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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2018-

Northwestern University
Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, 2017-18
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Political Science, 2015-17

EDUCATION

Cornell University
Ph.D., Government, 2015
Dissertation: *The Historic Origins of Public Goods: Local
Distributional Politics in Rural West Africa, 1880-Present*
Committee: Nicolas van de Walle (chair), Ken Roberts,
Christopher Way

Indiana University- Bloomington
M.A., Political Science, 2008

University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.A., Geography and Political Science (with distinction), 2005

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

*Precolonial Legacies in Postcolonial Politics: Representation and
Redistribution in Rural Africa*

ARTICLES

2018. Precolonial Legacies and the Contemporary Politics of Public
Goods Provision in Decentralized West Africa. *World Politics*
70(2), pp. 239-74.

2018. The Politics of Local Government Performance: Elite Cohesion
and Cross-Village Constraints in Decentralized Senegal. *World
Development* 103, pp. 149-61.

2018. Popular Support for Democracy in Autocratic Regimes: A
Micro-Level Analysis of Preferences (with Natalie Letsa).
Comparative Politics 50(2).

- WORKING PAPERS
- The Mechanisms of Direct and Indirect Rule: Colonialism and Economic Development in Africa (with Natalie Letsa)
Conditionally accepted at *The Quarterly Journal of Political Science*
 - Demanding Recognition: Citizen Perspectives on Clientelism in Africa (with Jeffrey Paller & Kathleen Klaus)
 - Contesting Autocracy: Explaining the Origins of Opposition Strongholds in Africa (with Leonardo Arriola, David Dow & Natalie Letsa)
 - Citizen Evaluations of Service Provision in West Africa: Micro-evidence from Senegal
 - Precolonial States / Precolonial Cultures: Measurement Validity in the ‘Historical’ Renaissance
- IN PROGRESS
- Endogenous (Re)Districting? The Politics of Subnational Boundary Creation
Book Project: Reevaluating Legacies of Direct and Indirect Rule: Evidence from the Ghana-Togo Borderlands (with Natalie Letsa)
Book Project: Tropical Subjects: Ethnographies of Experimentation
- FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS
- Undergraduate Research Assistance Program Grant, Northwestern University AY 2016-17
 - Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Best Dissertation Prize, Cornell University 2016
 - Best Graduate Student Paper, African Politics Conference Group/African Affairs, 2014-15 for “Local Logics of Public Goods Distribution in Decentralized West Africa” (MPSA 2015)
 - Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University, Fall 2014
 - Sage Completion Fellowship, Cornell University, 2014-15
 - Boren Fellow (Senegal), 2012-13
 - Cornell Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant (Senegal), Fall 2012
 - APSA Africa Workshop Fellow, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, July 2012
 - Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, Summer 2012
 - Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant (Mali), 2011
 - Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant (Niger), 2010
 - Russell Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2008-09
 - FLAS (Bambara), Indiana University, 2007-08; 2008-09 (declined)

PRESENTATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013)</p> <p>International Studies Association (2019)</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)</p> <p>African Studies Association (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013)</p> <p>Governance and Local Development Annual Conference, University of Gothenburg, 31 May-1 June 2018</p> <p>MGAPE, Northwestern University, December 2017</p> <p>Post-Intervention Governance and Security in the African Sahel, Northwestern University, May 2017</p> <p>Comparative Historical Social Sciences, Northwestern, April 2017</p> <p>Program on African Studies, Northwestern, May 2016</p>
TEACHING & ADVISING	<p>Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley</p> <p>African Politics (Undergraduate)</p> <p>The Politics of International Aid (Undergraduate)</p> <p>Major Themes in Comparative Politics (200A) (Graduate)</p> <p>Department of Political Science, Northwestern University</p> <p>Contemporary African Politics (Undergraduate)</p> <p>The Politics of International Aid (Undergraduate)</p> <p>The Politics of Social Welfare (Undergraduate)</p> <p>African Politics through Literature and Film (Undergraduate)</p> <p>African Studies Seminar (Afrisem) (Graduate)</p>
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	<p>American Political Science Association, African Politics Conference Group, Midwest Political Science Association, West African Research Association, African Studies Association</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Co-organizer <i>Research and Development Group</i> African Politics Conference Group, APSA 2020</p> <p>2017 APCG Best Book Award Committee</p> <p>Reviewer <i>American Political Science Review</i>, <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>Comparative Politics</i>, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Governance</i>, <i>Journal of Politics</i>, <i>Theory and Society</i>, <i>World Politics</i>, <i>World Development</i></p>
RELATED SKILLS AND TRAINING	<p>Languages: English, French (Professional Proficiency), Dutch (elementary)</p> <p>ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2014</p> <p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2011</p>

REFERENCES

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