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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, 2012-present

Founding Co-Convener, Forum on Political Economy and Economics, Departments of Political Science and Economics, University of Washington, 2014-present

Faculty Affiliate

- Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS), University of Washington, 2014-present
- Technology and Social Change Group (TASCHA), Information School, University of Washington, 2014-present
- Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), University of California, Berkeley, 2013-present
- Near and Middle East Interdisciplinary Program, Jackson School for International Relations, University of Washington, 2013-present

Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2012-13, 2015-16

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2012

Dissertation: "Voting, Fraud, and Violence: Political Accountability in African Elections"

MSc (with Merit), African Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, 2004

BA (High Honors), International Relations and History, College of William & Mary, 2003

Study Abroad, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2001-2002

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Substantive: technology for development; corruption; elections; voting behavior and turnout; election fraud and democracy promotion; violence, insurgency, state-building; Africa; Afghanistan

Methodological: randomized control trials and impact evaluation, development engineering, field experiments, household surveys, information and communications technology and digital platforms, election forensics, exit polls, ethnography

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2012-16 **Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies,**
Harvard University
- 2012 **Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of
Law,** Stanford University (declined)
- 2010-11 **Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC),** Dissertation Fellowship,
University of California
- 2009-10 **United States Institute of Peace (USIP),** Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar
Dissertation Fellowship
- 2008-09 **Fulbright** US Student Scholarship (Uganda)
- 2007-08 **National Science Foundation (NSF),** Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement
Grant
- 2004-12 **Mark Twain Fellowship,** Department of Political Science, UCSD
- 2001-02 **Daniel L. Boren Fellowship,** National Security Education Program (NSEP)

OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2013-15 **Development Innovation Ventures,** US Agency for International Development,
“Improving Electoral Performance Through Citizen Engagement in South Africa,”
\$1,387,559 (with Craig McIntosh, Danielle Jung, Clark Gibson, and Karen Ferree)
- 2014-15 **Policy Design and Evaluation Lab,** UC-San Diego, “Election Violence and Voting in
Emerging Democracies,” \$14,000 (with Clark Gibson)
- 2014 **Mellon Grant, “Elections and Electoral Systems”** Jackson School for International
Relations, University of Washington, \$4-6,000 est. (with Robert Pekkannen and Matt
Barreto)
- 2013 **National Science Foundation (NSF),** “Election Violence and Voting in Emerging
Democracies,” \$47,000 (with Clark Gibson and Karen Ferree)
- 2012 **American Political Science Association,** Comparative Democratization Section,
Honorable Mention for Best Fieldwork (Kenya, Uganda, Afghanistan)
- 2011-12 **Development and Conflict Research (DACOR),** “Election Violence in Kenya,”
\$51,290
- 2010 **Development Innovation Ventures,** US Agency for International Development
“Cellular Monitoring: Improving Governance in Afghanistan,” \$99,922 (with Clark
Gibson, Eli Berman, and Michael Callen)
- 2010 **Democracy International,** (with Clark Gibson, Eli Berman, and Michael Callen),
“Democracy, Legitimacy, and Elections in Afghanistan,” \$200,000
- 2010 **Dean’s Social Science Research Grant,** UCSD
- 2009 **American Political Science Association (APSA),** Travel Grant
- 2008 **Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies (IICAS),** UCSD,
Research Grant
- 2006-07 **Teaching Assistant of the Year Award,** Department of Political Science, UCSD

- 2004 **Rohr Chair in International Relations**, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS), UCSD, Travel grant
- 2003 **High Honors** for undergraduate honors thesis, William & Mary
- 2001 **First Place Prize for the Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics Essay Contest** for “Deaths in Paradise: Genocide and the Limits of Imagination in Rwanda,” Elie Wiesel Foundation

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

1. “Institutional Corruption and Election Fraud: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” *American Economic Review*, 2015, 105 (1): 354-381 (with Michael Callen)
2. “Knowledge Without Power: International Relations Scholars, U.S. Foreign Policy, and the Iraq War” *International Politics*, 2015, 52 (1): 20-44 (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney)
3. “Voting Behavior and Electoral Irregularities in Kenya’s 2013 Election” *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, 8, 1, 2014: pp. 153-172 (with Clark Gibson and Karen Ferree)
4. “Violence and Risk Preference: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan,” *American Economic Review*, 104, 1, 2014: pp. 123-148 (with Michael Callen, Mohammad Isaqzadeh, and Charles Sprenger)
5. “Kenya’s 2013 Election: Choosing Peace Over Democracy” *Journal of Democracy*, 24, 3, July 2013: pp. 140-155 (with Karuti Kanyinga, Karen Ferree, and Clark Gibson)
6. “Income, Occupation, and Preferences for Redistribution in the Developing World” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 48, 2, 2013: pp. 113-140 (with Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman)
7. “Party Attributes, Performance, and Voting in Africa,” *Comparative Politics*, 45, 1, January 2013, 127-146 (with Barak Hoffman)
8. “The Political Economy of Reforms in Kenya” *African Studies Review*, 55, 1, 2012: pp. 31-51 (with Karuti Kanyinga)
9. “Was it Rigged? A Forensic Analysis of Vote Returns in Kenya’s 2007 Election,” in *Democratic Gains and Gaps: A Study of the 2007 Kenyan General Elections*, Nairobi, Kenya: Society for International Development, 2010 (with Karuti Kanyinga and David Ndi)
10. “Addressing the Post-Election Violence: Micro-Level Perspectives on Transitional Justice in Kenya”, *The Politics of Violence and Accountability in Kenya*, Oxford Transitional Justice Research Centre, Oxford University, June 2010 (with David Backer and Joseph Lahouchuc)
11. “The Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Kenya, December 2007: Evidence from an Exit Poll,” *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 28, No. 3, 2009 (with Clark Gibson)

PAPERS CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED & RESUBMISSION

1. “Improving Electoral Integrity with Information and Communications Technology” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, November 2014, revise and resubmit (with Michael Callen, Clark Gibson, and Danielle Jung)
2. “Evaluating the Roles of Ethnicity and Performance in African Elections: Evidence from an Exit Poll in Kenya,” *Political Research Quarterly*, November 2014, revise and resubmit (with Clark Gibson)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS AND OTHER CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. *The Performance of Elections in Emerging Democracies (tentative title)*, book manuscript in progress
2. *The African Voter (tentative title)*, book manuscript in progress (with Karen Ferree and Clark Gibson)
3. “Elections and Government Legitimacy in Afghanistan” NBER Working Paper 19949, (with Eli Berman, Clark Gibson, and Michael Callen)
4. “Improving Electoral Performance Through Citizen Engagement in South Africa” (with Clark Gibson, Karen Ferree, Craig McIntosh, and Danielle Jung)
5. “Community Performance-Based Financing for Health in Cameroon” (with Paul Jacob Ryan)

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Engineering (DevEng)* (2015-present)

RELEVANT POLICY WORK/IMPACT EVALUATION

The World Bank (2014-present), *Principal Investigator*, Cameroon
Democracy International (2014), *Consultant*, Kabul, Afghanistan
Independent Commission for Aid Impact (2013), *Consultant*, Accra, Ghana
National Solidarity Program (2012), *Consultant*, Kabul, Afghanistan
Democracy International (2010), *Research Director for Election Observation Mission*, Kabul, Afghanistan
Democracy International (2009), *Consultant and Election Observer*, Kabul, Afghanistan
United Nations Development Program (UNDP) (2008), *Consultant*, Nairobi, Kenya
Africa Centre for Open Governance (2008), *Consultant*, Nairobi, Kenya
South Consulting (2008-2012), *Consultant*, Nairobi, Kenya

FIELD EXPERIENCE

South Africa December 2013, March 2014, May 2014, December 2014 (planned)
Afghanistan September 2014, February 2012, July-November 2010, August 2009
Kenya January-March 2013, November 2012, March-April 2012, November-December 2010, February 2009-March 2010, September 2007-March 2008, Summer 2001
Ghana Summer 2013, October -December 2008
Uganda January-March 2011, December 2010, March-October 2008, December 2008-February 2009, January-March 2010
Chad Summer 2004
Cameroon December 2014, Summer 2004
Tanzania Summer 2003, 2001-2002
Ethiopia Summer 2003, Summer 2001
Sierra Leone Summer 2002

INVITED TALKS & EXPERT TESTIMONY

2015:

University of Heidelberg, “Elections and Government Legitimacy in Afghanistan,” July 2015 (scheduled)

University of Washington, Technology and Social Change Group, Information School, “Detecting and Deterring Election Fraud in Emerging Democracies,” February 2014

2014:

US Agency for International Development (USAID), Johannesburg, South Africa, “Improving Electoral Performance Through Citizen Engagement in South Africa,” December 2014

University of Washington, Technology and Social Change Group, Information School, “Innovations to Engage Citizens and Reduce Electoral Corruption using Information Communications Technology and Digital Media in Emerging Democracies,” August 2014

US Agency for International Development (USAID), “Improving Electoral Performance Through Citizen Engagement in South Africa,” August 2014

Paris School of Economics, World Bank Conference on Poverty in Africa, “Improving Electoral Integrity with Information and Communications Technology and Citizen Engagement,” June 2014

University of Washington, Tacoma, Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs Series on the Middle East and Africa, “The Performance of Elections in Emerging Democracies,” April 2014

University of Washington, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, “Improving Electoral Integrity with Information and Communications Technology,” February 2014

University of Washington & Cambridge University Press, Series in Comparative Politics, discussant for Isabela Mares’s book manuscript, March 2014.

University of Oregon, African Studies Series, “The Impact of Elections on Kenya’s Path to Democratization,” January 2014

2013:

Olympia World Affairs Council, “Elections and Government Legitimacy in Afghanistan,” October 2013

Institute for Defense Analysis, Election Violence Workshop, “Kenya’s 2013 Election,” July 2013

Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University “The Impact of Elections on Kenya’s Path to Democratization,” Kenya at 50 Conference,” September 2013

Harvard University, Electoral Integrity Workshop, “Scalable Information and Communication Technologies Reduces Fraud in Fragile Democracies,” June 2013

Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University “Voting and Fraud in Kenya’s 2013 Election: Evidence from an Exit Poll,” May 2013

2012:

Harvard University, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, “Deterring Election Fraud in Emerging Democracies,” November 2012

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), George Washington University, and the US State Department, Tech@State Conference, “Deterring Election Fraud,” Washington DC, November 2012

US Agency for International Development (USAID) and Georgetown University, Development Innovation Ventures Frontiers in Development Conference, “Institutional Corruption and Election Fraud: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” Washington, DC, June 2012

The White House, Office for Science and Technology Conference on Innovations for Global Development, “Institutional Corruption and Election Fraud: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” Washington, DC, February 2012

2011:

US Agency for International Development (USAID), Development Innovation Ventures, “Institutional Corruption and Election Fraud: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” Washington, DC, November 2011

Development and Conflict Research Conference, “Institutional Corruption and Election Fraud: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” UCSD, June 2011

2010:

US Agency for International Development (USAID), “Fraud in Afghanistan’s 2010 Election,” Kabul, Afghanistan, November 2010

British Institute of East Africa, “Electoral Fraud, Violence, and International Democracy Promotion in Kenya,” Nairobi, Kenya, March 2010.

2009:

American University (Study Abroad), “Kenya’s Post-Election Crisis,” Nairobi, Kenya, March 2009

2008:

US Department of State, “Museveni and Obama: Comparing the African and American Vote,” US Embassy, Kampala, Uganda, October 2008

Testimony Before the Independent Review (“Kriegler”) Commission on Kenya’s 2007 Election, Nairobi, Kenya, August 2008

Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, “What Explains the 2007 Kenyan Vote?” Washington, DC, July 2008

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), “Governance in Kenya: Ethnicity and Government Performance in the 2007 Elections,” Washington, DC, July 2008

Oxford University, Centre for African Studies, “The Determinants of Voting in Kenya’s 2007 Presidential Election,” April 2008

William & Mary, “The Determinants of Voting in Kenya’s 2007 Presidential Election,” April 2008

TEACHING

University of Washington, Department of Political Science (2013-present)

POL S 504 “Designing Multi-Method Field Research,” (Grad 2014, 2013)

POL S 447 “African Political Development,” (Undergrad 2014, 2013)

POL S 204 “Introduction to Comparative Politics: Democracy in the Modern World” (Undergrad 2014 (x2))

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Deaths in Paradise: Genocide and the Limits of Imagination in Rwanda,” New York: Elie Wiesel Foundation, 2001; republished in *An Ethical Compass: Coming of Age in the 21st Century*, Elie Wiesel (ed.), Yale University Press, 2010.

“Political Violence in Kenya,” paper commissioned by US Institute of Peace, June 2011

“Preventing Election Violence,” paper commissioned by USAID, September 2010 (with Barak Hoffman)

“Problem Elections in Emerging Democracies,” *Election Guide Digest*, July, 2010

“Voting and the Violence in Kenya,” *San Diego Union Tribune*, January 15, 2008

“Once Again, Benchmarks” *San Diego Union Tribune*, June 6, 2007 (with Stephan Haggard)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER): 2011

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA): 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2004

International Studies Association Annual Meeting (ISA): 2011, 2010, 2006, 2005

African Studies Association Annual Meeting (ASA): 2013, 2009

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE): 2012, 2010, 2009, 2006

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2015, 2010

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UCSD School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (2009), *Research Assistant for Professor Stephan Haggard*

UCSD Academic Connections, *Teaching Instructor* (2007), “Terrorism and Insurgency”

UCSD Department of Political Science, *Research Assistant for Professors Karen Ferree and Clark Gibson* (2004-07, 2010-11)

UCSD Department of Political Science and School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, *Teaching Assistant* (2004-07, 2010)

LANGUAGE & SOFTWARE

French (beginner), Swahili (beginner)

Microsoft Office (Word, Powerpoint, Excel), SPSS, STATA, FORMIC, LaTeX

ADVISING AND SERVICE

PhD Dissertation Committee Member: Aaron Erlich (UW, in progress), Emily Gade (UW, in progress), Sarah Dreier (UW, in progress)

Masters Thesis Committee Member: Katie Metzroth (Georgetown, completed), Natalie Block (UW, completed)

Undergraduate Honors Committee Member: Hector Kang (UW), Whitney Lindsay (UW)

Departmental Service: Graduate Committee (2013-14), Admissions Committee (2014-15)

University Service: Steering Committee on Qualitative Methods (2014-15)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & REVIEW

Center for the Study of African Political Economy (CSAPE), *Research Associate* (2007-present), UCSD

Institute of Development Studies, University of Nairobi; *Research Associate* (2007-2010), Nairobi, Kenya

Journal of Environment and Development, *Editorial Assistant* (2004-07)

American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA), Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), African Studies Association (ASA)

Reviewer for: *American Economic Review (AER)*, *American Political Science Review (APSR)*, *American Journal of Political Science (AJPS)*, *Journal of Politics (JOP)*, *British Journal of Comparative Politics (BJPS)*, *Comparative Political Studies (CPS)*, *African Affairs*, *Election Law Journal*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science (JEPS)*, *African Studies Review (ASR)*, *Journal of Eastern African Studies (JEAS)*, *Journal of Modern African Studies (JMAS)*