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Academic Positions	Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), Research Fellow, September 2025- International Centre for Tax and Development, Pre/Postdoctoral Fellow, 2024-2025
Education	<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 & Philosophy, University of New Hampshire, 2012</i>
Working Papers	“Building Fiscal Capacity with Traditional Political Institutions: Experimental and Qualitative Evidence from Sierra Leone” . Under review. <i>Job Market Paper</i> . “Participation, Legitimacy and Fiscal Capacity in Weak States: Evidence from Participatory Budgeting,” with Abou Bakarr Kamara, Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard. <i>Under review</i> . “Increasing Local Disease Preparedness and Surveillance Capacity for Global Health Security: A Cluster-randomised Control Trial,” with Maarten Voors, Macartan Humphreys, Salif Jaiteh, Mohamed Alpha Jalloh, Sellu Kallon, Niccolò Meriggi, and Peter Van der Windt.
In Preparation	“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.
External Grants / Fellowships	2025. IGC, \$7,500 . 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), \$57,860 . For Preserving Mangroves and Livelihoods in Benin, with Darin Christensen and Ambaliou Olounlade 2024. ICTD, \$194,000 . For Traditional Leaders and Formal and Informal Taxation in Sierra Leone, with Vanessa van den Boogaard 2022. Mercatus Center Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship (declined), \$5,000 . For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes? 2021. ICTD, \$22,917 . For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes? 2021. ICTD, \$5,884 . For Can Rural Property Taxation Generate Revenue? 2021. C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, \$10,000 . 2019. ICTD, \$257,802 . For Compliance, Accountability and the Social Contract, with Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, Wilson Prichard 2019. IGC, \$25,929 . For Taxation and Political Participation, with Darin Christensen 2019. IGC, \$25,652 . For Improving Tax Compliance in Freetown, with Derek Holliday and Julian Michel 2018. IGC, \$110,523 . For Electrifying Growth, with Niccolò Meriggi, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Maarten Voors 2018. UKaid/OPM Energy and Economic Growth, \$489,688 . For Electrifying Growth, with Niccolò Meriggi, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Maarten Voors 2018. IGC, \$25,542 . For Improving Tax Systems in Sierra Leone

	2018. IGC, \$10,994 . For Electoral Impacts of Aid, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors		
	2018. IGC, \$28,165 . For Mobilizing Voters with SMS, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors		
	2018. IGC, \$12,925 . For Brighter Communities Safer Cities, with Daniel N. Posner		
	2018. Sustainable Energy Transitions, \$4,975 . For Brighter Communities Safer Cities.		
Internal Grants / Fellowships	<p>2024. UCLA Political Science Department's Swarr Prize (for best unpublished grad paper)</p> <p>2023. UCLA/Keck Humanistic Inquiry Graduate Research Award, \$8,000.</p> <p>2023. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, \$1,995.</p> <p>2022. UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, \$20,000.</p> <p>2022. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, \$2,000.</p> <p>2021. UCLA Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, \$6,000.</p> <p>2021. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, \$2,000.</p> <p>2019. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, \$6,000.</p> <p>2018. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, \$6,000.</p>		
Talks & Conferences	<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>		
Consulting	<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: Can Rural Property Taxation Generate Revenue?</p> <p>Oxford Policy Management, <i>Consultant</i>, June 2020–July 2020 Project: The Role of Traditional Leaders in COVID-19</p> <p>Oxford Policy Management, <i>Consultant</i>, March 2020–May 2020 Project: A Rapid Assessment of the Response to COVID-19 in Sierra Leone</p>		
Skills/ Experience	<p><i>Languages:</i> English (Native), Sierra Leone Krio (Intermediate), Spanish (Intermediate)</p> <p><i>Fieldwork:</i> Sierra Leone (4+ years); Benin</p>		
Referee	<i>International Tax and Public Finance; Political Research Exchange</i>		
References	<table> <tr> <td>Daniel Posner Professor Political Science UCLA dposner@polisci.ucla.edu</td> <td>Darin Christensen Associate Professor Public Policy & Political Science UCLA darinc@luskin.ucla.edu</td> </tr> </table>	Daniel Posner Professor Political Science UCLA dposner@polisci.ucla.edu	Darin Christensen Associate Professor Public Policy & Political Science UCLA darinc@luskin.ucla.edu
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