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EDUCATION

Stanford University

expected 2025

Ph.D. in Political Science

- Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, and International Relations.
- Committee: Jeremy Weinstein (co-chair), David Laitin (co-chair), Avidit Acharya, and James Fearon.
- Dissertation project: Land, Power, and Property Rights: The Political Economy of Land Titling in West Africa

Stanford University

2022

M.A. in Political Science

College of William & Mary | University of St Andrews

2017

B.A. (International Honors) International Relations, minor in Economics

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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1. Feeding conflict? New data on the impact of humanitarian food aid on civil conflict [[link to working paper](#)] [[replication data](#)] **Forthcoming at the Journal of Global Security Studies.**
 2. Keeping Up with the Times: How the Discipline of International Relations Responds to Benchmark Events. 2016. *International Studies Perspectives*, 18(3): 304-322 [[link to paper](#)] [[link to SAGE Research Methods Case Study](#)].

WORKING PAPERS

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3. Land, Power, and Property Rights: The Political Economy of Land Titling in West Africa [[link to working paper](#)] **Job market paper.**
 4. Who wants property rights? Conjoint evidence from Senegal [[link to working paper](#)] **Under review.**
 5. Getting to Youths: Development Programming, Conflict Resolution, and Political Violence in Niger (with Kathryn M. Lance, Ryan Sheely, and Ifeoluwa M. Olawole) [[link to working paper](#)].
 6. Pitfalls and tradeoffs in measuring support for violent extremism: Evidence from Niger and Burkina Faso (with Ryan Sheely and Adam Lichtenheld) [[link to working paper](#)].
 7. In Vi(vi)no Veritas? Expertise, review accuracy and reputation inflation (with Rebecca Janssen) [[link to working paper](#)].
 - Covered in [Suddendeutsh Zeitung](#).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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8. Indirect Rule and the Endurance of Traditional Governance in Africa, prepared for *The Oxford Handbook on Traditional Law & Governance in Africa* (with Joan Ricart-Huguet).
 9. Who formalizes land in Côte d'Ivoire? (with Catherine Boone).
 10. Preferences for natural resource governance: experimental evidence from Mali and Niger (with Alma A. Bezares Calderón and Ifeoluwa M. Olawole).

11. Historical cash crop production and land tenure formalization (with Philip Roessler).
12. Intra-respondent reliability and enumerator quality in field conjoint experiments.
13. Countering radicalization in Mali through PREVENS (with Jamila Alaktif, Mamadou Camara, and David Laitin) [[link to pre-analysis plan](#)].
14. Traditional Chiefs and Democratic Backsliding.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

15. The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Project in Cabo Verde: Interim Evaluation Report. 2020. Report submitted to the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Washington, DC: Mathematica Policy Research (with Clair Null, Edith Felix, Audrey Moore, Abbie Turiansky, Jane Fortson, Evan Fantozzi, Dara Bernstein, Emma Pottinger, and Loay Hidmi) [[link to paper](#)].
16. Evaluation Design Report for the Liberia Energy Project: Activities 1 and 2. 2018. Report submitted to the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Washington, DC: Mathematica Policy Research (with Candace Miller, Kristine Bos, Ali Protik, Randall Blair, and Paolo Abarcar) [[link to paper](#)].
17. Evaluation of the Irrigation and Water Resource Management Project in Senegal: Interim Report. 2018. Report submitted to the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Washington, DC: Mathematica Policy Research (with Thomas Coen, Sarah Hughes, William Valetta, and Kristen Velyvis) [[link to paper](#)].
18. Implementing the Arms Trade Treaty and the UNPoA: A Guide to Coordinating an Effective Arms Control System. 2018. Sydney: Centre for Armed Violence Reduction (with Laura Spano, Philip Alpers, and Erly Munoz) [[link to paper](#)].
19. Where the World Comes Up Short: Gaps in Civil Society Efforts to Combat the Proliferation of Small Arms. 2016. Melbourne: Pacific Small Arms Action Group.

GRANTS

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| 2023 | SurveyCTO Primary Data Collection Research Grant (\$ 1,000). |
| 2023 | Stanford King Center for International Development Advanced Grant (\$10,000). |
| 2023 | Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support (\$ 5,000). |
| 2023 | Peace Science Society Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$400). |
| 2023 | Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support (\$ 750). |
| 2023 | Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) Schultz Research Fellowship (\$ 4,000). |
| 2022 | Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office) Ph.D. Research Grant (£24,535). |
| 2022 | Stanford King Center for International Development Advanced Grant (\$ 10,000). |
| 2021 | Stanford King Center for International Development Exploratory Grant (\$ 5,000). |
| 2021 | National Science Foundation Graduate Student Research Fellowship |
| 2014 | International Studies Association Student Travel Grant |

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2023 | Junior Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies |
| 2023 | Junior Scholar, Carnegie International Policy Scholar Consortium and Network |

2021 Stanford Center for African Studies Graduate Fellow
-2025
2021 Immigration Policy Lab Graduate Fellow
-2025
2021 Stanford Impact Labs / Immigration Policy Lab Summer Fellow
2019 Stanford University Graduate Fellowship
-2025
2013 Phi Beta Kappa

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 Midwest Political Science Association, World Bank Land and Poverty Conference, Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, University College London Conflict & Change Workshop (**declined**).
2024 Midwest Political Science Association, Governance and Local Development Institute Annual Conference, World Bank Land and Poverty Conference, American Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology (**declined**), African Politics Conference Group Online Colloquium.
2023 Peace Science Society; American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association.
2022 Midwest Political Science Association; Working Group in African Political Economy Annual Conference.
2020 Midwest Political Science Association; Stanford Graduate Student Comparative Workshop.
2017 International Studies Association—South.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Teaching assistantships:

- Introduction to International Relations, with Jim Fearon (2019)
- The Science of Politics, with Jeremy Weinstein and Jonathan Rodden (2021)
- Data Science for Politics, with Alain Schl  pfer (2021)

Research assistantships:

- Jeremy Weinstein (Stanford University)
- Kai Gehring (University of Bern and Stanford University)
- Kristen Harkness (University of St. Andrews)
- Marc DeVore (University of St. Andrews)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Mathematica Policy Research
Program Associate

Washington, DC
June 2017 - August 2019

Pacific Small Arms Action Group/Center for Armed Violence Reduction
Consultant
Policy and Outreach Associate

Melbourne, Australia
June 2017 - September 2017
May 2016 - September 2016

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer: American Political Science Review
- APSA mentorship program (2022-2025)
- Stanford 'Pathways to Ph.D.' mentor program (2022-2024)
- Departmental cohort representative (2020)

FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

2024	Côte d'Ivoire
2023	Côte d'Ivoire
2023	Senegal
2022	Côte d'Ivoire
2022	Senegal
2021	Niger

SKILLS

- Proficient in French and English (native).
- Computer skills: R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, NVivo, L^AT_EX.