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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Columbia University, July 2017 – present

Visiting Research Professor, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), June 2020 – 2024

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

"Bureaucratic Capacity and Class Voting: Evidence from Across the World and the United States," with Pavithra Suryanarayan 2020. *The Journal of Politics* 82(3), 1097-1112.

"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

“Electoral Quotas and Intersectional Discrimination: A Lab-in-field Experiment on Leadership Selection in Kenya ” (with Jonah Foong and Macartan Humphreys)

“Ethnic Conflict and Turnout Inequality in Africa”

“How do Violence and Local Resource Competition Change Local Ethnic Demography?: Evidence from Kenya”

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

Honors, Grants, & Awards

Lenfest Distinguished Faculty Award, 2019

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

Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2011 (\$3000)

United States Institute of Peace Grant, Land and Conflict in Kenya, 2009 (\$80,000)

Institute for Social and Economic Research Seed Grant, Columbia University, 2008 (\$11,000)

Hoover National Fellowship, Stanford University, 2008

Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008 (\$3000)

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

University & Departmental Service

Academic Review Committee (Fall 2022)

American Politics Race and Inequality Search Committee (Fall 2021)

Comparative Politics Target of Opportunity Search Committee (Fall 2021)

American Politics Race and Inequality Search Committee (Spring 2021)

Political Science Personnel Committee (2020)

Provost’s Grants Program for Junior Faculty who Contribute to the Diversity Goals of the University (2020 & 2021)

Comparative Politics Search Committee (2016–17, 2015–16, 2019–)
Comparative Politics Field Coordinator (2016–2017, 2019-2020 & 2022 (Fall))
Coordinator of the Comparative Politics Speaker Series (2016–2017, 2019–2022)
Columbia College & School of General Studies Committee on Instruction (2016–2018)
Department Representative, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Recruitment Fair (2016, 2017, & 2021)
Graduate Fellowship & Prize Committee (2013–14, 2011–12, & 2010–11)
Admissions Committee (2012–2013 & 2007–08)
Undergraduate Fellowship & Prize Committee (2013–14, 2011–12, & 2010–11)

Professional Membership & Service

Panelist, National Science Foundation, 2019-2022
Member, American Journal of Political Science Best Article Award Committee, 2022
Member, American Journal of Political Science Editorial Board, 2019-2023
Member, Executive Committee of the Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), 2016–2023
Member, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Grant Panel, 2019-2022
Member, American Political Science Review Editorial Board, 2020-2021
Mentor, American Political Science Association IR & CP Group, 2021
Africa Section Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, 2020
Founding Member, Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), 2009–2020
Member, Political Science National Advisory Panel, National Science Foundation, 2019
Mentor, Working Group on African Political Economy Rapid Research Grant, 2019
Member, Executive Council of the APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2016–2019
Member, Annual Review of Political Science Editorial Board, 2019
Member, African Politics Conference Group Best Dissertation Committee, 2018
Member, African Politics Conference Group-Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation Committee, 2018
Chair, Gabriel A. Almond Best Dissertation Committee, APSA Comparative Politics Section, 2017
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

African Political Economy Group (APEG), London School of Economics 2023

Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Wisconsin - Madison, 2019

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

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC), September 2019

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

Recent Courses

Contemporary African Politics (Fall 2022)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2021)
Contemporary African Politics (Fall 2021)
Comparative Politics Survey Part II (Spring 2021)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2020)
Contemporary African Politics (Fall 2020)
Comparative Politics Survey Part II (Spring 2020)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2019)
Contemporary African Politics (Fall 2019)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2017)
Comparative Politics Survey Part II (Spring 2017)
Contemporary African Politics (Fall 2016)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2016)
Contemporary African Politics (Spring 2016)
Parties and Elections in Developing Countries (Fall 2015)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2014)
Democracy and Regime Change in Developing Countries (Fall 2014)
Comparative Democratic Processes (Spring 2014)
Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2013)
Democracy and Regime Change in Developing Countries (Fall 2013)

All Courses

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)