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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 and State Formation in Communist Revolution. 2025. <i>Under review</i> . Sovereign Debt, Democratization, and Authoritarian Institutions in the Third Wave. 2025. Political Modernity in the Shadow of Failed Revolution, with Somchai Phatharathananunth. 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 Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Fellow	2025-2026 Winter 2024

RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, for pre-dissertation and dissertation fieldwork, 2022, 2023, 2024.</p> <p>Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, for pre-dissertation and dissertation fieldwork, 2022, 2023, 2024.</p> <p>Davenport Grant, Wesleyan University, for undergraduate thesis fieldwork, 2013.</p>	
PRESENTATIONS	<p>Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), fellow, Boston University 2024</p> <p>APSA 2024</p> <p>Harvard-Yale Southeast Asia Graduate Conference 2024</p> <p>Princeton University, Comparative Politics Seminar 2022-2024</p>	
TEACHING	<p>Intro to Quantitative Social Science (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor Fall 2024</p> <p>Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor Spring 2023</p> <p>Junior Independent Plenary (undergraduate), Assistant Instructor Fall 2022</p> <p>American Center @ That Dam, Vientiane, Laos, Full-time instructor 2017-2019</p> <p>Wesleyan University Writing Center, Writing tutor 2012-2013</p>	
RESEARCH FIELDWORK	<p>Laos, Vientiane and rural areas in northern Laos 2022-2024 (total 5 months)</p> <p>Thailand, Bangkok and Isan 2022-2024 (total 3 months)</p> <p>Vietnam, Hanoi 2022 (3 weeks)</p>	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Office of American Spaces, US Department of State, Hanoi, Vietnam 2019-2020 <i>Consultant, Impact Assessment and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)</i></p> <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. <p>Fulbright Program, Vientiane, Laos 2017-2019 <i>Fulbright Fellow</i></p> <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. <p>The Northstar Group, Inc., New York, NY 2015-2017 <i>Investment Associate</i></p> <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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