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Current Position

Innovations for Poverty Action

Research Scientist, Path-to-Scale Research, January 2020 - present
Co-PI and Instrument Design Lead, [Research for Effective COVID Response](#).
Co-PI and Survey Methodology Lead, [Consumer Protection Initiative](#),
Kenya and Nigeria Baseline Surveys.

Education

New York University, Ph.D., Politics, September 2019.

“Candidate Selection and Political Accountability in African Legislative Elections”

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies

M.A., International Relations, 2005.

Rice University, B.A., History and French Studies, 1998.

Journal Publications

“[Can Social Contact Reduce Prejudice and Discrimination? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Nigeria](#)”, (with Alexandra Scacco). 2018.
American Political Science Review, 112 (3): 654-677.

Working Papers

“[An Uphill Battle: Candidate Selection and Political Accountability in Africa](#)”

“[Democratizing Candidate Selection: Evidence from Botswana’s Primaries](#)”

“[Ignoring Them Will Cost You: Electoral Performance and Imposed Candidates](#)”

Research in Progress

“Does Social Contact Produce Lasting Impact? Experimental Evidence from Nigeria,” (with Alexandra Scacco)

“Mitigating Prejudice and Discrimination across Faiths in Nigeria,” *Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*

Policy Publications

“Benin interim country report”, (with Mathias Hounkpé), African Legislatures Project, University of Cape Town, 2012.

“[Addressing Accountability in NGO Advocacy: Practice, Principles and Prospects of Self-Regulation](#)”, (with Michael Hammer and Charlotte Rooney), One World Trust, Briefing Paper 125, 2010.

“[Civil Society Self-Regulation: the Global Picture](#)”, (with Robert Lloyd), One World Trust, Briefing Paper 119, 2009.

“[2008 Global Accountability Report](#)”, (with Robert Lloyd and Michael Hammer), One World Trust, 2008.

“Legislative Performance in Ghana: An Assessment of the Third Parliament of the Fourth Republic, 2001-2005”, Ghana Center for Democratic Development, Critical Perspectives No. 19, 2005.

Teaching

Department of Politics, New York University

Instructor, Contemporary African Politics (Undergraduate), Summer 2017, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant, IR Honors Thesis Seminar (Undergraduate)

with Alastair Smith, AY 2017-8

with Michael Gilligan, AY 2015-6

with Leonid Peisakhin, AY 2014-5

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate)

Developing Countries, with Alexandra Scacco, Spring 2013

OECD Countries, with Michael Laver, Fall 2012

Department of Applied Statistics, Social Science and Humanities New York University Steinhardt

Instructor, International Development & Education (Graduate), Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Research Experience

Botswana, Interviews and archival research (dissertation), 2017, 2016, 2015

Lusaka, Zambia, Interviews and archival research (dissertation), 2015, 2014

Kaduna, Nigeria, Field experiment and survey implementation, 2015, 2014

Research Assistant for Alexandra Scacco, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016

Abuja, Nigeria, Archival research, 2012

Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali & Senegal, Research project management, 2010-11

Consultant for *African Legislatures Project* at the University of Cape Town

Lomé, Togo and Prague, Czech Republic, 2009

Consultancy via One World Trust, Parliamentary engagement with the IMF

Lusaka, Zambia, Interviews and archival research

Consultant for *African Legislatures Project* at the University of Cape Town, 2008

Fulbright Fellowship, Parliamentary Development and Civic Engagement, 2006-7

Ghana, Legislative assessment and election observation, USAID/Ghana, 2003-4

Awards and Fellowships	<p>NYU Africa House Thoyer Fellowship, \$2,500, 2017 Candidate Selection in Botswana, AY 2017-8</p> <p>United States Institute of Peace (USIP) grant, \$117,000 “Youth Vocational Training and Conflict Mitigation: An Experimental Test of Social Contact Theory”, co-principal investigator (with Alexandra Scacco), 2013 Kaduna, Nigeria 2014-2015</p> <p>Summer Data Grants, New York University, (\$4,000), 2013, 2014, 2015 Botswana and Zambia 2013, 2014, 2015</p> <p>Pre-doctoral Summer Fellowship, New York University, (\$2,500), 2012 Abuja, Nigeria 2012</p> <p>McCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2010-2016</p> <p>Fulbright Fellowship, 2006 Legislative Development in Zambia, 2006-2007</p>
Conferences and Invited Talks	<p>Political Parties in Southern Africa, University of Cape Town: 2018</p> <p>Identity Politics Working Group: 2018</p> <p>WZB Berlin Social Science Center Seminar: 2018</p> <p>University of Botswana Department of Political and Administrative Studies: 2016</p> <p>African Studies Association: 2017, 2016, 2014</p> <p>American Political Science Association: 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association: 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013</p> <p>Conference on African Political Economy (CAPERS): 2017, 2015, 2014, 2012</p>
Professional Service	<p>Reviewer: <i>American Political Science Review</i>, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Journal of Politics</i>, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, <i>Political Behavior</i>, <i>Journal of Education in Emergencies</i>, <i>Social Psychological and Personality Science</i>, <i>Electoral Studies</i>, <i>Political Science Research & Methods</i>, <i>African Studies Review</i>.</p> <p>Executive Council of the African Legislatures Working Group (2018-9), Conference on African Political Economy (CAPERS) Meeting Organizer (2014-2016).</p>
Languages and Skills	<p>English (native), French (fluent), Spanish (basic)</p> <p>Stata, R, Qualtrics, Basecamp</p>