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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 (chair), 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> . | |
| | 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. 2026. | |
| | The Long-run Effects of Revolutionary Mobilization: Evidence from the CPT. 2026. | |

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

Three Networks in a Zomian Revolution (qualitative companion to “The Pull of the Center”). 2025.

Colonial Military Recruitment and Nationalist Mobilization: Evidence from Algeria and the Raj, with Hani Abdel-Warith. 2026.

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

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| 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) Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Fellow | 2025 Winter 2024 |
| RESEARCH GRANTS | Data Driven Social Science (DDSS), Princeton University | 2025-2026 |
| | 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 | Singapore Management University | 2026 (scheduled) |
| | 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 | Created new survey infrastructure. Original data collection through community partnerships: surveys, genealogies, and oral histories. | |
| | Laos, Vientiane and rural areas in northern Laos | 2022-2026 (total 8 months) |
| | Thailand, Bangkok and Isan | 2022-2026 (total 8 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> | |

- 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, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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