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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

Book

“Rural Democracy: Elections and Development in Africa”, *Oxford University Press* (2020).

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Security in the Absence of a State: Traditional Authority, Livestock Trading, and Maritime Piracy in Northern Somalia” (with Avidit Acharya and Andy Harris), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, forthcoming.

“Who is Democracy Good For? Elections, Rural Bias, and Health and Education Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa”, *Journal of Politics*, 82:1 (2020).

“Candidate Coethnicity, Rural/Urban Divides, and Partisanship in Africa” (with Kristin Micheli), *Party Politics*, forthcoming (published online December 2019).

“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 (2019).

Other Published 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

“Information and Accountability: Evidence from a Field Experiment in India” (with Tanushree Goyal)

“Information, Attribution, and Candidate Selection: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Ghana” (with Tanushree Goyal)

“The Effects of Political Violence on Trust in Nigeria” (with Arinze Nwokolo).

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 (total award £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.

Invited Presentations

Comparative Politics Seminar Series, European University Institute, February 2019.

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.

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