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| Education | <i>PhD, Political Science, UCLA, 2024 (expected)</i> Committee: Daniel Posner (co-chair), Darin Christensen (co-chair), Kate Baldwin, Cesi Cruz Dissertation: Building Fiscal Capacity with Traditional Political Institutions: Experimental and Qualitative Evidence from Sierra Leone <i>MS, International Development, Wageningen University, 2016</i> Specialization: Development Economics, <i>Cum Laude</i> Thesis: Rebel Violence Against Civilians in Sierra Leone <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.” <i>Job Market Paper</i> . “Strengthening Fiscal Contracts Through Digital Town Halls in Freetown, Sierra Leone,” with Abou Bakarr Kamara, Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard. “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. <i>Under review</i> . | |
| Ongoing Projects | “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. “Weber’s Nudge: Does Signaling Procedural Fairness on Tax Bills Increase Compliance?” with Abou Bakarr Kamara, Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard. “Mobilizing Voters with SMS in Sierra Leone,” with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors. | |
| External Grants / Fellowships | 2022. Mercatus Center Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship (declined), \$5,000 . For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes? 2021. International Centre for Tax and Development, \$22,917 . For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes? 2021. International Centre for Tax and Development, \$5,884 . For Can Rural Property Taxation Generate Revenue? 2021. C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, \$10,000 . 2019. International Centre for Tax and Development, \$257,802 . For Compliance, Accountability and the Social Contract, with Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, Wilson Prichard 2019. International Growth Centre, \$25,929 . For Taxation and Political Participation, with Darin Christensen 2019. International Growth Centre, \$25,652 . For Improving Tax Compliance in Freetown: Scoping Research, with Derek Holliday and Julian Michel 2018. International Growth Centre, \$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. International Growth Centre, \$25,542 . For Improving Tax Systems in Sierra Leone | |

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| | 2018. International Growth Centre, \$10,994 . For Electoral Impacts of Development Aid, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors |
| | 2018. International Growth Centre, \$28,165 . For Mobilizing Voters with SMS, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors |
| | 2018. International Growth Centre, \$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>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 | <p>2023: Governance and Local Development Institute Annual Conference</p> <p>2022: CaliWEPS V; APSA; Global Development Conference; Sierra Leone Tax for Development Conference</p> <p>2019: Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference</p> |
| Consulting | <p>ICTD, <i>Consultant</i>, March 2021– 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> <p>UNOPS, <i>Consultant</i>, February 2019–May 2020 Project: Impact Evaluation of Rural Renewable Energy Project</p> <p>Government of Sierra Leone, <i>Consultant</i>, June 2019–January 2020 Project: Impact Evaluation of Community Animal Health Program</p> |
| Skills/ Experience | <p><i>Software:</i> L^AT_EX, R</p> <p><i>Languages:</i> English (Native), Sierra Leone Krio (Intermediate), Spanish (Intermediate)</p> <p><i>Fieldwork:</i> Sierra Leone (36 months)</p> |
| References | <p>Daniel N. Posner Professor of Political Science, UCLA E-mail: dposner@polisci.ucla.edu Phone: +1 (310) 825-3626</p> <p>Darin Christensen Associate Professor of Public Policy, UCLA E-mail: darinc@luskin.ucla.edu Phone: +1 (310) 825-7196</p> |