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## EDUCATION

- Harvard University**, PhD in Government Aug 2024 - Present
- *Research Areas*: political economy of development, identity, conflict, state-society relations, political methodology
- Tsinghua University**, MSc in Global Affairs Aug 2020 - Jun 2021
- *Awards*: Schwarzman Scholar, Outstanding Capstone Award, GPA 4.0/4.0
- Yale University**, BA in Sociology and Global Affairs Aug 2015 - May 2019
- *Awards*: Douglas A. Beck prize and distinction in the Global Affairs major, *cum laude*, GPA 3.89/4.0

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- "Whose Suffering? National Identity and the Contest to Define Victimhood in Indonesia's Genocide." *Asian Studies Review* 45, no. 1 (2021): 135 - 154.
- "Securing a People's Peace: Lessons from Post-War Sierra Leone and How They Can Be Applied in South Sudan." *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 11, no. 2 (2021): 104 - 120. (w/ Kenneth Ganna-Conteh)

### Program Evaluations & Humanitarian Research

\* available upon request

- *Adolescent Girls' Education in Somalia - Leave No Girls Behind: Endline Evaluation*. Hargeisa: CARE International, UK Aid, and USAID, 2024. (w/ Shreyas Kumar, Emilio Lopez, Giorgio Monti)\*
- *Political Economy Analysis to Inform Food Aid for Displaced Populations in Somalia*. Hargeisa: Purdue University and USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs, 2024. (w/ Tom King)
- *A Qualitative Study on Improving Access to Legal Aid for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence in South-Central Somalia*. Mogadishu: Catholic Relief Services and USAID, 2022. (w/ Rachel Furlow)\*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Consilient Research** – Hargeisa, Somalia Aug 2021 - Aug 2024
- *Positions*: Senior Research Manager (Nov 2022 - Aug 2024); Research Manager (Mar - Oct 2022); Research Officer (Aug 2021 - Feb 2022)
  - Directed a team of 19 analysts & up to 100 data collectors in active conflict zones, delivering USD 3.5 million in original quantitative & qualitative research products to advise humanitarian program implementers
- Search for Common Ground** – Jakarta, Indonesia Jul 2020 - Aug 2021
- *Positions*: Intern (Jul 2020 - Oct 2020); Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation Officer (Nov 2020 - Aug 2021)
  - Created & analyzed performance indicators for project to reintegrate former terrorist group members into society
  - Researched best practices for prison-based deradicalization programs to inform project implementation

## CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2019**: *On Rising Fear, Anxiety, and Producing the "Other" in Indonesia*. Council on Southeast Asia Studies at Yale. New Haven. (Co-Chair and Organizer)
- 2018**: *Escaping the Homeland: Contesting Diasporic Narratives in Indonesia*. Council on Southeast Asia Studies at Yale. New Haven. (Co-Chair and Organizer)

## SKILLS & FIELDWORK

- Software & Programming**: Stata, R, Atlas.ti, Dedoose, ODK-based survey scripting,  $\text{\LaTeX}$
- Languages**: English & Indonesian (native), French & Malay (intermediate), Mandarin Chinese (upper beginner)
- Fieldwork**: Somalia (Sep 2021 - Aug 2024), South Sudan (Feb - Mar 2023, Sep 2023), Somaliland (Feb - Jun 2022, Feb - Mar 2023), Indonesia (May - Aug 2018, Nov 2020 - Mar 2021), Nigeria (Sep 2020)