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

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

AFFILIATIONS:	California Center for Population Research	Faculty Affiliate
	Center for Effective Global Action	Faculty Affiliate
	Evidence in Governance and Politics	Member
	International Growth Centre	Researcher
	The Luskin Center for Innovation	Scholar
	Project on Resources, Development & Governance (PRDG)	Co-Founder
	UCLA African Studies Center	Faculty Affiliate
	Working Group on African Political Economy	Faculty Member

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

PUBLICATIONS: “Concession Stands: How Mining Investments Incite Protest in Africa.”

Accepted, *International Organization*.

with Francisco Garfias, “Can You Hear Me Now? How Communication Technology Affects Protest and Repression.” Accepted, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

with David Laitin, *Africa’s Unfulfilled Promise and the Path to the Future*.

Book manuscript accepted, Yale University Press.

“The Geography of Repression in Africa.” Forthcoming, *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) (November 2016): 794-815.

(pre-PhD) with Erik Wibbels, “Labor Standards, Labor Endowments, and the Evolution of Inequality.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 58:2 (June 2014): 362-79.

with Jeremy M. Weinstein, “Defunding Dissent: Restrictions on Aid to NGOs.”

Journal of Democracy 24:2 (April 2013): 77-91.

- UNDER REVIEW:** 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.”
- ONGOING PROJECTS:** with Oeindrila Dube, Johannes Haushofer, Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, “Healthcare Delivery during Crises: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone’s Ebola Outbreak”
- 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 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:** 2018: CCPR Junior Faculty Course Release
- 2018: with Graeme Blair and Renard Sexton, PRDG Scoping Grant: \$8,000
- 2017: with Jeremy Weinstein, JPAL-CVI Travel Grant: \$10,000
- 2017: with Graeme Blair, Laura Paler & Michael Ross, Hewlett Foundation: \$600,000
- 2017: with Francisco Garfias, EGAP Grant: \$226,000
- 2017: with Alex Hartman & Cyrus Samii, EGAP Grant: \$271,000
- 2017: with Graeme Blair & Renard Sexton, Development Innovation Lab/USAID: \$5,000
- 2017: with Francisco Garfias, Policy Design and Evaluation Lab at UCSD: \$15,000
- 2017: with Mai Nguyen & Renard Sexton, IGC Grant: \$30,000
- 2016: with Graeme Blair & Chad Hazlett, UCLA Dean’s Opportunity Fund: \$1,500
- 2016: with Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, IGC Grant: \$66,000
- 2016: with Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, EDI Travel Grant: \$7,000
- 2016: with Francisco Garfias, SEED PhD I-Award: \$7,000
- 2015: with Teevrat Garg, Jed Friedman & Ty Turley, World Bank i2i Preparation Grant: \$50,000
- 2014: with Bilal Siddiqi & Peter van der Windt, World Bank i2i Preparation Grant: \$25,000
- 2012: Stanford Center for African Studies, Summer Research Grant: \$5,000

TALKS:

- 2018: UCLA Sociology
- 2017: Annual Bank Conference on Africa, EPSA, Empirical Studies of Conflict, Stanford Center for African Studies, UC Riverside Applied Micro, World Bank DIME
- 2016: Empirical Studies of Conflict, Strategy and the Business Environment, Working Group on African Political Economy
- 2015: APSA, African Studies Association, MPSA

TEACHING:

- Introduction to Data Science Using 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, *Research Specialist*, Nov. 2016 - Mar. 2017
Project: Contested Areas of Myanmar
- 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, American Political Science Review, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics*