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Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science, UCLA, 2016–

Pre/Post-Doctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics & Earth Institute, Columbia University, 2014–16

Education

Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, 2016

A.M., Politics, Princeton University, 2010

B.A., Political Science, Reed College, 2006
  Coursework, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, 2004
  Koobi Fora Field School, Kenya, 2001

Awards

Leamer-Rosenthal Prize for Open Social Science, Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, $10,000, 2016

Post-Doctoral Fellowship (two years), Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown (declined), 2014

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper, Midwest Political Science Association, $250, 2013, with Kosuke Imai and Jason Lyall

Prize Fellow (university-wide), Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton, 2011

Affiliations

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Social Statistics, UCLA, 2018–

Steering Committee (founding member), Project on Resources and Governance, 2017–

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action, 2017–

Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics, 2016–

Faculty Affiliate, African Studies Program, UCLA, 2016–

Faculty Affiliate, California Center for Population Research, UCLA, 2016–

Researcher, International Growth Centre, 2012–

Research

Books

1. Graeme Blair, Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys. *Research Design: Declaration, Diagnosis, Redesign*. Under advance contract, *Princeton University Press*.

Journal articles

9. Graeme Blair, Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys. 2019. "Declaring and Diagnosing Research Designs." Forthcoming, *American Political Science Review.*

8. Graeme Blair, Winston Chou, and Kosuke Imai. 2019. "List Experiments with Measurement Error." Forthcoming, *Political Analysis.*

7. Graeme Blair, Rebecca Littman, and Elizabeth Levy Paluck. 2019. "Motivating the Adoption of New Community-Minded Behaviors: An Empirical Test in Nigeria." *Science Advances* 5(3):1-8.

6. Robin Gomila, Rebecca Littman, Graeme Blair, and Elizabeth Levy Paluck. 2017. "The Audio Check: A Method for Improving Data Quality and Detecting Data Fabrication." *Social Psychological and Personality Science.* 8(4): 424-433.

5. Graeme Blair, Kosuke Imai, and Yang-Yang Zhou. 2015. "Statistical Analysis of the Randomized Response Technique." *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 110(511): 1304-1319.

4. Graeme Blair, Kosuke Imai, and Jason Lyall. 2014. "Comparing and Combining List and Endorsement Experiments: Evidence from Afghanistan." *American Journal of Political Science* 58(4): 1043-1063.

3. Jason Lyall, Graeme Blair, and Kosuke Imai. 2013. "Explaining Support for Combatants during Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan." *American Political Science Review* 107(4): 679-705.

2. Graeme Blair, C. Christine Fair, Neil Malhotra, and Jacob N. Shapiro. 2013. "Poverty and Support for Militant Politics: Survey Evidence from Pakistan." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(1): 30-48.

1. Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai. 2012. "Statistical Analysis of List Experiments." *Political Analysis* 20: 47-77.

Invited contributions

2. Hilary Matfess, Graeme Blair, and Chad Hazlett. "Beset on all sides: Children and the Landscape of Conflict in North East Nigeria." In Siobhan O'Neil and Kato van Broeckhoven, eds. 2018. *Cradled by Conflict: Child Involvement in Contemporary Conflict*, New York: United Nations University.

1. Graeme Blair. 2015. "Survey Methods for Sensitive Topics." *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter* 24(1): 12-16.

Under review

1. Graeme Blair, Alexander Coppock, and Margaret Moor. 2019. "When to Worry about Sensitivity Bias: Evidence from 30 Years of List Experiments."

Working papers

2. Rebecca Littman, Graeme Blair, Rebecca Wolfe, Mohammed Bukar, Jiyoung Kim, Yunusa Aina, Yetcha Ajimi Badu, Fatima Abba Kurama, and Ahmed Umar Lawan. 2019. "Repentance Promotes Reconciliation with Former Members of Violent Extremist Groups."

1. Graeme Blair, Darin Christensen, and Valerie Wirtschafter. 2019. "Conflict Exposure and Investment: Evidence from the Mining Sector."

Preregistered studies

3. Graeme Blair, Fotini Christia, Cyrus Samii, Jeremy Weinstein, Eric Arias, Emile Badran, Robert A. Blair, Ali Cheema, Thiemo Fetzer, Guy Grossman, Ali Hasanain, Benjamin Morse, Nico Ravanilla, Barbara Silva, Dotan Haim, Ben Kachero, Robert Muggah, Cyrus Samii, Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, Matthew Nanes, Jacob N. Shapiro, Pedro C. L. Souza, Lily Tsai, and Susan Hyde. 2018. "Community Policing Metaketa Project."

2. Graeme Blair, Darin Christensen, and Aaron Rudkin. 2018. "Meta-Analysis of Commodity Prices and Conflict."

1. Graeme Blair, Rebecca Littman, and Elizabeth Levy Paluck. 2013. "Encouraging collective action through a social norms media campaign in Nigeria."

Software

DeclareDesign, R statistical package for diagnosing and improving research designs, with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, Macartan Humphreys, and Neal Fultz

fabricatr, R statistical package for simulating social science data before it is collected, with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, Macartan Humphreys, and Aaron Rudkin

estimatr, R statistical package for fast estimators for social scientists, with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, Macartan Humphreys, and Luke Sonnet

DesignLibrary, R statistical package for quick declaration of common social science research designs, with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, Macartan Humphreys, Clara Bicalho, and Lily Medina

rr, R statistical package for analysis of randomized response technique survey items designed to elicit truthful answers to sensitive questions, with Yang-Yang Zhou and Kosuke Imai

list, R statistical package for analysis of survey "list experiments" designed to elicit truthful answers to sensitive questions, with Kosuke Imai

Extramural grants

International Growth Centre, $25,800, 2019, co-PI with Darin Christensen and Michael Ross

Hewlett Foundation, $1,400,000, 2018–2020. For Project on Resources, Governance, and Development, co-PI with Darin Christensen and Michael Ross

Peace and Recovery Fund, Innovations for Poverty Action, $40,000, 2018, co-PI with Rebecca Littman and Rebecca Wolfe

Economic Development and Institutions Program (U.K. Department for International Development), $30,000, 2018. For "Engaging Citizens to Address Company-Community Conflicts at South African Mines," with Darin Christensen and Renard Sexton

Hewlett Foundation, $600,000, 2017–2018. For Project on Resources, Governance, and Development, co-PI with Darin Christensen, Laura Paler, and Michael Ross

Laura and John Arnold Foundation, $491,000, 2016–2018. Lead PI ($322,839 award to UCLA). For "Declaring and Diagnosing Research Designs," with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys

Evidence in Governance and Politics and U.K. Department for International Development, $1,300,000 (total for six coordinated studies), 2016–2018. For "*Metaketa* Initiative on Community Policing," chair and lead author

Development Innovation Lab/USAID grant, $5,000, 2017, with Darin Christensen and Renard Sexton

Amazon AWS Research Grant, $3,000, 2014, with Kosuke Imai and Carlos Velasco

CAF-America Latina Crime and Policy Network Citizen Security in Latin America Grant, $15,000, 2013, with Kosuke Imai, Fabiana Machado, Carlos Velasco

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1226228), $17,640, 2012

International Growth Centre, LSE, $116,000, 2010, with Kosuke Imai

Internal grants

Center for Social Statistics, UCLA, $20,000, 2017, with Chad Hazlett

Dean's Faculty Opportunity Fund, UCLA, $1,500, 2017, with Darin Christensen and Chad Hazlett

California Center for Population Research Seed Grant, UCLA, $17,200, 2016, with Chad Hazlett

Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton, 2010; 2012

Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton, 2010; 2011; 2011, with Kosuke Imai; 2011, with Carlos Velasco

Field research

South Africa: December 2018; August 2017; January 2006

Nigeria: March-April 2018 (North East); July 2017 (North East); March, September 2016 (North East); February, July 2015 (North East); November 2012 – February 2013 (Niger Delta); January, May, July 2012 (Niger Delta); July – August 2011 (North East, Niger Delta); July – August 2010 (Abuja); August 2009 (Lagos)

Mexico: March, April 2012

Equatorial Guinea: January 2012

Ghana: June 2010; June 2009

Liberia: July 2009

Teaching

PS 50. Comparative politics (undergraduate), UCLA

PS 200E. Experimental design for social science (graduate), UCLA

PS 240A-B. Comparative politics field seminar (graduate), UCLA

Professional service

Section co-chair, African Politics Conference Group, American Political Science Association, 2018

Member, post-doctoral fellow selection committee, Evidence in Governance and Politics, 2016

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Jou rnal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Series A)*, *Journal of Peace Research*, National Science Foundation, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, University of California Press, and *World Politics*

University and department service

Faculty leader, Improving Designs in the Social Sciences (weekly graduate workshop), UCLA, 2016–17, 2017–18, with Darin Christensen, Erin Hartman, and Chad Hazlett

Comparative politics field chair, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2017–18

Co-organizer, Comparative Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2016–17, 2017–18

Deputy director of graduate placement, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2016–17

Consulting

Mercy Corps Nigeria, 2018– (unpaid)

UNICEF Nigeria and UN University, 2016–17 (unpaid)

Professional memberships

African Politics Conference Group, African Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology, Working Group in African Political Economy

Non-academic employment

Econsult Corporation, Philadelphia (urban economics statistical analyst), 2007–2008.

Grove Insight, Portland, Oregon (political survey research analyst), 2006.

References available upon request.

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