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Academic Appointments

University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2019–current.

University of Pennsylvania

Pre/Postdoctoral Fellow, Identity & Conflict Lab, 2017–2019.

Education

2018 University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science

Ph.D. in Political Science

- Fields: Comparative Politics (distinction), Political Behavior, Political Methodology
- Committee: Leonardo Arriola, Ruth Collier, Thad Dunning, and Noam Yuchtman
- Dissertation: *Severed Connections: Political Parties and Democratic Responsiveness in Africa*
- **Juan Linz Prize** for Best Dissertation in the Comparative Study of Democracy, APSA, 2020

2012 M.A. in Political Science

2007 Korea University, Department of Economics

B.A. in Economics (with Highest Honors), 2007

- Minor in Public Policy and Administration

Book Projects

- [2]** *Severed Connections: Intraparty Politics and Representation in Kenya*
– Manuscript under preparation for submission, book conference held October 2020
- [1]** *Native Bias: Overcoming Discrimination Against Immigrants*
(with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)
– Forthcoming at Princeton University Press, Princeton Studies in Political Behavior

Publications

- [9]** *Increasing Intergroup Trust: Endorsements and Voting in Multiethnic Societies*
(with Leonardo Arriola and Matthew Gichohi)
– *Journal of Politics*. Conditionally Accepted.

- [8] [Ethnic Bias in Judicial Decision-making: Evidence from Criminal Appeals in Kenya](#)
(with J. Andrew Harris and Fiona Shen-Bayh)
– *American Political Science Review*. Forthcoming.
– Fiona McGillivray Award for Best Paper, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2020
- [7] [Navigating Insider and Outsider Status as Researchers Conducting Field Experiments](#)
(with Sumitra Badrinathan, Sabrina Karim, Eunji Kim, and Yang-Yang Zhou)
– *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Forthcoming.
- [6] [The Hijab Penalty: Feminist Backlash Against Muslim Immigrants](#)
(with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)
– *American Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming (Early View).
– Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA, 2021
- [5] [Temperature and Outgroup Discrimination](#)
(with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)
– *Political Science Research and Methods*. Forthcoming (Online First).
- [4] [Paying to Party: Candidate Resources and Party Switching in New Democracies](#)
(with Leonardo Arriola, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner)
– *Party Politics*. Forthcoming (Online First).
- [3] [Linguistic Assimilation Does Not Reduce Discrimination Against Immigrants](#)
(with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)
– *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 2021. 8(3), 235-246.
- [2] [Parochialism, Social Norms, and Discrimination Against Immigrants](#)
(with Mathias Poertner and Nicholas Sambanis)
– *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 2019. 116(33), 16274–16279.
- [1] [Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground? Parametric and Specification Sensitivity in fsQCA](#)
(with Christopher Krogslund and Mathias Poertner)
– *Political Analysis*. 2015. 23(1), 21–41.

Working Papers/In Progress

- [R&R](#) [The Rejection of Election Results in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)
(with Leonardo Arriola and Staffan Lindberg)
– Revise and Resubmit at *African Affairs*
- [Mobile Communication Technology and National Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)
(with Benjamin Laughlin and Anna Schultz), Under Review
- [Do Voters Respond to Cross-Ethnic Campaigning in Divided Societies?](#)
(with Leonardo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Ochieng' Opalo), Under Review
- [Can Americans Depolarize? Assessing the Effects of Reciprocal Group Reflection on Polarization](#)
(with Hannah Baron, Robert Blair, Laura Gamboa, Jessica Gottlieb, Amanda Robinson, Steven Rosenzweig, Megan Turnbull, and Emily West), Under Review
- [Party Control of Primary Elections in New Democracies](#), Under Review
- [Legislator Networks and Party Affiliation in Zambia](#)
(with Leonardo Arriola, Justine Davis, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner)
- [Accountability Under Devolved Government: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya](#)
(with Leonardo Arriola, Matthew Gichohi, and Ken Ochieng' Opalo)
- [The Colonial Origins of National Identity: Evidence from Railroads in Africa](#)
(with Benjamin Laughlin)

Ethnic Incivility: Evidence from Kenyan and Zambian Parliamentary Debates
(with Fiona Shen-Bayh)

The Effect of Transient Exposure to Refugees
(with Nicholas Sambanis)

A Calendar of Inevitable Conflicts
(with Nicholas Sambanis)

Other Writings

- 2021 Donghyun Danny Choi. 2021. Electoral Politics and Africa's Urban Transition: Class and Ethnicity in Ghana, Nathan, Noah L., Cambridge University Press, New York, NY, 2019. 344 pp. *Governance*.
- 2017 Leonardo R. Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Victor Rateng. "The key to Kenya's close election: the power of partisanship." Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog, August 7, 2017.
- 2016 Leonardo R. Arriola, Donghyun Danny Choi, and Victor Rateng. "This is how Kenyans want their democracy to work." Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog, October 15, 2016.

Fellowships & Awards

- 2021 Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA, 2021.
- 2020 Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA, 2020.
- 2020 Fiona McGillivray Award for Best Paper, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2020.
- 2016 Dean's Completion Fellowship (\$21,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2016 African Studies Fellowship (\$1,500), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Rocca Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2015 Simpson Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2014 Graduate Division Fellowship (\$15,000), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley.
- 2011 Doctoral Fellowship (\$217,350), Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies, 2011–2016.

Presentations

*=Invited talks

- 2021 Korea University (Institute of Governmental Studies, Virtual),* Intergroup Relations Workshop, European University Institute (scheduled)*
- 2020 MPSA, APSA, Korea University (Department of Political Science),* Pennsylvania State University (postponed due to COVID),* European University Institute (postponed due to COVID),* Vanderbilt University (Comparative Politics Workshop, Virtual)*
- 2019 SPSA, MPSA, APSA, University of Pennsylvania (Immigration Conference, Perry World House and the Identity and Conflict Lab), Carnegie Mellon University (Tepper School of Business),* College of William and Mary (Department of Government),* Seoul National University (Department of Political Science),* KDI School of Public Policy and Management*

- 2018 MIT (CTSN 3 Workshop),* ERF Workshop (Casablanca, Morocco),* University of Pittsburgh (Department of Political Science),* Yale University (Department of Political Science),* University of Florida (Department of Political Science),*, New York University Abu Dhabi (Social Science Division),* APSA, MPSA
- 2017 APSA, EPSA, ASA (African Studies Association)
- 2016 Stanford University (WGAPE), New York University Abu Dhabi (WESSI), NYU Florence (WESSI Workshop),* APSA, MPSA

Advising

University of Pittsburgh, Dissertation/MA Committees

Katie Angell (PhD, Member), Matthias Avina (PhD, Member), Elias Chavarria-Mora (PhD, Member), Nicole Loncaric (PhD, Member), Jeff Nonnemacher (PhD, Member), Louis Wilson (PhD, Member), Julie O'Hara (MA, Member)

Teaching

(G)=Graduate (UG)=Undergraduate

University of Pittsburgh

Dissertation Overview (G), University of Pittsburgh, F2020, S2021, F2021, S2022.

Identity Politics (G), University of Pittsburgh, F2020.

Computational Social Science (UG), University of Pittsburgh, S2020.

Comparative Politics Capstone (UG), University of Pittsburgh, F2019.

Introduction to African Politics (UG), University of Pittsburgh, F2019, S2021, F2021.

University of California, Berkeley

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG), S2013.

PS149A African Politics (UG), F2013.

Professional Service

- 2019– Co-convenor, Midwest Workshop on Empirical Political Science
- 2020 Member, Best Book Award Committee, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA
- 2020 Program Co-Chair, African Politics Section, MPSA Annual Meeting, MPSA
- 2020 Chair, Best Fieldwork Award Committee, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA
- Reviewer American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, International Interactions, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Modern African Studies, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Political Analysis, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Choice, Sociological Research and Methods, World Politics.

Departmental Service

- 2021 Structural Racism Search Committee, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2020 Structural Racism Search Committee, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

- 2020 Co-convener, Historical Political Economy Seminar, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2019 Co-convener, Human Rights and Migration Seminar, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2019 Undergraduate Committee, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Affiliations

- 2019– Faculty Affiliate, Center for African Studies, University of Pittsburgh
- 2019– Faculty Affiliate, Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh
- 2019– Faculty Affiliate, Penn Identity&Conflict Lab, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018– Non-resident Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, University of California, Berkeley
- 2015 Visiting Associate, Dept. of Archaeology, History, & Political Studies, Kenyatta University, Kenya
- 2014 Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, University of California, Berkeley, 2014–2018.

References

Leonardo R. Arriola, Associate Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
Ruth Berins Collier, Heller Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
Thad Dunning, Robson Professor of Political Science, UC Berkeley
Nahomi Ichino, Associate Professor of Political Science, Emory University
Nicholas Sambanis, Presidential Distinguished Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania