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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.**, Politics, **New York University** 2014
- *Expertise*: democratization, violence, development, peacebuilding in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - *Technical skills*: survey design, statistical analysis, behavioral experiments, interviews, focus groups
 - Visiting researcher, **University of California, Berkeley**, Center for African Studies
 - Graduate fellow, **Stanford University**, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation
- M.A. summa cum laude**, European Union Studies, **Università degli Studi di Catania**, Italy 2006
- Visiting student, **Yale University**, Program on Order, Conflict and Violence
- B.A. summa cum laude**, International Relations, **Università degli Studi di Catania**, Italy 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA 2014-present
Lecturer, Peace and Conflict Studies program, *Affiliated faculty*, Center for African Studies
- Designed new courses on post-conflict peacebuilding, globalization, research methods
 - Collaborated with researchers and survey firm to evaluate civic education programs in Côte d'Ivoire
 - Advised 40+ undergraduate research theses and internships evaluations
 - Collaborated with faculty and students to create new African Studies curriculum
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**, Washington, DC 2018
Consultant
- Assessment and data analysis of cross-national data on land-related conflict
 - Advise on future direction of land conflict data research
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Center for Applied Research on Conflict**, Washington, DC 2014-2016
Consultant
- Lead research on impact of violence prevention programs during Malawi's 2014 elections
 - Selected, trained, and supervised local research team in the field
 - Arranged and conducted key informants field interviews
- Investigative Reporting Program, UC Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA 2013-2014
Research consultant
- Conducted interviews and desk research to investigate UN role in cholera outbreak in post-earthquake Haiti
- New York University**, New York, NY 2007-2014
Researcher
- Designed and conducted NSF-awarded fieldwork in Burundi to study electoral violence and education policies
 - Wrote book manuscript on causes and consequences of electoral violence (qualitative and quantitative data)
 - Nominated for "American Political Science Association best dissertation in comparative politics"
 - Assisted faculty projects with text analysis, qualitative and quantitative data coding
 - Lectured and graded essays for courses on political theory and comparative politics
- NYU Center on International Cooperation**, New York NY 2011-2012
Policy consultant on DFID projects
- Assessed impact of aid on governance in post-genocide Rwanda
 - Advised on future direction of investments on conflicts and international security
- Coalition de la Société Civile pour le Monitoring Electoral**, Bujumbura, Burundi 2010
Electoral observer
- Observed presidential and local elections in urban and rural districts

WRITING

Published

“How abolishing school fees increased support for the incumbent in Burundi” (*African Affairs* 2017; 116 (462): 101-124)

Investigates impact of provision of public services using statistical longitudinal data and content analysis

“Malawi: widespread tension, limited violence” (in *Electing Peace. Violence prevention and impact at the polls*, United States Institute of Peace Press, 2016)

Assesses when election violence prevention programs succeed, using fieldwork interviews and focus groups

“Baseline study to identify theories of change on political settlements and confidence building: Rwanda”

UK Department for International Development, July 2012

Working papers (selected)

“Threatening your own. Electoral violence within ethnic groups in Burundi and beyond” (book manuscript)

Proposes new explanation of electoral violence within ethnic groups, and tests it for Burundi, Zimbabwe, and Sri Lanka using statistical sub-national data, original questionnaires and elite interviews

“Effects of electoral observation and civic education on electoral violence, turnout, and voting in Côte d’Ivoire” (with Leonardo Arriola, Aila Matanock, and Justine Davis)

Assesses impact of civil society programs on voters, using randomized control trials and survey experiments

“Who fears violence in African elections?” (with Leonardo Arriola)

Analyzes survey data to understand why and when voters fear of being victimized by political violence

FIELD RESEARCH

Malawi

2014

Conducted interviews and designed focus groups to evaluate impact of violence prevention programs
Selected, trained, and supervised local research team

Burundi

2009, 2010

Conducted interviews, collected municipal-level data on demographics, violence, government policies,
conducted questionnaire on district-level electoral practices

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (selected)

African Studies Association (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) • American Political Science Association (2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) • International Studies Association (2013, 2014, 2017) • National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (2013) • Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation (2013) • UC Berkeley Center for the Politics of Development (2015) • UC Berkeley Center for African Studies (2014, 2017) • United States Institute of Peace (2017) • World Bank Working Group in African Political Economy (2013)

AWARDS AND GRANTS (selected)

National Science Foundation Rapid Response Research Grant (2016) • UC Berkeley Presidential Chair Fellowship (2015-17) • UC Berkeley Professional Development Fund (2015) • Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation Goldsmith award (2013) • NYU Dean’s Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2012) • National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (2010) • NYU Center for Experimental Social Sciences Grant (2010)

SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native) • English (fluent) • French (fluent–DALF C2)

Softwares: *Data analysis and visualization:* Stata, ArcGIS • *Behavioral experiments:* z-Tree • *Image creation and editing:* Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Elements, Inkscape • *Document processing:* MS Office suite, L^AT_EX

Green card holder