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Academic Appointments

University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Fall 2019-

University of Pennsylvania

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2018-2019

Predoctoral Research Fellow, Identity and Conflict Lab, 2017-2018

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2018

Fields: Comparative Politics (Distinction), Political Behavior, and Political Methodology

Committee: Leonardo Arriola, Ruth Collier, Thad Dunning, and Noam Yuchtman

M.A. in Political Science, 2012

Korea University

B.A. in Economics (with highest honors), 2007

Minor: Public Administration and Policy

Book Project

Severed Connections: Political Parties and Democratic Representation in Sub-Saharan Africa

Journal Articles

- 2015 “Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA”, *Political Analysis*, 23(1), 21–41 (with Chris Kroglund and Mathias Poertner).

Working Papers

“Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies” [Under Review]

“Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants” (with Nicholas Sambanis and Mathias Poertner) [Under Review]

“Political Endorsements and Cross-Ethnic Voting” (with Leo Arriola and Matthew Gichohi) [Under Review]

“The Business of Politics: Candidate Defection and Party Institutionalization in Africa” (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Melanie Thompson, Lise Rakner, and Ingvild Skage) [Under Review]

“The Rejection of Election Results in Africa” (with Leo Arriola and Staffan Lindberg) [Under Review]

“Competitive Elections and Public Goods Distribution in Africa” (with Leo Arriola, David Dow, and Matthew Gichohi)

Manuscripts in Progress

“Congruence or Disconnect? Local Issue Priorities and Public Spending in Kenya”

“The Effect of Campaign Rallies in Multi-ethnic Societies: Evidence from a Natural Experiment” (with Leo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Opalo)

“Communication Technology and National Identity: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Benjamin Laughlin and Anna Schultz)

“Accountability Under Devolved Government: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya” (with Leo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Opalo)

Selected Works in Progress

“Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya” (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)

“The Political Logic of Judicial Appointments in Africa” (with Fiona Shen-Bayh)

“Zambian Candidate Network Survey” (with Leo Arriola, Justine Davis, Lise Rakner, Ingvild Skage, and Melanie Thompson)

“Temperature Moderates Parochialism: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)”

“Using Machine-Learning and Natural Language Processing to Extract Relational Data from Text”

Fellowships and Awards

2016-17	Dean’s Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
2016-17	African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley
2015-16	Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley
2015-16	Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley
2013-14	Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2011-16	Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
2011-16	Department Fellowship (\$15,000), Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley
2011-16	Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$217,350), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies
2010	Predocutorial Research Fellowship (\$4,800), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies

Selected Conferences and Presentations

2018	Cultural Transmission and Social Norms Workshop (CTSN 3), MIT Conflicts, Governance, and Post-Conflict Economic Agenda in War Afflicted Arab Countries Workshop, Casablanca, Morocco Norms and Behavioral Change Workshop (NoBeC), University of Pennsylvania Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science, Yale University American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, USA Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA Social Science Division, New York University-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE Department of Political Science, University of Florida
2017	African Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Milan, Italy
2016	Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPe), Stanford University WESSI Florence Workshop, Florence, Italy American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, USA Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA
2015	American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA
2013	American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA

Teaching Experience

2014	Graduate Student Instructor, PS2 Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of California, Berkeley (Instructor: M. Steven Fish)
2013	Graduate Student Instructor, PS149A African Politics, University of California, Berkeley (Instructor: Leonardo Arriola)

Additional Training

2016 Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI), NYU-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
2014 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University
2012 Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

Fieldwork

2015-17 Kenya (18 months): Nairobi, Kisumu, Embu, Nakuru, Kiambu, Mombasa county
2016-17 Zambia (3 months): Lusaka

Professional Service

Referee: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis

Skills

Programming: R, Python, STATA, ARCGIS
Languages: Korean (native), English (native), German (intermediate), Swahili (basic)

References

- 1 Leonardo Arriola, Associate Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 2 Ruth Collier, Heller Professor of the Graduate School, UC Berkeley
- 3 Thad Dunning, Robson Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
- 4 Nicholas Sambanis, Presidential Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania