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APPOINTMENT: Assistant Professor of Public Policy, UCLA, July 2016–
Assistant Professor of Political Science (by courtesy), UCLA, July 2018–

EDUCATION: *Stanford University* (2011-2016)
Ph.D. Political Science
M.A. Economics
Duke University (2004-2008)
A.B., *Summa Cum Laude*

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
	Immigration Policy Lab	Faculty Affiliate
	The Luskin Center for Innovation	Scholar
	Project on Resources and Governance	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 Mai Nguyen and Renard Sexton, “Strategic Violence during Democratization:
Evidence from Myanmar.” Accepted, *World Politics*.

with David Laitin, *African States Since Independence*.
Book manuscript accepted, Yale University Press.

with Simon Ejdemyr, “Do Elections Improve Constituency Responsiveness?
Evidence from U.S. Cities.” Accepted, *Political Science Research and Methods*.

with Francisco Garfias, “Can You Hear Me Now? How Communication Technology Affects
Protest and Repression.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 13:1 (2018): 89-117.

“The Geography of Repression in Africa.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62:7 (January 2017):
1517-1543.

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.

WORKING PAPERS:

with Oeindrila Dube, Johannes Haushofer, Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, “Healthcare Delivery during Crises: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone’s Ebola Outbreak”

with Francisco Garfias, “The Politics of Property Taxation: Fiscal Infrastructure and Electoral Incentives in Brazil.”

with Michael Gibilisco, “Autocrats’ Survival Strategies.”

with Alex Hartman & Cyrus Samii, “Property Rights, Investment, and Land Grabs: An Institutional Natural Experiment in Liberia”

ONGOING PROJECTS:

with Graeme Blair and Aaron Rudkin, “Meta-analysis of Commodity Prices and Conflict.”

with Francisco Garfias, “Enabling Investment through Urban Property Formalization: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”

with Alex Hartman & Cyrus Samii, “Enabling Community Resource Management through Participatory Valuation, Monitoring, and Negotiation Skills.”

POSTS & REPORTS:

with Thiemo Fetzter, “Correction For Spatial And Temporal Auto-Correlation In Panel Data: Using R To Estimate Spatial HAC Errors Per Conley.” *R-bloggers* (September 2015).

Contributor, “The Contested Areas of Myanmar.” The Asia Foundation (2017).

GRANTS:

2018: with Graeme Blair & Renard Sexton, EDI Pilot Grant: \$30,000
CCPR Junior Faculty Course Release
with Graeme Blair & Renard Sexton, PRDG Scoping Grant: \$8,000

2017: with Jeremy Weinstein, JPAL-CVI Travel Grant: \$10,000
with Graeme Blair, Laura Paler & Michael Ross, Hewlett Foundation: \$600,000
with Francisco Garfias, EGAP Grant: \$226,000
with Alex Hartman & Cyrus Samii, EGAP Grant: \$271,000
with Graeme Blair & Renard Sexton, Development Innovation Lab/USAID: \$5,000
with Francisco Garfias, Policy Design and Evaluation Lab at UCSD: \$15,000
with Mai Nguyen & Renard Sexton, IGC Grant: \$30,000

2016: with Graeme Blair & Chad Hazlett, UCLA Dean’s Opportunity Fund: \$1,500
with Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, IGC Grant: \$66,000
with Bilal Siddiqi & Maarten Voors, EDI Travel Grant: \$7,000
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: APSA, UCLA Sociology, Political Institutions and Economic Policy, PRG, Annual Bank Conference on Africa

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, Spring 2018

Political Economy of Development (MPP). Fall 2016, Spring 2018

Tools for Causal Inference (MPP). Winter 2016, Spring 2018

[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