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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, July 2018-

Northwestern University
Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, 2017-18
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Political Science, 2015-17

EDUCATION

Cornell University
Ph.D., Government, 2015
Dissertation: *The Historic Origins of Public Goods: Local
Distributional Politics in Rural West Africa, 1880-Present*
Committee: Nicolas van de Walle (chair), Ken Roberts,
Christopher Way

Indiana University- Bloomington
M.A., Political Science, 2008

University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.A., Geography and Political Science (with distinction), 2005

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

*Precolonial Legacies in Postcolonial Politics: Representation and
Redistribution in Rural Africa*

ARTICLES

2018. Precolonial Legacies and the Contemporary Politics of Public
Goods Provision in Decentralized West Africa. *World Politics*
70(2), pp. 239-74.
2018. The Politics of Local Government Performance: Elite Cohesion
and Cross-Village Constraints in Decentralized Senegal. *World
Development* 103, pp. 149-61.
2018. Popular Support for Democracy in Autocratic Regimes: A
Micro-Level Analysis of Preferences (with Natalie Letsa).
Comparative Politics 50(2).

WORKING PAPERS	<p>Mechanisms of Direct and Indirect Rule: Colonialism and Economic Development in Africa (with Natalie Letsa) <i>Under review</i></p> <p>Citizen Evaluations of Service Provision in West Africa: Micro-evidence from Senegal</p> <p>Precolonial States / Precolonial Cultures: Measurement Validity in the ‘Historical’ Renaissance</p>
ONGOING PROJECTS	<p>Endogenous (Re)Districting? The Politics of Subnational Boundary Creation</p> <p>The Long-Term Effects of Cameroon’s Dual Colonial Legacy</p> <p>Tropical Subjects: Ethnographies of Experimentation</p>
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	<p>Undergraduate Research Assistance Program Grant, Northwestern University AY 2016-17</p> <p>Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Best Dissertation Prize, Cornell University 2016</p> <p>Best Graduate Student Paper, African Politics Conference Group/African Affairs, 2014-15 for “Local Logics of Public Goods Distribution in Decentralized West Africa” (MPSA 2015)</p> <p>Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University, Fall 2014</p> <p>Sage Completion Fellowship, Cornell University, 2014-15</p> <p>Boren Fellow (Senegal), 2012-13</p> <p>Cornell Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant (Senegal), Fall 2012</p> <p>APSA Africa Workshop Fellow, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, July 2012</p> <p>Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, Summer 2012</p> <p>Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant (Mali), 2011</p> <p>Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant (Niger), 2010</p> <p>Russell Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2008-09</p> <p>FLAS (Bambara), Indiana University, 2007-08; 2008-09 (declined)</p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013)</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)</p> <p>African Studies Association (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013)</p> <p>Governance and Local Development Annual Conference, University of Gothenburg, 31 May-1 June 2018</p>

	<p>MGAPE, Northwestern University, December 2017</p> <p>Post-Intervention Governance and Security in the African Sahel, Northwestern University, May 2017</p> <p>Comparative Historical Social Sciences, Northwestern, April 2017</p> <p>Program on African Studies, Northwestern, May 2016</p>
TEACHING & ADVISING	<p>Undergraduate Teaching</p> <p>Contemporary African Politics, Spring 2016, 2017, 2018</p> <p>The Politics of International Aid, Spring 2016, Winter 2018</p> <p>A Right to the Good Life? The Politics of Social Welfare, Spring 2017, Winter 2018</p> <p>African Politics through Literature and Film, Fall 2017</p> <p>International and Humanitarian Aid in World Politics, Spring 2011 (Cornell University)</p> <p>Graduate Teaching</p> <p>African Studies Seminar (Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Seminar), AY 2017-18</p> <p>Cornell Prison Education Program</p> <p>Comparative Inequality and Development, Spring 2011</p> <p>Farrell Fellowship, Faculty Advisor, 2017-18.</p> <p>Undergraduate Research Assistant Program Faculty Advisor, 2017-18</p>
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	<p>American Political Science Association, African Politics Conference Group, Midwest Political Science Association, West African Research Association, African Studies Association</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>2017 APCG Best Book Award Committee</p> <p>Reviewer <i>American Political Science Review</i>, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Theory and Society</i>, <i>World Development</i></p>
DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE	<p>Undergraduate Advisor, Political Science Department, 2017-18</p>
RELATED SKILLS AND TRAINING	<p>Languages: English, French (Professional Proficiency), Pulaar (elementary), Bambara (elementary)</p> <p>ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2014</p> <p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2011</p>

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