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### APPOINTMENTS

**London School of Economics and Political Science**  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, July 2019-

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

### EDUCATION

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

**University of Oxford**, Masters in African Studies (2008-2009)

**University of Oxford**, Bachelors (Hons.) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (2005-2008)

### PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

### WORKING PAPERS

Party Campaign Strategies: Rallies, Canvassing and Handouts in Ghana (with Eric Kramon) (*R&R at African Affairs*).

The Connections of Party Brokers (with Noah Nathan) (*R&R at Journal of Politics*).

Motivating the Machine: The Payment of Party Brokers (with Noah Nathan).

Female Bureaucrats and Petty Corruption (with Miguel Pereira).

### OTHER WRITINGS

Brierley, Sarah and George Oforu, 2017. “What will Ghanaians expect from their new president?” Washington Post Monkey Cage. January 2017. [Copy here](#).

Brierley, Sarah and George Oforu, 2016. “Nine things you should know about Ghana’s election”. Washington Post Monkey Cage. December 2016. [Copy here](#).

Brierley, Sarah and George Oforu, 2016. “Election Observers and Electoral Fraud.” APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter Volume 14, No. 3, October 2016. [Copy here](#).

## GRANTS

- “Campaign Messages: What do Politicians Promise to Voters in New Democracies?” (with Eric Kramon and George Ofosu)
  - Supported by the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy (\$12,000 (USD)). Award Date: May 2018.
- “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 Ofosu).
  - 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 Ofosu).
  - 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

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 University of California, San Diego (scheduled 2019)  
Harvard University, Clientelism workshop (scheduled 2019)  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2018)  
Juan March - Carlos III Institute, Political Economy of Corruption Workshop (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)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION APSA: 2018 (P, D), 2016 (P), 2015 (P)  
MPSA: 2018 (D, P)  
African Studies Association (ASA): 2017 (D, P) , 2013 (P)  
Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE): 2013 (P), 2016 (P)  
(P) Panelist, (D) Discussant

TEACHING Graduate: Approaches to Comparative Politics, Governance, Accountability and Corruption  
Undergraduate: Political Economy of Development, Economics of Developing Countries

SERVICE *Internal*  
Search Committee member, Department of Political Science, Washington U., St Louis. 2018-2019.  
WISE co-ordinator, Department of Political Science, Washington U., St Louis. 2017-2018.

*External*  
Section Chair for MPSA Annual Meeting (African Politics division), 2019  
Section Chair for APSA Annual Meeting (Experimental Research division), 2018.  
Founding member and Organizer, Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2018.  
President, Political Science Graduate Association, UCLA, 2014-2015.

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, British Journal of Political Science, Democratization, Journal of Peace Research, Development Studies Research, Political Research Quarterly, World Development, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.*

FIELD EXPERIENCE Ghana, Liberia, The Gambia

SOFTWARE R, Stata, LaTeX, Open Data Kit

REFERENCES

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