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EDUCATION	Princeton University , Princeton, NJ Ph.D., Political Science, (expected 2026) M.A., Political Science (2022, incidental degree) Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, Formal Theory & Quantitative Methods Other areas of focus: Political economy, Southeast Asia Committee: Carles Boix, Leonard Wantchekon, Rory Truex, Germán Gieczewski	2020-2026
	Wesleyan University , Middletown, CT B.A. (with honors), Economics (2015) <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> Honors Society (2015)	2011-2015
	University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall , Oxford, UK Visiting Student, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)	2013-2014
ARTICLES	Education for Control and Liberation in Africa and Among the Black Diaspora, with Guilherme Lambais, Dozie Okoye, and Leonard Wantchekon. 2023. <i>Comparative Education Review</i> , 67 (4): 861-883.	
	Fishing Rights and Colonial Government: Institutional Development in the Bengal Presidency, with Richard Adelstein. 2021. <i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i> (45): 313-331.	
BOOK CHAPTERS	The Art of Conquering Without Being Right: Agency, Education, and Learning by Doing in Cheikh Hamidou Kane's <i>Ambiguous Adventure</i> , with Paul-Aarons Ngomo and Leonard Wantchekon. 2025. In <i>Economics and Literature</i> eds. François Bourguignon, Avinash K. Dixit, Luc Leruth, and Jean-Philippe Platteau. London: Routledge.	
WORKING PAPERS	The Pull of the Center: The Mobilizational Roots of Transformation in Social Revolution. 2025. <i>Under review</i> .	
	Social Bases of the Long-Run Postwar Integration of the Losing Side: Networks, Human Capital, Narratives. 2026.	
	Economic Shocks, Sovereign Debt, and Authoritarian Institutions in the Third Wave. 2025.	
BOOK PROJECT	Action and Inheritance: Mobilizational Paths to Revolutionary Transformation. <i>In progress</i> .	
WORK IN PROGRESS	Who Stays in Opposition? with Somchai Phatharathanunth. 2025.	
	Three Networks in a Zomian Revolution. 2025.	

Anti-colonial Conflict and National Identity Formation in Southeast Asia. 2025.

Colonial Military Recruitment and Nationalist Mobilization: Evidence from Algeria and the Raj, with Hani Abdel-Warith. 2025.

The Political Losers Problem and Economic Transition in Resilient Autocracies, with Yuhan Zheng. 2025.

Democratization and the Industrial Organization of Political Dynasties, with Napon Jatusripitak. 2025.

A Spatial Model of Authoritarian Policy-Making. 2023.

AWARDS AND HONORS Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University 2025-2026

- Competitive fellowship that “recognizes exceptional students in their later years of study” across Princeton University

Best paper by junior scholar, APSA Southeast Asia Related Group (SEAPRG) 2025
Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Fellow Winter 2024

RESEARCH GRANTS The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, for pre-dissertation and dissertation fieldwork 2022-2024

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, for pre-dissertation and dissertation fieldwork 2022-2025

Davenport Grant, Wesleyan University, for undergraduate thesis fieldwork 2013

PRESENTATIONS MPSA 2026 (scheduled)

APSA 2024, 2025

Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Boston University 2024

Harvard-Yale Southeast Asia Graduate Conference 2024

Princeton University, Comparative Politics Seminar 2022-2025

TEACHING Intro to Quantitative Social Science (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor Fall 2024

Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor Spring 2023

Junior Independent Plenary (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor Fall 2022

American Center @ That Dam, Vientiane, Laos, Full-time Instructor 2017-2019

Wesleyan University Writing Center, Writing Tutor 2012-2013

RESEARCH FIELDWORK Laos, Vientiane and rural areas in northern Laos 2022-2025 (total 6 months)

Thailand, Bangkok and Isan 2022-2025 (total 6 months)

Vietnam, Hanoi 2022 (3 weeks)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **Office of American Spaces, US Department of State**, Hanoi, Vietnam 2019-2020
Consultant, Impact Assessment and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

- Designed and implemented surveys, conducted 40+ interviews and multiple focus groups, created impact evaluation and M&E framework for US embassy educational and civic programming in Laos and Vietnam. Conducted first ever impact analysis of American Spaces.

Fulbright Program , Vientiane, Laos	2017-2019
<i>Fulbright Fellow</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed syllabi for classes in English, social studies, and professional skills for university students and young professionals and taught full time at the American Center, Vientiane. Helped plan orientation and structure Fulbright program in Laos. 	
The Northstar Group, Inc. , New York, NY	2015-2017
<i>Investment Associate</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researched investments and helped make portfolio allocation decisions at growing investment advisory. Developed and programmed Monte Carlo simulations to forecast portfolio performance. 	
LANGUAGES	Bengali (fluent), Hindi (fluent), Lao (advanced), Thai (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate), Khmu (beginner)
SOFTWARE	R, Stata, Python, MatLab, L ^A T _E X
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