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EDUCATION Princeton University, Princeton, NI

2020-2026

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

2011-2015

B.A. (with honors), Economics (2015) *Phi Beta Kappa* Honors Society (2015)

University of Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, UK

2013-2014

Visiting Student, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

ARTICLES Education for Control and Liberation in Africa and Among the Black Diaspora, with

Guilherme Lambais, Dozie Okoye, and Leonard Wantchekon. 2023. Comparative Ed-

ucation Review, 67 (4): 861-883.

Fishing Rights and Colonial Government: Institutional Development in the Bengal Pres-

idency, with Richard Adelstein. 2021. Cambridge Journal of Economics (45): 313-331.

BOOK CHAPTERS The Art of Conquering Without Being Right: Agency, Education, and Learning by Do-

ing in Cheikh Hamidou Kane's *Ambiguous Adventure*, with Paul-Aarons Ngomo and Leonard Wantchekon. 2024. Prepared for *Fictionomics* eds. François Bourguignon, Luc

Leruth, and Jean-Philippe Platteau.

WORK IN The Pull of the Center: Legacies of Mobilization in Communist Revolution. 2025. *Un-*

Progress der review.

Sovereign Debt, Democratization, and Authoritarian Institutions in the Third Wave.

2025.

Political Modernity in the Shadow of Failed Revolution, with Somchai Phatharathana-

nunth. 2025.

Democratization and the Industrial Organization of Political Dynasties, with Napon Ja-

tusripitak. 2025.

A Spatial Model of Authoritarian Policy-Making. 2023.

Honors and Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University 2025-2026

AWARDS Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Fellow Winter, 2024

Research
Grants

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, for predissertation and dissertation fieldwork, 2022, 2023, 2024.

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, for pre-dissertation and dis-

sertation fieldwork, 2022, 2023, 2024.

Davenport Grant, Wesleyan University, for undergraduate thesis fieldwork, 2013.

Presentations

Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), invited fellow	2024
APSA	2024
Harvard-Yale Southeast Asia Graduate Conference	2024
Princeton University, Comparative Politics Seminar	2022-2024

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	2022-2024 (total 3 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

Fulbright Fellow

• 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

Investment Associate

 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, Lab, Lab, Lab