

Appointments

2020 - Assistant Professor and Challey Faculty Scholar, North Dakota State University

2013-2020 Assistant Professor of Political Science and African Studies, The Pennsylvania State University.

2011-2013. Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer, Program on Democracy, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University.

2010-2011. Hewlett Predoctoral Fellow, Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law, Stanford University.

Education

2011. PhD in Political Science, UCLA.

2001. BA, Political Science and Environmental Studies, Tufts University

Research and Publications

Peer-reviewed publications

2021. Toward Better Hiring Practices (with Christopher Zorn). *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Forthcoming.

2020 In Defense of a Divided Opposition: Programmatic Distribution and Minor Party Support in Africa. *Political Science Research and Methods*. Forthcoming.

2020. Honor Among Chiefs: An Experiment on Monitoring and Aid Leakage in Malawi (with Brigitte Seim). *Journal of Development Studies* 56(8).

2020. Distribution or Diversion? Distributive Politics in the Presence of Clientelist Intermediaries. *Political Research Quarterly*.

2020. Field Experiments and Behavioral Theories: Science and Ethics. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 53(1).

2018. The Perils of African Pre-Election Polls: Tense Campaigns and the Exacerbation of Measurement Error in Illiberal Regimes. *Research and Politics* 5(2).

2018. The Relevance of Relative Distribution: Favoritism, Information and Vote Choice in Africa. *Comparative Political Studies* 51(12)

2016. When a Null Pocketbook Effect is the Artifact: Strategically Understated Income and the Attenuation of Egotropic Voting (with Amanda Fidalgo). *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 11(3).

2016. Identifying and Interpreting the Sensitivity of Ethnic Voting in Africa. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 80(4).

2016. Finding Partisanship Where We Least Expect it: Evidence of Partisan Bias in a New African Democracy. *Political Behavior*, 38(1).

2015. Ethnic Voting and Accountability: A Stated Choice Experiment in Uganda. *World Politics* 67(2).

Other publications

2018. Honor Among Chiefs: An Experiment on Monitoring and Aid Leakage in Malawi (with Brigitte Seim). AidData Working Paper Series No. 62

2015. Capturing Ethnic Salience on Surveys in Developing Countries. APSA Comparative Section Newsletter.

2014. Social Desirability Bias and Ethnic Voting on African Surveys. Afrobarometer Working Paper Series No. 144.

Grants

2018. “Integrating Theory and Data to Assess Government Policy Options”. National Science Foundation. (\$250,621, David Siegel, PI)

2016. Data-Driven Development in Africa, AidData (\$10,000 conference sponsorship)

2015. “Accountability among Traditional Leaders: Monitoring and Leakage in Malawi.” AidData (\$35,000)

2009. “Explaining Ethnic Voting In Africa.” National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$12,000)

Teaching

Courses

2017 EITM Summer Institute

Behavioral Models and Experimental Tests in Lab and Field (co-taught with Jonathan Woon)

Penn State

Introduction to Contemporary Africa (undergraduate)

Politics of Underdeveloped Systems (undergraduate)

Democracy and Democratization (undergraduate)

Government Corruption in Comparative Perspective (graduate)

African Politics (graduate)

Professional service

Conference organization

Steering Committee, Behavioral Models of Politics (2017-)
Founding Organizer, Conference on Data-Driven Development in Africa (2015-)

University committee work

Political Science Climate Committee (2018 -)
African Studies Head Search Committee, College of Liberal Arts (2017-2018)
Political Science Methods Search Committee, Political Science (2016-2017)
Comprehensive Exam Committee, African Studies (2015-2016)
African Studies/Geography Joint Search Committee (2014-2015)
Comparative Comprehensive Exam Committee, Political Science (2014-2015)
African Studies/Francophone Studies Joint Search Committee (2013-2014)
Teaching Improvement Committee, Political Science (2013-2014)

Other service

Best Paper Award Committee, APSA Experimental Methods Section (2017)
Editorial Board, APSA Comparative Politics Section Newsletter (2014)

Professional memberships

Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)
African Studies Association
American Political Science Association
Society for Political Methodology
Visions in Methodology (VIM)