McKenna College

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Democratization*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*, *World Politics*
- Chair/Discussant, APSA, MPSA, African Studies Association, Southern California Comparative Political Institutions, Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
- Co-organizer, WPSA African Politics Mini-Conference
- Member, Panel Committee and Article of the Year Selection Committee, African Politics Conference Group
- Member, Recruitment Committee (International Relations), Department of Political Science, UCLA
- Member, Part-Time Faculty Affairs Committee, University of Southern California

## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- *Sub-Saharan Africa Analyst*, Freedom House, New York, NY, 2016-2021
- *Expert Testimony for Asylum Applications*, pro bono, 2020-2021
- *Senior Financial Analyst*, Southern California Edison, Rosemead, CA, 2003
- *Senior Consultant*, Deloitte Consulting, Strategy & Operations, Los Angeles, CA, 2001-2002
- *Economic Research Associate*, The Natelson Company, Inc., Yorba Linda, CA, 1998-1999
- *Rural Community Development Volunteer*, Peace Corps, Benin, West Africa, 1995-1997
- *Policy Intern/Researcher*, Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, DC, 1993-1994