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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD, Political Science University of Missouri (Anticipated May 2022)

Concentrations: Comparative Politics/ Public Policy and Admin
Committee: Jonathan Kriekhaus (chair), Jake Haselswerdt,
Mary Stegmaier, Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton), Aram Hur
Dissertation: *The Political Economy of Corruption in
Africa: Modernization, Trust, and Motivations*

B.A, Political Science International University of Grand-Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire (July 2015)
Summa cum laude

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University (2021)
Multi-Method Research
Natural and Randomized Experiments
Causal Models
Comparative Historical Analysis

Association of College and University Educators certificate in *Effective Online Teaching Practices* (May 2022)

Employment

Field Research Coordinator
(Côte d'Ivoire, Uganda, Ghana,
Senegal) Head research assistant/team manager (2015-2020)

International University of
Grand Bassam Junior academic advisor/Junior recruitment officer (2015-2017)

Research and Teaching Interests

- Comparative Political Economy: Determinants of corruption, democracy-corruption;
- Public Policy and Administration: Development policies for developing countries, poverty;
- Methods: Field research methods, quantitative research methods, multi-method research
- Regional Focus: Sub-Saharan Africa

Manuscripts Under Review

“Identifying with the Poor: Experimental Evidence from West Africa” (with John Doces); *Invited to revise and resubmit at International Journal of Sociology*
“The Untold Story of the Modernization Thesis: Urbanization and Corruption in Africa”
“Democracy and Corruption: A Sensitivity Analysis” (with Jonathan Kriekhaus)

“Modernization, Trust, and Corruption: Evidence from West Africa”
“Clientelism or Competence? A Comparative Analysis of Voting Behavior in Africa” (with John Doces)

Works in Progress

“The Determinants of Corruption: An Experimental Analysis” (with John Doces, and Amy Wolaver)
“Elections, Democracy and Well-being in Africa” (with John Doces)
“Estimating Survey Error: An Experimental Analysis” (with John Doces)
“The Political Economy of Wellbeing: An Experimental Analysis in Uganda” (with John Doces)

Other Writings

2020. “[Does longevity in power in Africa have an impact on development?](#)” (With Flavio Miayo); op-ed published by *Contrepoints* and *Audace Institut Afrique* in French
2019. “[Africa: Why the change will not come from the State](#)”; op-ed published by *Audace Institut Afrique* in French

Fieldwork (Teams training and data collection)

Côte d’Ivoire (2015, 2018, 2019, 2021)
Ghana (2015, 2018)
Uganda (2015)
Senegal (2015, 2018)

Teaching Experience

University of Missouri

POLSC-3000: *Introduction to Political Research (lab instructor)*, Fall 2020
POLSC-4750: *Power and Money (TA)*, Fall 2021; Spring 2019
POLSC-2700: *Comparative Political Systems (TA)*, Fall 2019
POLSC-1400: *Introduction to International Relations (TA)*, Fall 2019
POLS-1000: *Introduction to American Government (TA)*, Fall 2018

International University of Grand-Bassam (Graduate Instructor)

POL 2301: *Introduction to Political Science*, Spring 2021
POL 3330: *Introduction to Political Research*, Fall 2020; Spring 2021
POL 2315: *Global Issues*, Summer 2020
POL 3311: *Public Administration*, Summer 2019; Summer 2021
POL 4325: *Comparative Public Policy*, Summer 2019

Guest Lectures

“*Case studies*”, University of South Carolina-Aiken, Fall 2021
“*African Politics*”, Bucknell University, Spring 2021
“*Corruption in Africa*”, Michigan State University, Fall 2020
“*Ivorian Politics*”, Tarleton State University, Spring 2020
“*Democracy and growth*”, University of Missouri, Fall 2020; 2019
“*Power and Money*”, University of Missouri, Spring 2019
“*Corruption in Africa*”, Tarleton State University, Spring 2018

Graduate Workshops

“Multi-method Research”, Fall 2021
“Randomized Experiments” (with Elizabeth Dorsoom), Fall 2020
“Grants and Field Work” (with Elizabeth Dorsoom), Spring 2020

Presentations

“Modernization, Trust, and Corruption: Evidence from West Africa”. Presented at MPSA 2021 Annual Meeting.

“Investment and Corruption in Africa”; Spring 2021. Invited talk at Bucknell University

“When Life in Community Matters: Urbanization and Corruption in Africa”. Presented at the African Studies Association, Annual Meeting 2019, Boston.

Research talk at the University of Missouri Africa Hub (talk series “Focus on Africa”); Fall 2019

“Planning for the future” special guest speaker at the NYU Africa House; Fall 2019

“Africa and America: From Liberia to Lewisburg and Beyond”, Invited presentation by the Bucknell Institute of Public Policy.

“African Attitudes about U.S. Election: Experimental Evidence from West Africa.” Invited talk at Bucknell University, Speaker Series.

“Attitudes About Development: Experimental Evidence from Africa.” Presented at International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting 2016, Duke University.

Grants and Awards

(2021) Missouri Excellence in Political Science Teaching Award

(2020) J.G. Heinberg award Fellowship, University of Missouri, Department of Political Science (most prestigious political science graduate students award)

(2020) Travel Grant, University of Missouri, Department of Political Science: \$1500

(2019) Dissertation Research Grant, University of Missouri, Department of Political Science: \$1600

(2019) Institute for Humane Studies Conference Presentation Grant: \$400

(2019) Institute for Humane Studies Research Grant: \$500

(2018) Supplemental Graduate Fellowship, University of Missouri, Department of Political Science: \$1000

(2016) Atlas leadership academy scholarship award for think tank leadership training

(2014) Presidential scholarship award for a summer at UC San Diego: \$8,000

(2014) Summer school honor certificate, UC San Diego

(2012-2015) Dean’s list award for academic excellence: \$1,800

(2014) Academic excellence scholarship, private companies’ association: \$400

(2012) Academic excellence scholarship, Inagohi High-School: \$40,000

(2009-2011) Micro-access scholarship English program, US Embassy, Abidjan

Activities and Service

Scientific Committee member, Audace Institut Afrique (Think Tank)

Vice-President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists (2020-2021 academic year)

Vice-President, African Grad and Professional Student Association (2020-2021 academic year)

Political Science Department leader for University of Missouri students move-in (Fall 2018)

Country coordinator for Africa Better Days (Non-profit organization)

Organizer for the yearly US Embassy beach cleaning activity

Volunteer for the yearly orphans’ Christmas tree, Grand-Bassam

President of the Student Government Association (3 semesters), International University of Grand-Bassam

Co-founder and President Political Science Club, International University of Grand-Bassam

Skills

STATA, R, LaTeX, Microsoft Suite

Languages

French, English, Koulango, Abron

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association

African Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Toastmasters

References

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