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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>	Fall 2023–Present
	Assistant Professor, Political Science	
	<i>Princeton University</i>	2021–2023
	Presidential Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Politics Department	
EDUCATION	<i>Stanford University</i>	2021
	PhD, Political Science	
	<i>Yale University</i>	2012
	BA, Political Science (with distinction)	
PUBLISHED PAPERS	“Secular Policies and Muslim Integration in the West: The Effects of the French Headscarf Ban” (with Vasiliki Fouka). August 2020. <i>American Political Science Review</i> 114: 707-723.	
	Migration and Citizenship Best Article Award, APSA 2022	
BOOK PROJECT	“Foreign Seeds of Conservative Islam: How transnational networks remade religion in Africa.” <i>Manuscript under revision</i> .	
	Book workshop, Yale University, June 2025	
WORKING PAPERS	“Training the Vanguard: How Arab-educated religious elites catalyzed the institutionalization of Salafism in Africa.” <i>Under review</i> .	
	Honorable Mention, Comparative Politics Sage Best Paper, APSA 2025	
	“Hate crimes and Identity of Young Muslims in Europe” (with Vasiliki Fouka). <i>Revise and Resubmit, American Political Science Review</i> .	
	“Economic Shocks and Religious Messaging: Evidence from Turkey’s Friday sermons” (with Ekin Dursun).	
	“Islamic Law and Women’s Education: Evidence from Northern Nigeria.”	
	“Salafism and Politics: Examining the influence of religious elites in Uganda.”	
	“European Accession and Migrant Integration: The case of guestworkers in West Germany.”	

WORK IN PROGRESS	“Religious Symbols in a Laïc State: French attitudes toward headscarves, kippahs, and crosses” (with Erik Bleich and Vasiliki Fouka).	
	“Living Together or Living Apart? The effects of veiling bans on social integration” (with Netta Barak-Corren and Vasiliki Fouka).	
	“Migrant Regularization Archive and Data” (with Andrea Peña-Vasquez and Andres Besserer).	
FELLOWSHIPS	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2016-2021
	Stanford University	
	Center for Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity Fellowship	2015-2018
	Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Fellowship	2015-2017
	Yale University	
	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship	2010-2012
GRANTS & AWARDS	University of Pittsburgh Global Studies Center (\$40,000)	2024-2027
	Global Academic Partnership Grant (with Andrea Peña-Vasquez)	
	Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (\$3,000)	2022
	Notre Dame Global Religion Research Initiative (\$22,000)	2019
	Stanford King Center on Global Development Fellowship (\$20,056)	2018
	Stanford Conflict and Polarization Initiative (\$10,000)	2018
	(with Alexandra Blackman)	
	Stanford African Studies Graduate Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000)	2017
	Stanford Center for International Development (\$6,300)	2016
SELECTED TALKS	<i>Invited talks:</i>	
	University of California Berkeley,	February 2026 (scheduled)
	Comparative Politics Seminar	
	University of Florida,	November 2025
	Center for African Studies, Center for Global Islamic Studies	
	Humboldt University,	July 2024
	Dynamics Seminar	
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology,	April 2024
	Global Diversity Lab Seminar	
	ETH Zurich and University of Zurich,	November 2023
	CIS Colloquium	
	London School of Economics and Political Science,	November 2023
	African Political Economy Group Seminar	
	University of Pennsylvania,	October 2023
	Comparative Politics Workshop	
	University of Virginia,	April 2023
	Comparative Politics/International Relations Colloquium	
	<i>Paper presentations:</i>	
	Assoc. for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies,	April 2026
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	Mid-Am. Conf. Race, Gender, Immigration & Ethnicity Pol.,	April 2026

	Michigan State University	
	Comparative Politics Annual Conference,	April 2025
	Washington University St Louis	
	Politics of Social Stratification Workshop,	February 2025
	Georgetown University	
	Cont. African Political Economy Research Seminar	September 2023
	New York University	
	Association for Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture	2023, 2025
	Minority Politics Online Seminar Series	March 2022
	APSA Annual Meeting	2019, 2021, 2024, 2024, 2025
	MPSA Annual Meeting	2019, 2026
	Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Workshop	2017
TEACHING	<i>Graduate courses:</i>	
	Empirical Research Methods	
	<i>Undergraduate courses:</i>	
	Multiculturalism and Integration	
	Introduction to African Politics	
ADVISING	<i>Graduate advisees:</i>	
	Ian Delabie (committee member)	
	Muyao Hang (committee member)	
	Akira Pinto Medeiros (committee member)	
	Mauricio Zavaleta (committee member)	
SERVICE	<i>Reviewer:</i>	
	International Organization; Journal of Politics;	2020-2025
	American Journal of Political Science; Politics and Religion;	
	Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Conflict Resolution;	
	Political Behavior; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion;	
	Conflict Management and Peace Science;	
	Journal of the European Economic Association	
	<i>Conferences:</i>	
	Convener, MPSA Class and Inequality Section	April 2026
	Executive Committee, APSA Religion and Politics Section	2025–Present
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<i>Languages:</i> Arabic (native), French (advanced), German (beginner)	
	<i>Programs:</i> R, Stata, Python, L ^A T _E X	
FIELDWORK	United Kingdom (2025)	
	Germany (2020)	
	France (2010, 2011, 2019)	
	Uganda (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)	