

# STUART RUSSELL

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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** *Cambridge, MA* Aug. 2017 – Present  
PhD Candidate in Political Science.  
Specializations in Comparative Politics and Quantitative Research Methods.  
Dissertation Committee: F. Daniel Hidalgo, Evan Lieberman (chair), Ben Ross Schneider, Lily Tsai.  
Graduate Research Fellow, MIT Governance Lab (MIT GOV/LAB).

**Swarthmore College** *Swarthmore, PA* Aug. 2010 – June 2014  
Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in Political Science and Economics.  
Middlebury College in France program at the Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux (Spring 2013).

## WORKING PAPERS

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*Patronage and Nepotism in Kenya*  
with Mai Hassan (Michigan) and Horacio Larreguy (ITAM)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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*The Spoils of the State: Public Procurement and the Politics of Political Finance in Burkina Faso*  
Dissertation project

*Racial Quotas in the Brazilian Civil Service*  
with F. Daniel Hidalgo (MIT)

*Public Finance and Local Government Budgets in Kenya*  
with Mai Hassan (Michigan)

## POLICY WRITING

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Russell, Stuart. *Public Procurement and Favoritism Risks in Burkina Faso*. Open Contracting Partnership Report. Washington, DC. December 2021

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

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Professor F. Daniel Hidalgo, MIT Political Science	June 2020 – Present
Professor Pia Raffler, Harvard Government	Feb. 2020 – June 2020
Professor Carol Nackenoff, Swarthmore Political Science	Aug. 2013 – April 2014
Professor Dominic Tierney, Swarthmore Political Science	Aug. 2013 – April 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Political Science Laboratory</b> <i>Co-instructor of record with Blair Read</i> MIT Political Science Department. Undergraduate course on applied econometrics and statistics.	Feb. 2021 – May 2021
<b>Teaching Practice Certificate</b> MIT Teaching and Learning Lab	June 2020 – July 2020

<b>Quantitative Methods II: Causal Inference</b>	Feb. 2020 – May 2020
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor F. Daniel Hidalgo</i>	
MIT Political Science Department. PhD-level graduate course on causal inference.	
<b>Democracy in Africa</b>	Feb. 2020 – May 2020
<i>Teaching assistant for Professor Evan Lieberman</i>	
MITx. Online course on African politics.	
<b>Political Economy and Economic Development</b>	Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019
<i>Teaching assistant for Professors Abhijit Banerjee and Ben Olken</i>	
MITx MicroMasters Program in Data, Economics, and Development Policy. Online course on the political economy of international development.	
<b>Intermediate Microeconomics</b>	Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2012, Aug. 2013 – Dec. 2013
<i>Teaching assistant for Professors Ellen Magenheimer and Stephen Golub</i>	
Swarthmore College Economics Department. Undergraduate course on microeconomic theory.	

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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MIT Political Methodology Lab Grant (\$1,000)	2022
MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship (\$3,500 each)	2021, 2022
West African Research Association Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$3,500)	2021
Open Contracting Partnership Action Research Grant (\$3,000)	2021
MIT Governance Lab Dissertation Grant (\$15,000)	2020
Busara Center and MIT GOV/LAB Behavioral Science in the Field Course (in kind)	2020
MIT Governance Lab Seed Grant (\$4,000 each)	2018, 2019
Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2019
Princeton in Africa Fellowship	2016
Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College	2014

## FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Morocco</b>	June 2022-August 2022
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	July 2021, April 2022
<b>Kenya</b>	Jan. 2020
<b>Senegal</b>	Aug. 2016 – July 2017, June – July 2018, June – July 2019
<b>Mali</b>	Jan. 2018

Additional travel less than a month in length to Albania, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Liberia.

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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<b>MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council</b>	
MIT Political Science Application Mentorship Program	Oct. 2020 – May 2021
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group	July 2020 – May 2021
Graduate Student Orientation Committee Member	Aug. 2018 – May 2019
<b>MIT Political Behavior of Development Conference</b>	
Organizing Committee Member	April 2019 – Nov. 2019
<b>MIT Reading Group in African Politics</b>	
Co-Organizer	Aug. 2018 – May 2019

## LANGUAGE AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	French (Fluent)
<b>Computing and Analysis Software</b>	R, Stata, Python
<b>Data Collection Software</b>	SurveyCTO, Qualtrics, DHIS2
<b>Publishing Software</b>	Git, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Microsoft Office Suite

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>IDinsight</b> <i>Research and Technical Team Intern</i>	June 2022 – August 2022 <i>Rabat, Morocco</i>
<b>Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), World Bank</b> <i>Data and Evidence for Justice Reform (DE JURE) Consultant</i>	June 2021 – Sept 2021 <i>Remote</i>
<b>Population Services International</b> <i>Monitoring and Evaluation Fellow / Princeton in Africa Fellow</i>	Aug. 2016 – July 2017 <i>Dakar, Senegal</i>
<b>Center for International Development at Harvard University</b> <i>Growth Lab Research Assistant</i>	Aug. 2014 – July 2016 <i>Cambridge, MA</i>
<b>U.S. Department of State</b> <i>Africa Regional Services Intern</i>	June 2013 – August 2013 <i>Paris, France</i>