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## Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Columbia University, June 2016 – present

Visiting Associate Professor, Yale University, July 2017 – June 2018

Assistant Professor, Columbia University, September 2006–June 2016

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Stanford University, 2006

B.A. Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, St. Peter's College, Oxford University, 1999

## Publications

"Does Local Ethnic Segregation Lead to Violence?: Evidence from Kenya." 2017. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 11(4), 441–470.

"Unfinished Business: The Democratization of Electoral Practices in Britain and Germany," with Isabela Mares. 2017. *Comparative Political Studies* 50(5), 636–664.

"When do the Rich Vote Less than the Poor and Why? Explaining Turnout Inequality across the World," with Pavithra Suryanarayan. 2015. *American Journal of Political Science* 59(3), 613–672.

"Separate and Suspicious: Local Social and Political Context and Ethnic Tolerance in Kenya." 2013. *The Journal of Politics* 75(4), 921–936.

"Tax Me If You Can: Ethnic Geography, Democracy, and the Taxation of Agriculture in Africa." 2007. *American Political Science Review* 101(1), 159–172.

"Ethnic Minority Rule and Civil War Onset," with James Fearon and David Laitin. 2007. *American Political Science Review* 101(1), 187–193.

## Working Papers & Work in Progress

"Bureaucratic Capacity and Class Voting: Evidence from Across the World and the United States," with Pavithra Suryanarayan (Conditionally accepted at *The Journal of Politics*)

"Ethnic Conflict and Turnout Inequality in Africa"

"How does Violence Change Local Ethnic Demography?: Evidence from Kenya"

“Electoral Geography and Conflict: Examining Redistricting through Violence in Kenya”

“Colonial Legacies and Ethnic Mobilization in Rwanda and Burundi in the 1950s”

“Ethnic Beachheads and Vote Buying: The Creation of New Administrative Districts in Kenya, 1992–2001”

## Honors, Grants, & Awards

GESIS Klingemann Prize for the Best Scholarship using CSES Data (with Pavithra Suryanarayan)

Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2011

United States Institute of Peace Grant, Land and Conflict in Kenya, 2009

Institute for Social and Economic Research Seed Grant, Columbia University, 2008

Hoover National Fellowship, Stanford University, 2008

Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Columbia University, 2006–present

Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship, Stanford University, 2005–2006

Global Fellowship, UCLA International Institute, 2005, *declined*

Graduate Dissertation Fellowship. Research Institute for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University, 2005, *declined*

Graduate Research Grant, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2003

O’Bie Shultz Fellowship, Stanford Institute for International Studies, 2003

College Scholarship, St. Peter’s College, University of Oxford, 1998

## Professional Membership & Service

Member, African Politics Conference Group-Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation Committee, 2018 (expected)

Chair, Gabriel A. Almond Best Dissertation Committee, APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2017

Member, Executive Committee of the Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), 2016–present

Member, Executive Council of the APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2016–present

Founding Member, Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), 2009–present

Faculty Affiliate, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University, 2007–present

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Columbia University, 2007–present

Member of the African Studies Association, African Politics Conference Group, American Political Science Association, British Institute in East Africa (BIEA), Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies, European Political Science Association, International Society for New Institutional Economics, Midwest Political Science Association

Coordinator, NYU-Columbia Ethnic Politics Seminar, 2007–2009

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Economica*, *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *SSRC Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship*, *World Politics*

## Invited Talks

Lansing Lee Seminar in Global Politics, University of Virginia, 2018

Political Science Department Seminar Series, University of Toronto, 2018

Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University, 2018

Comparative Politics Seminar, University of Rochester, 2015

Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University, 2013

Law and Political Economy Colloquium, Northwestern University School of Law, 2012

Comparative Politics Seminar, Georgetown University, 2011

Comparative Politics Seminar, Emory University, 2011

Development & Globalization Seminar, Faculty of Economics – Paris 1 Pantheon, Sorbonne University, 2011

Comparative Politics Seminar, Yale University, 2009

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, 2008

Africa Research Seminar, Harvard University, 2008

Comparative Politics Seminar, Duke University, 2004

## Conference Presentations

WZB Workshop on Dimensions of Political Inequality (Berlin), February 2018

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco), September 2017

Third Annual Formal Theory & Comparative Politics Conference (Chicago), September 2015

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco), September 2015

Development and Accountability Conference, University of Michigan, May 2015 item European Political Science Association (Edinburgh), June 2014

Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics (Florence), June 2013

Dartmouth Ethnic Politics Conference (Hanover), November 2012

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), March 2012

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington D.C.), August 2011

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Conference on Ethnic Diversity and Economic Stability in Africa (Nairobi, Kenya), November 2010

Fighting and Voting: Violent Conflict and Electoral Politics at the Leitner Program, Yale University, May 2009

New York University Politics Seminar, April 2009

Yale Comparative Politics Seminar, March 2009

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia), August 2008

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April 2007

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia), September 2006

Democracy, Governance, and Identity, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 2006

Conference on Poverty, Democracy and Clientelism, Bellagio Center, Rockefeller Foundation, December 2005

MIT Parties and Elections Group (PEG), June 2005

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April 2005

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago), September 2005

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago), September 2004

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) (Claremont College), March 2004

Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat (Princeton University), May 2003

## Teaching

Contemporary African Politics (lecture)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (lecture)

Democratization and Regime Change in Developing Countries (seminar)

Religion and Politics (seminar)

Agrarian Politics in sub-Saharan Africa (seminar)

Comparative Politics Survey (graduate seminar)

Parties and Elections in Developing Countries (graduate seminar)

Democracy, Autocracy, and Regime Change (graduate seminar)

Comparative Democratic Processes (graduate seminar)