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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, **London School of Economics** July 2019-

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Science, **Washington University in St. Louis** July 2017- June 2019

Predocctoral Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, **Stanford University** September 2015- June 2016.

Hewlett Research Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, **Harvard University** August 2009-May 2010

Education

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Political Science June 2017

University of California, Los Angeles, M.A. in Political Science June 2014.

University of Ghana, B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy and Religions May 2006.

Publications

BOOK PROJECT

Elections and Democratic Responsiveness in Sub-Saharan Africa

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

[8.] "Are Gender-Campaign Messages Effective? A field experimental evidence from Malawi." **Journal of Politics**, Forthcoming. (with Merete Bech Seeberg and Michael Wahman)

[7.] "What do African Voters Want from their Legislators? Evidence from a Choice Experiment in Ghana" **African Affairs** Volume 123, Issue 491, 165–192, April 2024.

[6.] "Chiefs' Endorsements and Voter Behavior." **Comparative Political Studies**, 57(10), 1703-1734. (with Sarah Brierley)

[5.] "Pre-Analysis Plans: An Early Stocktaking." **Perspective on Politics**. 21(1), 174-190, 2023. (with Daniel N. Posner)

[4.] "The Moderating Effect of Debates on Political Attitudes." **American Journal of Political Science**, 64(1), 19-37, 2020. (with Sarah Brierley and Eric Kramon).

[3.] "Do Fairer Elections Increase the Responsiveness of Politicians?" **American Political Science Review**, 113(4), 963-979, 2019. (Winner of 2020 Heinz I. Eulau Award, APSR.)

[2.] "Experimental Research in African Politics." **Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics**, 2019.

[1.] "Electoral Fraud or Violence: The Effect of Observers on Party Manipulation Strategies." **British Journal of Political Science**, 2017. (with Joseph Asunka, Sarah Brierley, Miriam Golden, and Eric Kramon).

NON-REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

[2.] "Do Pre-Analysis Plans Hamper Publication?" **American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings**. May 2020. (with Daniel N. Posner).

[1.] "The Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Ghana, December 2012." **Electoral Studies**, Volume 35, p.382–385, September, 2014 (with Sarah Brierley).

WORKING PAPERS

[5.] "Increasing the Supply of Women Candidates in Local Elections: A Field Experiment of Embedding Women into Local Power Networks in Zambia" (with Merete Bech Seeberg and Michael Wahman)

[4.] "The Seeds of State Capture: Unpacking the Africanization of Ghana's Colonial Bureaucracy" (with Sarah Brierley, Noah L. Nathan, and Tingxuan Zhu)

[3.] "When Do Partisans Elect an Opposition Candidate?" (*Under Review*)

[2.] "The Impact of Government Party Status on how Legislators Represent Constituents' Interests?"

[1.] "Biometric Identification Machine Failure and Electoral Fraud in a New Democracy" (with Miriam Golden and Luke Sonnet) (on pause)

WORK IN PROGRESS

[4.] "Impact of Open Primaries on Political Representation in sub-Saharan Africa: evidence from Ghana"

[3.] "Campaign spending in Ghana's 2024 presidential elections" (with Kojo Asante and Jacob Ahuno)

[2.] "Building and strengthening Ghana's Democracy"

[1.] "Pre-Analysis Plans: An Updated Stocktaking" (with Daniel N. Posner)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Election Observers and Electoral Fraud, *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter* Volume 14, No. 3. October 2016 (with Sarah Brierley)

"Responding to Constituent's Demands: Survival Strategies of Legislators in Ghana's Fourth Republic." *EDI Working Paper* Available at SSRN 2353296 (with Kojo Asante and Victor Brobbey)

"Tracking Leakages of Public Resource in Education: A Pilot investigation of Teacher Absence in Public Primary Schools in Ghana", *Research Paper, Ghana Center for Democratic Development*, 2008 (with Joseph Asunka and Daniel Armah-Attah)

Grants

"The Effectiveness of Gender Campaigns on Female Political Representation" (with Merete B. Seeberg and Michael Wahman). Supported by:

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (\$15,000)
LSE STICERD (£5000)

"Do Endorsements by Traditional Leaders Affect Voter Attitudes?" (with Sarah Brierley). Supported by:

LSE Global Challenge Accounts (\$25,000). Award Date: November 2020.
International Growth Centre (\$13,500). Award Date: November 2020.

"Do voters reward constituency service?" Supported by WUSTL's Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy (\$12,000). Award Date: October, 2017.

"Pre-Analysis Plans: A Stocktaking" (with Daniel Posner). Supported by Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences' (BITSS') Social Science Meta-Analysis and Research Transparency (SS-MART) Grant (\$19,714). Award Date: May, 2017.

“Do Candidate Debates Strengthen Democracy? A Field Experiment on the Effects of Debates on Voter Behavior and Electoral Accountability” (with Sarah Brierley and Eric Kramon). Supported by:

WUSTL’s Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy (\$12,000). Award Date: May, 2018.

UK’s International Growth Center (£19,996). Award Date: September 2016.

William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies from the APSA Centennial Center (\$5,000 (USD). Award Date: September 2016.

“Evaluating the Impact of Election Observers on Election Day Fraud, and Political Representation and Accountability.” Supported by United States Agency for International Development and the Instituted of International Education under the Democracy Fellows and Grants Program: #AID-OAA-A-12-00039 (with Daniel N. Posner (Co-PI)), (\$90,000). Award Date: March, 2014.

“The Impact of Domestic Election Observers on Electoral Violence, Integrity, and Voting Behavior”(with Joseph Asunka, Sarah Brierley, Miriam Golden (PI), and Eric Kramon). Supported by:

National Science Foundation Grand for Rapid Response Research (RAPID) SES-1265247 (\$98,243). Award Date: November 2012.

Department for International Development (DFID)- UK, (\$115,566). Award Date: October 2012.

Fellowships and Awards

Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Fall 2016.

Predoctoral Fellow, CDDRL, Stanford University, 2015-16.

Hewlett Fellowship Grant, WCFIA, Harvard University, 2009-10.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2016-17.

Graduate Division Registration Fee Grant, UCLA, 2015-16.

Graduate Division Extramural Graduate Matching Fees, UCLA, 2015-16.

International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA, Summer 2015.

Research Travel Grant, UCLA Graduate Division, Summer 2015.

Pauley Fellowship Award, UCLA Graduate Division, Fall 2013.

Summer Research Grant, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2012.

Welton Fellowship Award, UCLA Graduate Division, 2011-2012.

Invited Presentations

Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse General Seminar, November 2024

Keynote speaker: Berlin Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). July 2024

Comparative Politics Seminar, Yale University, February 2024.

Comparative Politics Seminar, University of Essex, February 2023.

Comparative Politics Seminar, Royal Holloway, University of London, March 2023.

Political Science Research Seminar, Trinity College Dublin, April 2022

Comparative Politics Workshop, American University. March 2022.

Ghana Center for Democratic Development Research Seminar, Accra. February 2022.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual. September 2021.

Research Talk, George Washington University. March 2021

Comparative Politics Workshop, Harvard University. April 2021.

Comparative Politics Workshop. New York University. April 2021.

Quantitative Methods Seminar, Cardiff University. April 2021.

Comparative Politics Colloquium, UW-Madison. March 2021.

Guest lecture, Seminar: Political Representation and its Challenges, Radboud University. November 2020.

Political Science Seminar, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB). April 2020.

Political Science Seminar, Nuffield College, Oxford University. March 2020.

UCL Departmental Research Seminar, London. November 2019.

CSAE at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University. November 2019.

Evidence in Governance and Politics, Geneva. October 2019.

CDD-Ghana Research Seminar, Accra. June 2019.

Mid-West Working Group on African Political Economy (MGAPE), Chicago. December 2017.

Research Seminar, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University. May 2016.

Conference on *Voting, Elections, and Electoral Systems*, University of Washington, Seattle. April 2016

Africa Table, Center for African Studies, Stanford University. February 2016.

Working Group on Africa Political Economy (WGAPE), New York University-Abu Dhabi. January 2016.

Institute of International Education & USAID, Washington, DC. September 2015.

WGAPE, University of California, Berkeley. December 2013.

Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University. April 2013.

Teaching and Research

GRADUATE COURSES

London School of Economics

GV 467: Introduction to Comparative Politics
GV4F9: Politics in Africa

Washington University in St. Louis

POL SCI 5001: Field Experiments in Political Science

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

London School of Economics

GV335: Political Economy in Africa
GV329: Making Democracy Work
GV245: Democracy and Democratization
GV342M: PPE Capstone Project

Washington University in St. Louis

Challenges to Electoral Accountability in Developing Countries

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

PS50: Introduction to Comparative Politics. (Daniel Posner, (Spring 2015))

PS6: Introduction to Political Analysis. (Jim DeNardo, (Winter 2014), and Joseph Asunka (Fall 2014, Winter 2015))

PS50: Introduction to Comparative Politics.(Michael Thies, (Fall 2012))

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Statistics Consultant Department of Political Science, UCLA.(August 2014- May 2015)

Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Political Science, UCLA. Miriam A. Golden, (January- August 2013, Spring 2014), Daniel Posner (Spring 2014)

Service

Manuscript review for American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; The Journal of Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Political Behavior; Comparative Political Studies; African Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Review of Economics and Political Science; Political Science Research and Method; and Africa Spectrum

Committee Member: Best Book Award of the African Politics Conference Group of APSA, 2024

Co-chair: MPSA 2021, Africa Section

Co-organizer African Politics Conference Group's Online Colloquium

Award Committee Member: APSA's Fiona McGillivray Award for Best Political Economy Paper

Co-founder: Midwest Workshop Group Empirical Political Science

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, UCLA, Student representative, 2014-2015.

Work Experience

Research and Programs Assistant Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) September 2007 - August, 2011

Domestic Election Observation Consultant National Democratic Institute, USA (Lilongwe, Malawi (2009), Abuja, Nigeria (2011), Conakry, Guinea (2015))

Software Skills

R, Stata, Python, *LaTeX*, and Open Data Kit/SurveyCTO.

References

Professor Daniel Posner, Department of Political Science, UCLA
Professor Barbara Geddes, Department of Political Science, UCLA
Professor Michael Thies, Department of Political Science, UCLA