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APPOINTMENTS

London School of Economics and Political Science
Assistant Professor, Government department, 2019-

Washington University, St Louis.
Assistant Professor, Political Science department, 2017-2019.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D in Political Science (2011-2017)

University of Oxford, Masters in African Studies

University of Oxford, Bachelors (Hons.) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

PUBLICATIONS

[12] “Chiefs’ Endorsements and Voter Behavior” **Comparative Political Studies**, with George K. Oforu.

[11] “Bureaucratic Politics: Blind Spots and Opportunities in Political Science, (2023) **Annual Review of Political Science**, with Kenneth Lowande, Rachel Augustine Potter, and Guillermo Toral.

[10] “Do Citizens Expect Women Bureaucrats to Be Less Corrupt Than Men? Experimental Evidence From Ghana” (2023) **Research and Politics**, with Miguel M. Pereira.

[9] “Motivating the Machine: Which Brokers do Parties Pay?” (2022) **Journal of Politics**, with Noah Nathan.

[8] “The Connections of Party Brokers: Which Brokers do Parties Select?” (2021) **Journal of Politics**, with Noah Nathan.

[7] “Combining Patronage and Merit in Public Sector Recruitment” (2021) **Journal of Politics**.

[6] Party Campaign Strategies in Ghana: Rallies, Canvassing and Handouts (2020) **African Affairs**, with Eric Kramon.

[5] “Unprincipled Principals: Co-opted Bureaucrats and Corruption in Ghana” (2020) **American Journal of Political Science**.

[4] “The Moderating Effect of Debates on Political Attitudes” (2020) **American Journal of Political Science**, with Eric Kramon and George Kwaku Oforu.

[3] “Electoral Fraud or Violence: The Effect of Observers on Party Manipulation Strategies” (2019) **British Journal of Political Science**, with Joseph Asunka, Miriam Golden, Eric Kramon and George Kwaku Oforu.

[2] “The presidential and parliamentary elections in Ghana, December 2012” (2014) **Electoral Studies**, with George Kwaku Oforu.

[1] “Party unity and presidential dominance: parliamentary development in the fourth republic of Ghana” (2012) **Journal of Contemporary African Politics**.

WORKING
PAPERS/BOOK
MANUSCRIPT

The Co-opted State: How Politicians Control Bureaucrats' Careers to Undermine Development *Book manuscript in preparation*

Cross-Party Anti-Corruption Platforms and Voter Attitudes (with Mathias Poertner).

Does increased transparency in political party funding increase voters' trust? Evidence from South Africa (with Daniel de Kadt)

Inside the Colonial Bureaucracy (with Noah Nathan, George Kwaku Oforu, Tingxuan Zhu)

AFFILIATIONS

J-PAL Governance Institute (invited researcher), Evidence in Governance and Politics (member), APSA (member), MPSA (member).

GRANTS

- “Political Party Funding in South Africa”
 - Supported by the LSE RISF Fund. (£20,000). Award Date: March 2023
- “Do Endorsements by Traditional Leaders Affect Voter Attitudes?”
 - Supported by LSE Global Challenge Account (\$25,000 (USD)). Award Date: November 2020
 - Supported by International Growth Centre (\$13,500 (USD)). Award Date: November 2020
- “Social norms and the practice of everyday corruption in Ghana”
 - Supported by the Adam Smith Institute through the DFID-funded Strengthening Action Against Corruption (STAAC) project (\$42,000 (USD)). Award Date: July 2017.
- Who are the foot soldiers? Local party intermediaries in Ghana (with Noah Nathan)
 - Supported by the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy (\$25,000 (USD)). Award Date: July 2017.
 - Supported by the African Studies Center, University of Michigan (\$3,000 (USD)). Award Date: September 2017.
- “Do Candidate Debates Strengthen Democracy? A Field Experiment on the Effects of Debates on Voter Behavior and Electoral Accountability” (with Eric Kramon and George Oforu).
 - Supported by the International Growth Center (£19,996 (UK), equivalent to \$26,528 (USD)), Award Date: September 2016.
 - Supported by the William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies from the APSA Centennial Center (\$5,000 (USD)), Award Date: September 2016.
- “When does the state deliver? An analysis of procurement practices among local governments in Ghana” (with Daniel Posner).
 - Supported by the International Growth Center (£19,972 (UK), equivalent to \$27,851 (USD)), Award Date: October 2015.
- “The Impact of Domestic Election Observers on Electoral Violence, Integrity, and Voting Behavior” (with Joseph Asunka, Miriam Golden (PI), Eric Kramon, and George Oforu).

- Supported by a National Science Foundation Grand for Rapid Response Research (RAPID) SES-1265247 (\$98,243), Award Date: November 2012.
- Supported by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) (\$115,566), Award Date: October 2012.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2020 LSE Student Union Teaching Excellence Award Nominee
 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper Award presented by African Affairs and the African Politics Conference Group.
 2016-2017 Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division
 2016 Annual Meeting Travel Grant, Comparative Politics section, APSA
 2015 Research Travel Grant, UCLA Graduate Division
 2014-2015 Levin Family Seed Grant, Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley
 2014 International Institute Fieldwork Grant, UCLA
 2012, 2013 Chancellors Prize, UCLA Graduate Division
 2011-2015 Pauley Fellowship Award, UCLA Graduate Division
 2008 Technos Prize, Pembroke College, University of Oxford

INVITED PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

Aix-Marseille University (scheduled for 2024)
 University of Gothenburg (2023)
 University of Oxford, Oxford
 Nuffield College, Oxford (2022)
 Bocconi University, Milan (2022)
 Instituto de Empresa (IE), Madrid (2021)
 Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico (2021)
 University College London (2020)
 University of Gothenburg (2020)
 Trinity College Dublin (2020)
 University of Essex (2020)
 Aarhus University, Denmark (2020)
 University College London (2019)
 University of California, San Diego (2019)
 Harvard University, Clientelism workshop (2019)
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2018)
 Juan March - Carlos III Institute, Political Economy of Corruption Workshop (2018)
 University of Ghana, Legon (2018)
 Illinois State University, Institute for Corruption Studies Workshop (2018)
 University of Ghana, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (2018)
 Gothenburg University, Workshop on Experimental Political Science (2015)
 University of Montreal, Voting Experiments Workshop (2014)

TEACHING

Graduate: Introduction to Comparative Politics
 Undergraduate: Governance and Corruption, Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives, Philosophy, Politics and Economics: Research Project

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Section Chair for African Politics division, MPSA 2019
 Section Chair for Experimental Research division, APSA 2018.
 Founding member, Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2018.

Reviewer: *Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Palgrave, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Research and Politics, Democratization, Journal of Peace Research, Development Studies Research, Political Research Quarterly,*

Journal of Public Economics, World Development, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Electoral Studies, African Affairs, Journal of Modern African Studies, Comparative Politics, Party Politics, Ghana Studies, Journal of Development Studies, Sage Open, Review of Economics and Political Science.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT Founder and Chair, Women's Network, Department of Government, LSE 2019- Present
Co-Chair, African Political Economy Group seminar, LSE 2021- Present
EDI Committee Member, Department of Government, LSE, 2022-2023
EDI Committee Member, Department of Government, LSE, 2021-2022
HoD Search Committee, Department of Government, LSE, 2022
PhD Committee Member, Department of Government, LSE 2022-2023
PhD Committee Member, Department of Government, LSE 2020-2021
PhD Committee Member, Department of Government, LSE 2019-2020
Hiring Search Committee, Washington University, 2018-2019

FIELD EXPERIENCE Ghana, Liberia, The Gambia

SOFTWARE R, Stata, LaTeX, Open Data Kit

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