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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 Wesleyan University , Middletown, CT B.A. (with honors), Economics (2015) <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> Honors Society (2015) University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall , Oxford, UK Visiting Student, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) | 2020-2026 2011-2015 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. Forthcoming in <i>Economics and Literature</i> eds. François Bourguignon, Avinash K. Dixit, Luc Leruth, and Jean-Philippe Platteau. London: Routledge. | |
| WORK IN PROGRESS | The Pull of the Center: Mobilization, States, and Rural Transformation in Communist Revolution. 2025. <i>Under review</i> . Economic Shocks, Sovereign Debt, and Authoritarian Institutions in the Third Wave. 2025. Rural Modernization in the Shadow of Failed Revolution. 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. Democratization and the Industrial Organization of Political Dynasties, with Napon Jatusripitak. 2025. | |

A Spatial Model of Authoritarian Policy-Making. 2023.

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| AWARDS AND HONORS | Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University | 2025-2026 |
| | Best paper by junior scholar, APSA Southeast Asia Related Group (SEAPRG) | 2026 |
| | 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 | Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Boston University | 2024 |
| | APSA | 2024, 2025 (scheduled) |
| | 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 | 2022-2024 (total 5 months) |
| | Thailand, Bangkok and Isan | 2022-2025 (total 5 months) |
| | Vietnam, Hanoi | 2022 (3 weeks) |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | Office of American Spaces, US Department of State , Hanoi, Vietnam | 2019-2020 |
| | <i>Consultant, Impact Assessment and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)</i> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | |

REFERENCES

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