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Current Position

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD), Political Science Department, University of Gothenburg, 2016 – Present.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2016.

Committee: Miriam Golden (Chair), Daniel Posner, Chad Hazlett, Stephen Commins (UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs), Jean Ensminger (CalTech)

“Money Flows, Water Trickles: Decentralized Service Delivery Under Hegemonic Party Rule”

B.S. in Economics, Duke University, 2004.

Magna Cum Laude with High Distinction in Economics.

Senior Honors Thesis: “Patterns of AIDS Awareness in Southern Africa.”

Research Interests

- Comparative politics
- African politics
- Foreign aid and development policy
- Public finance and budgeting

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Beyond the State: Measuring Governance at the Community Level.” (with Adam Harris, Kristen Kao, Pierre Landry, Ellen Lust, and Lise Rakner) Forthcoming in the *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter*.

“Money Flows, Water Trickles: Understanding Patterns of Decentralized Water Provision in Tanzania.” 2017. *World Development* 93: 16–30.

“The Open Budget Index: An Innovative Tool for Measuring Budget Transparency.” (with Jan Seifert and Elena Mondo) 2013. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 15(1): 87–101.

“Improving Transparency and Accountability in the Budget Process: An Assessment of Recent Initiatives.” 2013. *Development Policy Review* 31(s1): s49–s67.

“Budget Transparency Around The World: Results From The 2008 Open Budget Survey.” (with Paolo De Renzio, Warren Krafchik and Vivek Ramkumar) 2009. *OECD Journal on Budgeting* 9(2): 1–17.

Working Papers

“New Perspectives on Local Government Efficiency: Determinants of Value for Money in Tanzania’s Rural Water Sector”

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi” (with Kristen Kao, Pierre Landry, Ellen Lust, and Lise Rakner)

“Transparency for Whom? Types of Transparency and the Provision of Public Goods” (with Monika Bauhr)

Policy Reports

“Identifying and overcoming binding constraints to rural water services for the B40 in Tanzania.” June 2017. WASH Poverty Diagnostic commissioned by the World Bank.

“‘The Users’ in Technology-for-Transparency-and-Accountability Initiatives: Assumptions and Realities” (with Rosemary McGee) October 2013. Learning study commissioned by Hivos.

“Raising The Stakes: The Impact of HakiElimu’s Advocacy Work on Education Policy and Budget in Tanzania” (with Rosemary McGee) 2013. International Budget Partnership Case Study No. 12.

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2015-2016
- Selected to participate in the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) 2014 Africa Workshop
- Boren Fellowship, U.S. National Security Education Program, 2013
- Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012-2013
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012
- Development Research Challenge, Center for the Evaluation of Global Action, UC-Berkeley, 2011
- 2011 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2010

Teaching Experience

- Instructor, “Institutions and Economic Development” (senior seminar, UCLA), Fall 2015
- Instructor, “Research Methods for Development Policy and Practice” (undergraduate, UCLA), Summer 2015
- Instructor, “Political Economy of Health in Latin America” (undergraduate seminar, UCLA), Spring 2015
- Teaching Fellow, “Poverty and Health in Latin America” (Freshman Cluster, UCLA), Fall 2014 – Winter 2015.
- Teaching Assistant to Daniel Posner, “Political Economy of Development” (undergraduate, UCLA), Spring 2014.
- Teaching Assistant to Arthur Stein, “Foreign Policy Decision Making and Tools of Statecraft” (undergraduate, UCLA), Winter 2014.
- Teaching Assistant to Deborah Estrin, “Participatory Sensing for Development Studies” (senior capstone seminar, UCLA), Spring 2011.

Research and Consulting Experience

- Consultant, World Bank, Water Global Practice and Governance Global Practice (July 2016 – Present)
- Consultant, Open Government Partnership (July 2015 – May 2016)
- Consultant, Twaweza (Tanzania), (June 2014 – January 2016)
- Consultant, Accountability in Tanzania (AcT) (Oct. 2013 – March 2014)
- Consultant, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex (June 2010 – Sept. 2013)
- Consultant, International Budget Partnership (Oct. 2007 – Feb. 2013)
- Editorial Assistant, *American Political Science Review* (Sept. 2011 – June 2012)
- Field Coordinator, RCT evaluation of *Uwezo* educational initiative (June - August 2011)
- Research Assistant to Barbara Geddes, UCLA (June 2010 – June 2011)
- Policy Analyst, HakiElimu, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (March 2006 – June 2008)
- Research Assistant, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC (Oct. 2004 – Mar. 2006)

Conference Presentations

“New Perspectives on Local Government Efficiency: Exploring Subnational Variation in Tanzania,” Presentation for short course on “Cities and the World: Interrogating the Promise and Perils of Political Decentralization in Age of Trumpism,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (9/2017).

“Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (9/2017).

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Intra-Community Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi,” European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Milan, Italy (6/2017).

“Determinants of Value for Money in Rural Water Provision in Tanzania,” Center for Collective Action (CeCAR) Workshop, Gothenburg, Sweden (6/2017).

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi,” First Annual Conference, Program on Governance and Local Development, Gothenburg, Sweden (5/2017).

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (4/2017).

“Different Goods, Different Outcomes: Public Goods Provision in Tanzania,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (9/2016).

“Money Flows, Water Trickles: Value for Money in Tanzania’s Water Sector,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (9/2015).

“Leaky Buckets: Following the Money for Water in Tanzania,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (9/2014).

“A Drop in the Bucket? Explaining Government Responsiveness for Rural Water Provision in Tanzania,” Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) National Meeting, University of California, Los Angeles (5/2014).

“Making Judgements: How do Tanzanian Voters Assess their Leaders?,” Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, New York University, New York, NY (5/2013).

“Sending a Message: Assessing the Role of Mobile Phone Technology to Promote Local Government Accountability,” presentation at International Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA (4/2012).

“When and Why Do Citizens Monitor Government?: An Examination of the First Link in the Accountability Chain,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (4/2012).

Skills and Service

Statistical methods: Programming in R, Stata, and QGIS.

Languages: French (intermediate conversational and written); Italian (intermediate conversational and written); Kiswahili (advanced conversational, intermediate written)

Service: Member, *Making All Voices Count* Evaluation Reference Group; Graduate Student Representative, Political Science Graduate Studies Committee (2010/2011), Undergraduate Studies Committee (2014/2015); Co-founder, Comparative Politics Association at UCLA (COMPASS)