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<b>Academic Positions</b>	Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), Research Fellow, September 2025- International Centre for Tax and Development, Pre/Postdoctoral Fellow, 2024-2025
<b>Education</b>	<i>PhD, Political Science, UCLA, 2024</i> Committee: Daniel Posner (co-chair), Darin Christensen (co-chair), Kate Baldwin, Cesi Cruz <i>MS, International Development, Wageningen University, 2016</i> Specialization: Development Economics, <i>Cum Laude</i> <i>BA, Economics &amp; Philosophy, University of New Hampshire, 2012</i>
<b>Working Papers</b>	<a href="#">“Building Fiscal Capacity with Traditional Political Institutions: Experimental and Qualitative Evidence from Sierra Leone”</a> . Under review. <b>Job Market Paper.</b> <a href="#">“Participation, Legitimacy and Fiscal Capacity in Weak States: Evidence from Participatory Budgeting,”</a> with Abou Bakarr Kamara, Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard. Under review. <a href="#">“Increasing Local Disease Preparedness and Surveillance Capacity for Global Health Security: A Cluster-randomised Control Trial,”</a> with Maarten Voors, Macartan Humphreys, Salif Jaiteh, Mohamed Alpha Jalloh, Sellu Kallon, Niccolò Meriggi, and Peter Van der Windt.
<b>In Preparation</b>	“Property Taxation and Political Accountability: Evidence from a Rule-based Expansion of Tax Demands in Sierra Leone,” with Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard. “Mobilizing Voters with SMS in Sierra Leone,” with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors.
<b>External Grants / Fellowships</b>	2025. IGC, <b>\$7,500</b> . For Exploring the Socio-Economic Causes and Consequences of ‘Kush’ Abuse Among Young People in Freetown, Sierra Leone, with Henry Mondeh 2024. J-Pal (K-CAI), <b>\$57,860</b> . For Preserving Mangroves and Livelihoods in Benin, with Darin Christensen and Ambaliou Olounlade 2024. ICTD, <b>\$194,000</b> . For Traditional Leaders and Formal and Informal Taxation in Sierra Leone, with Vanessa van den Boogaard 2022. Mercatus Center Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship (declined), <b>\$5,000</b> . For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes? 2021. ICTD, <b>\$22,917</b> . For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes? 2021. ICTD, <b>\$5,884</b> . For Can Rural Property Taxation Generate Revenue? 2021. C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, <b>\$10,000</b> . 2019. ICTD, <b>\$257,802</b> . For Compliance, Accountability and the Social Contract, with Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, Wilson Prichard 2019. IGC, <b>\$25,929</b> . For Taxation and Political Participation, with Darin Christensen 2019. IGC, <b>\$25,652</b> . For Improving Tax Compliance in Freetown, with Derek Holliday and Julian Michel 2018. IGC, <b>\$110,523</b> . For Electrifying Growth, with Niccolò Meriggi, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Maarten Voors 2018. UKaid/OPM Energy and Economic Growth, <b>\$489,688</b> . For Electrifying Growth, with Niccolò Meriggi, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Maarten Voors 2018. IGC, <b>\$25,542</b> . For Improving Tax Systems in Sierra Leone

	2018. IGC, <b>\$10,994</b> . For Electoral Impacts of Aid, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors		
	2018. IGC, <b>\$28,165</b> . For Mobilizing Voters with SMS, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors		
	2018. IGC, <b>\$12,925</b> . For Brighter Communities Safer Cities, with Daniel N. Posner		
	2018. Sustainable Energy Transitions, <b>\$4,975</b> . For Brighter Communities Safer Cities.		
<b>Internal Grants / Fellowships</b>	<p>2024. UCLA Political Science Department's Swarr Prize (for best unpublished grad paper)</p> <p>2023. UCLA/Keck Humanistic Inquiry Graduate Research Award, <b>\$8,000</b>.</p> <p>2023. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, <b>\$1,995</b>.</p> <p>2022. UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, <b>\$20,000</b>.</p> <p>2022. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, <b>\$2,000</b>.</p> <p>2021. UCLA Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, <b>\$6,000</b>.</p> <p>2021. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, <b>\$2,000</b>.</p> <p>2019. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, <b>\$6,000</b>.</p> <p>2018. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, <b>\$6,000</b>.</p>		
<b>Talks &amp; Conferences</b>	<p>2025: German Development Economics Conference; EPSA</p> <p>2024: GLD Workshop (online); WGAPE (Accra); World Bank Land Conference; IIPF; APCG Online Colloquium; Public Finance in Developing Countries; CGU Talk Series; UN-Habitat</p> <p>2023: Governance and Local Development Institute Annual Conference</p> <p>2022: CaliWEPS V; APSA; Global Development Conference; Sierra Leone Tax Conference</p> <p>2019: Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference</p>		
<b>Consulting</b>	<p>World Bank, <i>Consultant</i>, May 2024–March 2025 Project: Qualitative Assessment for Institutionalizing the Wan Fambul Framework in Sierra Leone</p> <p>ICTD, <i>Consultant</i>, March 2021–November 2023 Project: <a href="#">Can Rural Property Taxation Generate Revenue?</a></p> <p>Oxford Policy Management, <i>Consultant</i>, June 2020–July 2020 Project: <a href="#">The Role of Traditional Leaders in COVID-19</a></p> <p>Oxford Policy Management, <i>Consultant</i>, March 2020–May 2020 Project: <a href="#">A Rapid Assessment of the Response to COVID-19 in Sierra Leone</a></p>		
<b>Skills/ Experience</b>	<p><i>Languages:</i> English (Native), Sierra Leone Krio (Intermediate), Spanish (Intermediate)</p> <p><i>Fieldwork:</i> Sierra Leone (4+ years); Benin</p>		
<b>Referee</b>	<i>International Tax and Public Finance; Political Research Exchange</i>		
<b>References</b>	<table> <tr> <td><b>Daniel Posner</b> Professor Political Science UCLA dposner@polisci.ucla.edu</td> <td><b>Darin Christensen</b> Associate Professor Public Policy &amp; Political Science UCLA darinc@luskin.ucla.edu</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Daniel Posner</b> Professor Political Science UCLA dposner@polisci.ucla.edu	<b>Darin Christensen</b> Associate Professor Public Policy & Political Science UCLA darinc@luskin.ucla.edu
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