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## EDUCATION

- 2014– | **Ph.D. in Politics, Princeton University**  
Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Quantitative Methods  
Region: Sub-Saharan Africa
- 2012–14 | **M.A. in Politics, Princeton University**
- 2006–10 | **B.A., New York University**  
Majors: International Relations Honors and Anthropology (*Summa cum laude*)  
Minor: Africana Studies, Certificate from the Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy

## DISSERTATION

“How Weak Borders Make Strong Nations: The Impact of Refugees on National Boundary-making in Africa” develops a theory of nation-building by examining how the pressures of forced migration can affect national and ethnic identities and citizenship policy in host countries.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 | “[Design and Analysis of the Randomized Response Technique.](#)” (with Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai). *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, Volume: 110, Issue: 511 (Sept. 2015), pages 1304 - 1319.

## WORKING PAPERS

- “[How Refugees Affect Conceptions of Citizenship in Africa.](#)”
- “[Reducing Insurgent Support Among At-Risk Populations: Experimental Evidence from Cash Transfers and Livelihood Training in Afghanistan.](#)” (with Jason Lyall and Kosuke Imai).
- “[Efficacy and Active Citizenship in Development: Experimental Evidence on Validated Participation in Tanzania.](#)” (with Evan Lieberman).
- “Do Refugees Spread or Reduce Conflict?” (with Andrew Shaver).

## IN PROGRESS

- “How Refugees Affect Citizens’ National and Ethnic Identities: Evidence from Tanzania.”
- “Studying Sensitive Questions.” (with Graeme Blair, Kosuke Imai, and Yuki Shiraito).
- “Assessing the Impact of US Aid on Conflict in Afghanistan” (with Jason Lyall and Kosuke Imai).
- “Measuring Identities on Surveys as Baskets of Beads.”

## S O F T W A R E

R software [rr: Statistical Methods for the Randomized Response Technique](#) to elicit truthful answers to sensitive survey questions (with Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai).

## T E A C H I N G

Fall 2015 | *Teaching Assistant.* Politics 573 / Sociology 595: Graduate Quantitative Analysis III, Princeton University (Instructor: Kosuke Imai)

Spring 2015 | *Teaching Assistant.* Politics 230 / Woodrow Wilson School 325: Undergraduate Introduction to Comparative Politics, Princeton University (Instructor: Grigore Pop-Eleches)

Spring 2015 | *Co-instructor.* College Writing 101: English Composition, Prison Teaching Initiative, Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility

## F I E L D R E S E A R C H

2014–16 | Tanzania (8 months): Dar es Salaam, Kigoma, Kagera

2013 | Senegal (2 months): Dakar, Thiès (with Vivre CAPREC)  
Benin (with Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy)

2011 | Bahrain (consulting for the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry)

2008 | Ghana (6 months): Accra, Buduburam

## E X T E R N A L A W A R D S

2016–17 | National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$18,900

2014– | National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship, \$132,000

2006–10 | National Merit Scholarship Corporation

2009 | International Leadership Foundation (ILF) Fellowship

2007 | Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Social Entrepreneurship Grant

## I N T E R N A L A W A R D S

2017 | Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honoric Fellowship, \$84,220

2016 | Fund for Experimental Social Sciences (FESS), \$6,000  
Princeton Program in African Studies Grant, \$3,000  
Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Dissertation Grant, \$10,000

2014– | Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science (Q-APS) Fellowship

2013 | Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) Grant, \$3,000  
Princeton Center For Health And Wellbeing Graduate Research Grant

2010 | NYU Sherborne Vernon Damerel Memorial Award for Academic Excellence  
NYU International Relations Departmental Award For Best Thesis  
NYU DEANS Scholarship, \$130,000

## P R E S E N T A T I O N S &amp; T A L K S

- 2018 | ISPS Experiments Workshop, Yale University
- 2017 | Immigration Policy Lab, Stanford University  
 American Political Science Association (APSA): Annual Conference  
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): Annual Conference  
 New Faces in Political Methodology IX, Penn State  
 University of Southern California (USC) Political Science Department
- 2016 | Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), NYU Abu Dhabi
- 2015 | Third Annual Conference on Migration and Diversity, WZB Berlin  
 American Political Science Association (APSA): Annual Conference  
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): Annual Conference  
 Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), NYU
- 2014 | American Political Science Association (APSA): Annual Conference  
 International Studies Association (ISA): Annual Conference
- 2013 | Afrobarometer Network Conference in Calavi, Benin

## P R O F E S S I O N A L S E R V I C E

- Referee.* Conflict Management and Peace Science, Annals of Applied Statistics, Journal of Experimental Political Science
- 2017 | *Discussant.* American Political Science Association (APSA): Annual Conference  
*Co-organizer.* Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS) at NYU
- 2015 | *Co-organizer.* Workshop on Field Research, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice  
*Editorial assistant.* World Politics Quarterly Journal

## N O N - A C A D E M I C E M P L O Y M E N T

- 2010–12 | *Social Work Case Manager / Researcher.*  
 Bellevue/NYU Program For Survivors Of Torture, New York, NY
- 2009 | *Research Fellow.* USAID, Washington D.C.

## S K I L L S

*Languages:* Swahili (intermediate), French (intermediate), Mandarin Chinese (spoken native)  
*Computing:* R, RMarkdown, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, MTurk

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