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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Washington University in St. Louis
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Science. July, 2017- present.

University of Oxford
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College. September, 2017- June, 2020. [Declined]

Stanford University
Predoctoral Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL). September, 2015- June, 2016.

Harvard University
Hewlett Research Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFA). August, 2009- May, 2010.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Ph.D., Political Science (Comparative Politics & Quantitative Methods). June, 2017.

Dissertation: *Election Integrity and the Responsiveness of Legislators in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Committee: Daniel Posner (Chair), Barbara Geddes, Michael Thies, Chris Tausanovitch, and Mark Handcock.

University of Ghana, Legon-Accra
B.A. (Hons.), Philosophy and Religions. May, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

“Electoral Fraud or Violence: The Effect of Observers on Party Manipulation Strategies.” *British Journal of Political Science*, 2017 (with Joseph Asunka, Sarah Brierley, Miriam Golden, and Eric Kramon).

“The Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Ghana, December 2012.” *Electoral Studies*, Volume 35, p.382–385, September, 2014 (with Sarah Brierley).

“Tracking Leakages of Public Resource in Education: A Pilot investigation of Teacher Absence in Public Primary Schools in Ghana”, Research Paper, Ghana Center for Democratic Development, 2008 (with Joseph Asunka and Daniel Armah-Attoh).

WORKING PAPERS/ONGOING PROJECTS

“Using “administrative errors” to rig elections.” (Under review)

“Do Fair Elections Increase the Responsiveness of Politicians?” (Submitted)

“The (Short-Term) Moderating Effect of Debates on Political Attitudes: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Ghana.” (with Sarah Brierley and Eric Kramon) (Submitted)

“Pre-Analysis Plans: A Stocktaking” (with Daniel N. Posner).

“Experimental Research in African Studies” in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of African Politics*; Nicholas Cheeseman (ed). Oxford University Press.

“How Opportunities for Civic Engagement Mitigate Participation in Violence among Educated Youth: Evidence from Somaliland” (with Beza Tesfaye)

GRANTS

- “Do voters reward constituency service?” Supported by WashU’s Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy (\$9,000). Award Date: October, 2017.
- “Pre-Analysis Plans: A Stocktaking” (with Daniel Posner). Supported by Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences’ (BITSS’) Social Science Meta-Analysis and Research Transparency (SSMART) Grant (\$19,714). Award Date: May, 2017.
- “Do Candidate Debates Strengthen Democracy? A Field Experiment on the Effects of Debates on Voter Behavior and Electoral Accountability” (with Sarah Brierley and Eric Kramon). Supported by:
 - UK’s International Growth Center (£19,996). Award Date: September 2016.
 - William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies from the APSA Centennial Center (\$5,000 (USD). Award Date: September 2016.
- “Evaluating the Impact of Election Observers on Election Day Fraud, and Political Representation and Accountability.” Supported by United States Agency for International Development and the Instituted of International Education under the Democracy Fellows and Grants Program: #AID-OAA-A-12-00039 (with Daniel N. Posner (Co-PI)), (\$90,000). Award Date: March, 2014.
- “The Impact of Domestic Election Observers on Electoral Violence, Integrity, and Voting Behavior”(with Joseph Asunka, Sarah Brierley, Miriam Golden (PI), and Eric Kramon). Supported by:
 - National Science Foundation Grand for Rapid Response Research (RAPID) SES-1265247 (\$98,243). Award Date: November 2012.
 - Department for International Development (DFID)- UK, (\$115,566). Award Date: October 2012.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- *Annual Meeting Travel Grant*, American Political Science Association, Fall 2016.
- *Predoctoral Fellow*, CDDRL, Stanford University, 2015-16.
- *Hewlett Fellowship Grant*, WCFIA, Harvard University, 2009-10.
- *Dissertation Year Fellowship*, UCLA Graduate Division, 2016-17.
- *International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship*, UCLA, Summer 2015.
- *Research Travel Grant*, UCLA Graduate Division, Summer 2015.
- *Pauley Fellowship Award*, UCLA Graduate Division, Fall 2013.
- *Summer Research Grant*, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2012.
- *Welton Fellowship Award*, UCLA Graduate Division, 2011-2012.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Mid-West Working Group on African Political Economy (MGAPE), Chicago. December, 2017.
- Africa Studies Association (ASA), Annual Meeting, Chicago. November, 2017.
- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. September, 2016.
- Research Seminar, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University. May, 2016.
- Conference on *Voting, Elections, and Electoral Systems*, University of Washington, Seattle. April, 2016
- Africa Table, Center for African Studies, Stanford University. February, 2016.
- Working Group on Africa Political Economy (WGAPE), New York University-Abu Dhabi. January, 2016.
- Africa Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. November, 2015.

- Institute of International Education & USAID, Washington, DC. September, 2015.
- WGAPE, University of California, Berkeley. December 2013.
- Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University. April, 2013.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH	<p><i>Field Experiments in Political Science</i> (Graduate course) Spring, 2018 Department of Political Science, WashU.</p> <p><i>Statistics Consultant</i> August 2014- May 2015 Department of Political Science, UCLA.</p> <p><i>Teaching Associate</i> Winter 2014, September 2014-June 2015 - Introduction to Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, UCLA. Daniel Posner, (Spring 2015) - Introduction to Political Analysis, Department of Political Science, UCLA. Jim DeNardo, (Winter 2014), and Joseph Asunka (Fall 2014, Winter 2015)</p> <p><i>Graduate Student Researcher</i> January- August 2013, Spring 2014 - Department of Political Science, UCLA. Miriam A. Golden, (January- August 2013, Spring 2014), Daniel Posner (Spring 2014)</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i> September- December, 2012 - Introduction to Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, UCLA. Michael Thies, (Fall 2012).</p>				
SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewer: Journal of Politics; Political Science Research Quarterly; and Africa Spectrum • Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, UCLA, Student representative, 2014-2015. 				
WORK EXPERIENCE	<p><i>Research and Programs Assistant</i> September 2007 - August, 2011 Research and Programs Department, Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), Accra.</p> <p><i>Domestic Election Observation Consultant</i> April-May 2009, April, 2011, September 2015 National Democratic Institute, USA in Lilongwe, Malawi (2009), Abuja, Nigeria (2011), Conakry, Guinea (2015)</p>				
SOFTWARE SKILLS	Stata, \mathbb{R} , Python, \LaTeX , and Open Data Kit/SurveyCTO.				
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