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EDUCATION

Stanford University *expected 2025*

Ph.D. in Political Science

- Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, and International Relations.
- Committee: Jeremy Weinstein (chair), Avidit Acharya, James Fearon, and David Laitin.
- Dissertation project: Who wants property rights? The political economy of land formalization in West Africa.

Stanford University 2022

M.A. in Political Science

College of William & Mary | University of St Andrews 2017

B.A. (International Honors) International Relations, minor in Economics

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Keeping Up with the Times: How the Discipline of International Relations Responds to Benchmark Events. 2016. *International Studies Perspectives*, 18(3): 304-322 [[link to paper](#)] [[link to SAGE Research Methods Case Study](#)].

WORKING PAPERS

2. Who wants property rights? Conjoint evidence from Senegal [[link to working paper](#)].
3. Getting to youths: negotiation training, participatory institutions, and support for violent extremism in Niger (with Kathryn M. Lance and Ryan Sheely). [[link to pre-analysis plan](#)].
4. Pitfalls and tradeoffs in measuring support for violent extremism: Evidence from Niger and Burkina Faso (with Ryan Sheely and Adam Lichtenheld) [[link to working paper](#)] **Under review**.
5. Feeding conflict? New data on the impact of humanitarian food aid on civil conflict [[link to working paper](#)] **Under review**.
6. In Vi(vi)no Veritas? Expertise, review accuracy and reputation inflation (with Rebecca Janssen) [[link to working paper](#)].

- Covered in [Suddendeutsh Zeitung](#).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

7. Getting to youths: negotiation training, participatory institutions, and support for violent extremism in Niger (with Kathryn M. Lance and Ryan Sheely). [[link to pre-analysis plan](#)].
8. Countering radicalization in Mali through PREVENS (with Jamila Alaktif, Mamadou Camara, and David Laitin).
9. Traditional Chiefs and Democratic Backsliding.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

10. The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Project in Cabo Verde: Interim Evaluation Report. 2020. Report submitted to the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Washington, DC: Mathematica Policy Research (with Clair Null, Edith Felix, Audrey Moore, Abbie Turiansky, Jane Fortson, Evan Fantozzi, Dara Bernstein, Emma Pottinger, and Loay Hidmi) [[link to paper](#)].
11. Evaluation Design Report for the Liberia Energy Project: Activities 1 and 2. 2018. Report submitted to the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Washington, DC: Mathematica Policy Research (with Candace Miller, Kristine Bos, Ali Protik, Randall Blair, and Paolo Abarcar) [[link to paper](#)].
12. Evaluation of the Irrigation and Water Resource Management Project in Senegal: Interim Report. 2018. Report submitted to the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Washington, DC: Mathematica Policy Research (with Thomas Coen, Sarah Hughes, William Valetta, and Kristen Velyvis) [[link to paper](#)].
13. Implementing the Arms Trade Treaty and the UNPoA: A Guide to Coordinating an Effective Arms Control System. 2018. Sydney: Centre for Armed Violence Reduction (with Laura Spano, Philip Alpers, and Erly Munoz) [[link to paper](#)].
14. Where the World Comes Up Short: Gaps in Civil Society Efforts to Combat the Proliferation of Small Arms. 2016. Melbourne: Pacific Small Arms Action Group.

GRANTS

- 2023 SurveyCTO Primary Data Collection Research Grant (\$ 1,000).
- 2023 Stanford King Center for International Development Advanced Grant (\$10,000).
- 2023 Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support (\$ 5,000).
- 2023 Peace Science Society Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$400).
- 2023 Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support (\$ 750).

- 2023 Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) Schultz Research Fellowship (\$ 4,000).
- 2022 Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office) Ph.D. Research Grant (£24,535).
- 2022 Stanford King Center for International Development Advanced Grant (\$ 10,000).
- 2021 Stanford King Center for International Development Exploratory Grant (\$ 5,000).
- 2021 National Science Foundation Graduate Student Research Fellowship
- 2014 International Studies Association Student Travel Grant

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Junior Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2023 Junior Scholar, Carnegie International Policy Scholar Consortium and Network
- 2021 Stanford Center for African Studies Graduate Fellow
- 2025
- 2021 Immigration Policy Lab Graduate Fellow
- 2025
- 2021 Stanford Impact Labs / Immigration Policy Lab Summer Fellow
- 2019 Stanford University Graduate Fellowship
- 2025
- 201 Phi Beta Kappa

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Midwest Political Science Association, Governance and Local Development Institute Annual Conference, World Bank Land and Poverty Conference, American Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology (**declined**).
- 2023 Peace Science Society; American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2022 Midwest Political Science Association; Working Group in African Political Economy Annual Conference.
- 2020 Midwest Political Science Association; Stanford Graduate Student Comparative Workshop.
- 2017 International Studies Association—South.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Teaching assistanceships:

- Introduction to International Relations, with Jim Fearon (2019)
- The Science of Politics, with Jeremy Weinstein and Jonathan Rodden (2021)
- Data Science for Politics, with Alain Schläpfer (2021)

Research assistanceships:

- Jeremy Weinstein (Stanford University)
- Kai Gehring (University of Bern and Stanford University)
- Kristen Harkness (University of St. Andrews)
- Marc DeVore (University of St. Andrews)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Mathematica Policy Research
Program Associate

Washington, DC
June 2017 - August 2019

Pacific Small Arms Action Group/Center for Armed Violence Reduction
Consultant
Policy and Outreach Associate

Melbourne, Australia
June 2017 - September 2017
May 2016 - September 2016

Teaching, Research, and International Policy Project
Research Assistant

Williamsburg, USA
November 2013 - June 2017

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022 APSA mentor program.

-2025

2022 Stanford 'Pathways to Ph.D.' mentor program.

-2023

2020 Departmental cohort representative.

FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

2024 Côte d'Ivoire
2023 Côte d'Ivoire
2023 Senegal
2022 Côte d'Ivoire
2022 Senegal
2021 Niger

SKILLS

- Proficient in French and English (native).
- Computer skills: R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, NVivo, \LaTeX .