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APPOINTMENT: Assistant Professor of Public Policy, UCLA, July 2016–

AFFILIATIONS: California Center for Population Research, Faculty Affiliate.
UCLA African Studies Center, Faculty Affiliate.
International Growth Centre, Researcher.

EDUCATION: *Stanford University* (2011-2016)
Ph.D. Political Science, M.A. Economics
Major Fields: Comparative Politics & Quantitative Methods
Committee: James Fearon (co-chair), Jeremy Weinstein (co-chair) & David Laitin
Duke University (2004-2008)
A.B., *Summa Cum Laude*
Majors: Political Science & German

AWARDS: Gerhard Casper Fellow, Stanford Graduate Fellowship
Duke Faculty Scholar Award, Honorable Mention; Phi Beta Kappa; Pi Sigma Alpha

PUBLICATIONS: “The Geography of Repression in Africa.” Accepted, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
with David K Hausman, “Measuring the Economic Effect of Alien Tort Statute Liability.”
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization 32(4) (2016): 794-815.
with Jeremy M. Weinstein, “Defunding Dissent: Restrictions on Aid to NGOs.”
Journal of Democracy 24:2 (2013): 77-91.
(pre-PhD) with Erik Wibbels, “Labor Standards, Labor Endowments, and the
Evolution of Inequality.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 58:2 (June 2014): 362-79.

UNDER REVIEW: “Concession Stands: How Foreign Investment in Mining Incites Protest in Africa.”
with Francisco Garfias, “Can You Hear Me Now?
How Communication Technology Affects Protest and Repression.” (*R & R*)
with Simon Ejdemyr, “Do Elections Improve Constituency Responsiveness?
Evidence from U.S. Cities.”
with Mai Nguyen and Renard Sexton, “Strategic Violence during Democratization:
Evidence from Myanmar.”
with David Laitin, *Africa’s Unfulfilled Promise and the Path to the Future*.
(Book Under Contract with Yale University Press)

- ONGOING PROJECTS:** with Alex Hartman & Cyrus Samii, “Legible Institutions and Land Demand: The Effect of Property Rights Systems on Investment in Liberia”
- with Alex Hartman & Cyrus Samii, “Enabling Community Resource Management through Participatory Valuation, Monitoring, and Negotiation Skills.”
- with Oeindrila Dube, Johannes Haushofer, Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, “Healthcare Delivery during Crises: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone’s Ebola Outbreak”
- with Francisco Garfias, “Enabling Investment through Urban Property Formalization: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”
- “Survival Strategies: How Leaders Use Windfalls to Maintain Power.”
- POSTS & REPORTS:** with Thiemo Fetzer, “[Correction For Spatial And Temporal Auto-Correlation In Panel Data: Using R To Estimate Spatial HAC Errors Per Conley](#).” *R-bloggers* (September 2015).
- GRANTS:**
- 2017: with Francisco Garfias, EGAP Grant: \$226,000
- 2017: with Alex Hartman & Cyrus Samii, EGAP Grant: \$240,000
- 2016: CCPR Junior Faculty Course Release
- 2016: with Graeme Blair & Chad Hazlett, UCLA Dean’s Opportunity Fund: \$1,500
- 2016: with Peter van der Windt, Bilal Siddiqi, & Maarten Voors, IGC Grant: \$66,000
- 2016: with Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, EDI Travel Grant: \$7,000
- 2016: with Renard Sexton, IGC Grant: \$30,000
- 2016: with Francisco Garfias, SEED PhD I-Award: \$7,000
- 2015: with Teevrat Garg, Jed Friedman & Ty Turley, World Bank izi Preparation Grant: \$50,000
- 2014: with Bilal Siddiqi & Peter van der Windt, World Bank izi Preparation Grant: \$25,000
- 2012: Stanford Center for African Studies, Summer Research Grant: \$5,000
- TALKS:**
- 2017: Annual Bank Conference on Africa, APSA, EPSA, Empirical Studies of Conflict, Stanford Center for African Studies, UC Riverside Applied Micro, World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty
- 2016: Empirical Studies of Conflict, Strategy and the Business Environment, Working Group on African Political Economy
- 2015: APSA, African Studies Association, MPSA

FIELD WORK: Myanmar: Mar. 2017
 Bangladesh: Aug. 2015
 Sierra Leone: Summer 2013, Apr. 2014 & Mar., Aug. 2016
 Kenya: Summer 2012
 Ghana: Summer 2006

TEACHING: Introduction to Data Science in R (MPP). Fall 2016.
 Political Economy of Development (MPP). Fall 2016.
 Tools for Causal Inference (MPP). Winter 2016.
[Improving Designs in the Social Sciences](#) (IDSS), Faculty Organizer.

WORK EXPERIENCE: The Asia Foundation, *Advisor*, Nov. 2016 - Mar. 2017
 Project: Myanmar's Contested Areas

The World Bank, *IE Consultant*, Aug. 2015 - Aug. 2016
 Project: Rural Electricity Transmission and Distribution Project (Bangladesh)
 Project: Justice Sector Support Project (Croatia)

Cloudburst Group, *IE Consultant*, Aug. 2014 - Aug. 2015
 Project: USAID's Property Rights and Artisanal Diamond Development (Guinea)

Stanford University,
Research Assistant for James Fearon, Dec. 2013 - Mar. 2014
Research Assistant for Jeremy Weinstein, Jan. 2012 - Jan. 2013

The Tobin Project, *Program Manager*, Jan. 2009 - May 2011

Internships: German Bundestag, German Marshall Fund, American Academy in Berlin

SKILLS: Language: English (First) & German
 Software: ArcGIS, C++, Python, R & Stata

Other Training:
 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Duke University, Jun. - Jul. 2014
 ICME Machine Learning Short Course, Stanford University, Aug. 2014

REFEREE: *American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics*