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## **Education**

### **Princeton University**

Ph.D. Politics (Expected May 2018)

M.A. Politics, May 2014

Dissertation Title: The Politics of Local Tax Collection in Benin

### **University of Maryland, College Park**

B.A. Government & Politics and French, 2012

Minor in International Development and Conflict Management

Certificate in Honors Humanities

*Cum laude*

## **Appointments**

Curriculum Design Intern, Princeton Programs for Access and Inclusion, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Comparative Politics," Princeton University, Fall 2015

Visiting Researcher, Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy, Benin, 2014-2016

## **Research Interests**

African Politics

Clientelism and Redistributive politics

Political Economy of Development

## **Presentations**

"When will citizens make demands of their politicians? Exploring Citizen-politician linkages in Benin"  
Midwest Political Science Association, 2017

"How Party Affiliation Shapes Preferences for Taxation and Redistribution in Benin"  
Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), Spring 2017

"Citizen Opposition to Local Taxation in Africa"  
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2016

"Using Administrative Data to Evaluate Tax Policy: Benin Case Study"  
ISS-African Development Bank Leading Institutional Reform in Africa Workshop, 2016

"Conditional Ethnic Favoritism: Exploring the Costs of Targeted Public Goods Provision"  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2015

"Foreign Direct Investment in Africa: The Economic Dimensions of Ethnic Protest"  
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2011

## **Awards and Honors**

Quin Morton Teaching Fellowship, 2017-18

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Fellowship, 2017-18 (Declined)  
Princeton Program in African Studies Research Grant, 2016  
Mahmoud Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Grant, 2015-2016  
PIIRS Summer Research Grant, 2013- 2015  
Phi Beta Kappa, 2010  
Banneker/Key Full Scholarship, University of Maryland, 2008-2012  
National Merit Scholar, 2008  
Verizon Foundation Scholar, 2008

### **Languages**

French--high proficiency, heritage speaker

### **Technical Skills**

R, Stata, ArcGIS

### **Fieldwork**

Senegal: 07/2013-08/2013

Benin: Summer-Fall 2014, Summer-Fall 2015, Spring-Summer 2016

### **Membership**

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, African Studies Association

### **References**

Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University: [lwantche@princeton.edu](mailto:lwantche@princeton.edu)

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