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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.” “Participation, Legitimacy and Fiscal Capacity in Weak States: Evidence from Participatory Budgeting,” 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.	
Research in Progress	“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.	
External Grants / Fellowships	2025. International Growth Centre, \$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. International Centre for Tax and Development, \$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. 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	

	<p>2018. UKaid/OPM Energy and Economic Growth, \$489,688. For Electrifying Growth, with Niccolò Meriggi, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Maarten Voors</p> <p>2018. International Growth Centre, \$25,542. For Improving Tax Systems in Sierra Leone</p> <p>2018. International Growth Centre, \$10,994. For Electoral Impacts of Development Aid, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors</p> <p>2018. International Growth Centre, \$28,165. For Mobilizing Voters with SMS, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors</p> <p>2018. International Growth Centre, \$12,925. For Brighter Communities Safer Cities, with Daniel N. Posner</p> <p>2018. Sustainable Energy Transitions, \$4,975. For Brighter Communities Safer Cities.</p>				
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)</p>				
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