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## Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, September 2018–present.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, July 2013–August 2018.

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Stanford University, June 2013.

DISSERTATION: *Trust Amid Diversity: Nationalism and Interethnic Trust in Africa.*

*Advisors:* David D. Laitin (chair), James Fearon, Jeremy Weinstein, Michael Tomz.

B.A. Biology, *Summa Cum Laude*, Appalachian State University, August 2005.

## Research

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

(How) Do Voters Discriminate Against Women Candidates? Experimental and Qualitative Evidence from Malawi. Forthcoming, *Comparative Political Studies*.  
(with Amanda Clayton, Martha Johnson, and Ragnhild Muriaas)

How to Close the Gender Gap in Political Participation: Lessons from Matrilineal Societies in Africa. Forthcoming, *British Journal of Political Science*.  
(with Jessica Gottlieb)

Coethnicity and Corruption: Field Experimental Evidence from Public Officials in Malawi. Forthcoming, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.  
(with Brigitte Seim)

Ethnic Associations and Politics in Contemporary Malawi. Forthcoming, *Journal of Eastern African Studies*.  
(with Paul C. Banda and Gift Kayira )

Ethnic Diversity, Segregation, and Interethnic Trust in Africa. 2017 (First View). *British Journal of Political Science*.

Who is Targeted in Corruption? Disentangling the Effects of Wealth and Power on Exposure to Bribery. 2018. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 13 (3): 313-331.  
(with Brigitte Seim)

Segregation, Ethnic Favoritism, and the Strategic Targeting of Distributive Goods. 2018. *Comparative Political Studies*, 51(9): 1111-1143.  
(with Simon Ejdemyr and Eric Kramon)

Nationalism and Social Sanctioning Across Ethnic Lines: Experimental Evidence from the Kenya-Tanzania Border. 2017. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 4 (1): 1–20.  
(with Sangick Jeon and Tim Johnson)

Do Men and Women Have Different Policy Preferences in Africa? Determinants and Implications of Gender Gaps in Policy Prioritization. 2018 (2016 First View). *British Journal of Political Science*, 48(3): 611-636.  
(with Jessica Gottlieb and Guy Grossman).

Nationalism and Ethnic-Based Trust: Experimental Evidence from an African Border Region. 2016. *Comparative Political Studies* 49 (14): 1819–1854.

Internal Borders: Ethnic-Based Market Segmentation in Malawi. 2016. *World Development* 87: 371–384.

Who's Asking? Interviewer Coethnicity Effects in African Survey Data. 2016. *Comparative Political Studies* 49 (12): 1630–1660.  
(with Claire L. Adida, Karen Ferree, and Daniel Posner)

National versus Ethnic Identification in Africa: Modernization, Colonial Legacy, and the Origins of Territorial Nationalism. 2014. *World Politics* 66 (4): 709–746.

Geographic Axes and the Persistence of Cultural Diversity. 2012. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 109 (26): 10263–10268.  
(with David D. Laitin and Joachim Moortgat)

#### INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

Colonial Rule and Its Political Legacies in Africa. (Forthcoming). In Nic Cheeseman (editor), *Oxford Encyclopedia of African Politics*. Oxford University Press.

Review of *Beyond Ethnic Politics in Africa* by Dominika Koeter. 2018. *Perspectives on Politics* 16(1): 266-267.

Ethnic Visibility. 2017. *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 27(2): 79–89.

#### WORKING PAPERS

Triggers of Non-State Mass Killings in Africa  
(Under review, with Hollie Nyseth Brehm and Mini Saraswati)

Urban Citizens or Temporary Sojourners? The Political Implications of Urban-Rural Linkages in Kenya  
(Under review, with Rachel Beatty Riedl)

The Political Logic of Cultural Revival: Ethnic Visibility and Electoral Politics in Malawi

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

*The Political Logic of Inventing Tradition: Cultural Revival, Ethnic Visibility, and Electoral Politics in Malawi.* Book manuscript.

Becoming Black? Immigrant Visibility, Racial Identity Formation, and Political Integration Among Somalis in the US  
(with Claire Adida)

Black, but not “Black”: African Immigrant Visibility and Racial Politics in the US  
(with Claire Adida)

Who Runs for Local Office? A Comparison of Candidate Biographies in Benin and Malawi  
(with Amanda Clayton, Martha Johnson, and Ragnhild Muriaas)

**Honors & Awards**

## RESEARCH GRANTS

Mershon Center for International Security, Faculty Research Grant, Ohio State University, 2017.

Institute for Population Research, Faculty Seed Grant, Ohio State University, 2016.

Criminal Justice Research Center, Faculty Seed Grant, Ohio State University, 2016.

Mershon Center for International Security, Faculty Research Grant, Ohio State University, 2016.

Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Faculty Research Grant, Ohio State University, 2016.

Faculty Grant for MGAPE Workshop, Office of International Affairs, Ohio State University, 2014.

Russell Sage Foundation, Small Grant in Behavioral Economics, 2011.

## FELLOWSHIPS

Casper Fellow, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2016-2017.

African Language Fellowship for Advanced Chichewa at Center for Language Studies, University of Malawi, Chancellor College. Stanford University Center for African Studies, 2011.

Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, 2010-2013.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship for Intermediate Chichewa. Center for Language Studies, University of Malawi, Chancellor College, 2010.

## AWARDS

Best Reviewer Award, *Comparative Political Studies*, 2016.

Distinguished Denman Research Mentor Award, Ohio State University, 2017.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, African Politics Conference Group & *African Affairs*, 2013.

## Teaching Experience

### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Field Research Methods for Politics and Development: Study Abroad in Malawi (Undergraduate Course). Summer 2019.

African Politics (Undergraduate Course). Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2014 (Honors), Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.

Nationalism and Ethnicity: The Politics of Belonging (Undergraduate Course). Spring 2014 (Honors), Spring 2015, Spring 2015 (Honors), Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.

Democratic Erosion (Undergraduate Course). Spring 2018 (Honors).

Comparative Politics Research Workshop (Graduate Course). Fall 2015, Spring 2016.

Field Research Methods (Graduate Course). Fall 2013, Spring 2017.

## Presentations

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Columbia University, Department of Political Science, February 6, 2019.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Political Science, February 1, 2019.

University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies, January 16, 2019.

Toulouse School of Economics, Institute for Advanced Studies, March 27, 2018.

Tulane University, Department of Political Science, December 12, 2017.

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, December 4, 2017.

University of Southern California, Department of Political Science, November 15, 2017.

University of Wisconsin, Department of Political Science, February 16, 2017.

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science, September 15, 2016.

Carlos III-Juan March Institute, Workshop on Ethnicity and Diversity, June 6-7, 2016.

Ohio State University, John Glenn School of Public Affairs, April 18, 2016.

Yale University, Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Africa Symposium, February 26-27, 2016.

Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service, April 13, 2015.

University of Gothenburg, Department of Political Science, March 20, 2015.

Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, March 19, 2015.

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science and Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, January 29, 2015.

Santa Fe Institute, Coevolution of Behavior and Institutions, January 14, 2014.

Arizona State University, Ethnic Politics Workshop, December 13-14, 2012.

## POLICY PRESENTATIONS

Triggers of Mass Killings by Non-State Actors. Political Instability Task Force. Washington, D.C., January 23-24, 2017.

Ethnic Political Mobilization in Africa. Political Instability Task Force. Washington, D.C., July 20-21, 2015.

Identity Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa. Niagara Foundation, Columbus, OH, December 17, 2014.

Protest Participation in Malawi. Department for International Development, British High Commission, Malawi, August 22, 2011.

**Professional Organizations**

African Politics Conference Group

Evidence in Governance and Politics

African Studies Association

Midwest Group in African Political Economy

American Political Science Association

Working Group in African Political Economy

**Service**

## DISCIPLINE

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), Co-Organizer, 2017-Present.

African Politics Conference Group, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Chair, 2017.

Varieties of Democracy Project, Expert Coder for Malawi, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), Executive Board Member, 2015-2017.

Midwest Group in African Political Economy, Organizer, Ohio State University, September 2014.

Reviewer:

*African Affairs; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Sociological Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Governance; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Journal of Theoretical Politics; Malawi Journal of Social Science; Political Behavior; Political Science Research Methods; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Studies in Comparative International Development; World Development; World Politics.*

## DEPARTMENT

Diversity Committee, Chair, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, August 2019-present.

Search Committee for Department Chair, Member, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, January-April 2019.

Graduate Admissions Committee, Member, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2018-2019.

Comparative Politics Workshop Series, Co-Organizer, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, August 2014-2017.

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Member, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, August 2013-2017.

#### UNIVERSITY

Grant Reviewer, Mershon Center for International Security, Ohio State University, 2019.

Decision Sciences Collaborative, Steering Committee, Ohio State University, August 2014-2017; 2018-present.

Decision Sciences Collaborative, Interim Director, Ohio State University, August 2017-2018.

Grant Reviewer, Office of International Affairs, Ohio State University, February-March 2017.

Fulbright Review Panel, Ohio State University, September 2015.

#### Field Work

##### ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Tanzania, July 2019

Malawi, July-August 2015

Malawi, May-July 2019

Malawi, May-July 2014

Malawi, April-May 2018

Kenya and Tanzania, June 2012

Malawi, June-July 2017

Kenya and Tanzania, December 2011

Malawi, October 2016

Malawi and Zambia, June – November 2011

Malawi, August 2016

Malawi and Zambia, July – October 2010

Kenya, July-August 2016

Malawi and Mozambique, June – August 2009

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