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Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Government (Quantitative Methods), University of Oxford (2015-present).
Gillian Peele Fellow in Politics, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford (2015-present).
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Rochester (2013-2015).
Prize Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (2012-13).

Education

New York University, Ph.D. in Politics, 2012.
University of Oxford, M.Phil. in Politics: Comparative Government, 2005.
University of Sheffield, B.A. (Hons) in Politics, 2002.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Who is Democracy Good For? Elections, Rural Bias, and Health and Education Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa”, forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
“Attribution and Accountability: Voting for Roads in Ghana”, *World Politics*, 67:4 (2015), pp. 656-689.
“What Democracy Does (and Doesn’t) do for Basic Services: School Fees, School Quality, and African Elections” (with David Stasavage), *Journal of Politics*, 76:1 (2014), pp. 229-245.
“Public Investment in Rural Infrastructure: Some Political Economy Considerations” (with Moussa Blimpo and Leonard Wantchekon), *Journal of African Economies*, 22 (2013), pp. ii57-ii83.
“Freedom to Choose and Democracy: The Empirical Question”, *Economics and Philosophy*, 27:3 (2011) 221-245.

Book Chapters

“The Democratic Dividend: Public Spending and Education under Multipartyism.” In Oxford Encyclopedia of African Politics. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

Working Papers

“Food Security and Public Investment in Rural Infrastructure: Some Political Economy Considerations” (with Leonard Wantchekon), *UNDP Research Paper*, January 2012.
“The Political Economy of Human Development.” (with Leonard Wantchekon), *UNDP Research Paper*, October 2010.
“Urban-Rural Differences in Incumbent Support Across Africa.” *Afrobarometer Working Paper Series*, June 2010.

Work in Progress

“Rural Democracy: Elections and Development in Africa”, *Book Manuscript*.

“Security in the Absence of a State: Traditional Authority, Livestock Trading, and Maritime Piracy in Northern Somalia” (with Avi Acharya and Andy Harris), *Under Review*

“Candidate Coethnicity and Rural Dwelling as Determinants of Partisanship in Africa” (with Kristin Michelitch). *Under Review*

“Information and Accountability: Evidence from Experiments in Ghana and India” (with Tanushree Goyal)

Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

John Fell Fund, “Does Information Influence Democratic Accountability? Evidence from a Field Experiment in India” (£35,000), 2018.

Oxford Martin School, “Governing the African Transitions”, Part of team led by Stefan Dercon and Ricardo Soares de Oliveira (£700,000), 2017.

Researcher Mobility Grant, University of Rochester, “Elections and Public Goods in Africa: Evidence from Botswana”, (\$5,000), 2014.

African Politics Conference Group, Best Graduate Student Paper Award for “One for the Road: Voting for Public Goods in Ghana”, 2012.

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2010.

Robert Holmes Travel/Research Award for African Scholarship, Africa House, New York University, 2010.

Invited Presentations

Working Group in African Political Economy – UK, March 2017.

African Political Economy Series, Department of Government, The London School of Economics and Political Science, November 2015.

Economics and Politics Symposium, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo SUNY, May 2015.

Comparative Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, April 2015.

Department of International Development, The London School of Economics and Political Science, February 2015.

Issues in African Development Seminar Series, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, November 2013.

Nuffield Political Science Seminar, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, March 2013.

PSPE Doctoral Workshop/Work in Progress Seminar, The London School of Economics and Political Science, February 2013.

Reviewer Service

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Economics and Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics