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EDUCATION

Stanford University *expected 2024*

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](#)].

WORKS IN PROGRESS

2. Who wants property rights? Conjoint evidence from Senegal [[link to working paper](#)].
3. Feeding conflict? New data on the impact of humanitarian food aid on civil conflict [[link to working paper](#)] **Under review**.
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. Interest-based negotiation training, informal institutions, and preventing violent extremism: experimental evidence from Niger (with Ryan Sheely and Kathryn Lance).
6. In Vi(vi)no Veritas? Expertise, review accuracy and reputation inflation (with Rebecca Janssen) [[link to working paper](#)].

7. Traditional Chiefs and Democratic Backsliding.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

8. 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](#)].
9. 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](#)].
10. 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](#)].
11. 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](#)].
12. 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 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 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
2017 Phi Beta Kappa

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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

University of St Andrews School of International Relations
Research Assistant

St Andrews, UK
September 2015 - May 2016

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022 APSA mentor program.
-2023

2022 Stanford 'Pathways to Ph.D.' mentor program.
-2023

2020 Departmental cohort representative.

FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 Côte d'Ivoire

2023 Senegal

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2022 Senegal

2021 Niger

SKILLS

- Proficient in French and English (native).
- Computer skills: R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, NVivo, L^AT_EX.