

Education

- 2013 - 2019 PhD in Political Science • University of California, Berkeley • Berkeley, CA
- Subfields in comparative politics and African studies
- Dissertation on “The Politics of Universities and Research in East Africa”
- 2010 - 2011 MA in International Relations • School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University • Washington, DC
- Concentrations in international development and international economics
- Thesis on “Consociationalism and Ethnic Détente in Burundi”
- Graduated with honors
- 2004 - 2008 BA in Geography and French • Dartmouth College • Hanover, NH
- Spring 2007 at Univerzita Karlova, Prague, Czechia
- Winter 2006 at Université de Toulouse II - Le Mirail, Toulouse, France
- Graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa
- Guido Rahr '51 Award for Excellence in Geography

Professional Experience

Employment

- 2016 - pres. Co-Founder and COO • The Mawazo Institute • Nairobi, Kenya
- Co-founder of a non-profit research institute which helps East African women launch careers as researchers and policy experts
- Developed a strategic plan for this start-up by identifying underfunded areas in the higher education space, surveying female researchers on their training and funding needs, and seeking out potential university partners and funders
- Managed the institute’s finances by creating annual budgets, implementing software backend for accounting and payroll, and overseeing all expenditures
- Raised \$800,000 to cover operating costs from 2017 - 2018
- 2012 - 2013 Research Manager • Innovations for Poverty Action • New Haven, CT
- Research manager for Dr. Dean Karlan (Yale University), whose work assesses the impact of pro-poor financial interventions such as microcredit, agricultural insurance, and business training in low income countries
- Supervised more than 20 randomized controlled trials (RCTs) in the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mexico, and Uganda
- Supported project staff on issues of research design, questionnaire development, survey software implementation, data collection, statistical analysis, IRB compliance, and financial management
- Disseminated research results by creating policy reports for implementing partners and preparing academic papers for publication
- 2010 Intern • Innovations for Poverty Action • Tamale, Ghana
- Managed an RCT of an agricultural insurance policy for subsistence farmers for Drs. Dean Karlan and Chris Udry (Yale University)
- Organized logistics and finances for a team of 40 surveyors carrying out a midline survey with 1100 respondents
- Audited surveyor performance and cleaned survey data in Stata

- 2009 Client Assessment Fellow • FINCA International • Kinshasa, DR Congo
- Directed the baseline survey for an observational study examining whether Village Banking microloans raised clients' incomes
 - Constructed sample of 800 urban clients
 - Translated questionnaire into French and conducted pilot interviews
 - Hired, trained and managed six surveyors in Kinshasa and Matadi
- 2008 - 2009 Project Manager • Rwanda Works • Kigali, Rwanda
- Created a tourism promotion plan for one of Rwanda's poorest districts in collaboration with government officials and local community groups
 - Developed informational signs for local historical sites
- 2007 - 2008 Intern • WomensTrust Microfinance • Pokuase, Ghana
- Wrote reports on best practices in microloan product design
 - Led computer literacy classes for secondary school students receiving scholarships through the bank

Consulting

- 2014 International Rescue Committee
- Evaluation design and questionnaire development for a community-driven post-conflict reconstruction program in eastern DR Congo
- 2010 - 2011 The World Bank
- Questionnaire development for a behavior change program aimed at reducing violence in schools in Guatemala City

*Research**Working Papers*

- 2017 "The Distributive Politics of Higher Education in East Africa"

Presentations

- 2017 Panelist • African Studies Association • Chicago, IL
- 2016 Panelist • African Studies Association • Washington, DC
- 2016 Panelist • Development Studies Association • Oxford
- 2016 Panelist • Effective Altruism Global • Berkeley
- 2016 Poster • American Political Science Association • Philadelphia
- 2015 Poster • Berkeley Center for Economics and Politics
- 2015 Discussant (2x) • Comparative Politics Colloquium • Berkeley
- 2014 Panelist • American Political Science Association • Washington, DC

*Teaching & Service**Teaching*

- 2017 Guest Lecturer • Summer Undergraduate Research Program • Berkeley
- 2016 Graduate Student Instructor • Gender & Human Rights (PS 123S) • Berkeley
- 2015 Graduate Student Instructor • African Politics (PS 146A) • Berkeley
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2010 - 2016 Guest Lecturer (4x) • International Development (Geog 6) • Dartmouth

Reviewer East Africa Social Science Translation Collaborative (Berkeley) •
Innovations for Poverty Action • International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Service

2017 Conference Volunteer • Evidence in Governance and Politics • Berkeley
2015 - pres. Mentor • AuthorAID • INASP
2015 - 2016 Coordinator • Research in Practice Working Group • Berkeley
2015 - 2016 Coordinator • Women in Political Science • Berkeley
2015 Event Organizer • Center for African Studies • Berkeley
2014 - 2015 Mentor & Judge • Big Ideas @ Berkeley
2011 President • Africa Association • SAIS
2006 - 2008 President • Students for Africa • Dartmouth
2005 - 2008 Moderator • World Affairs Council • Dartmouth

Fellowships

2016 - 2017 Andrew and Mary Thompson Rocca Fellowship in African Studies • Berkeley
2016 - 2017 Kujachich Fellowship for Graduate Study • Berkeley
2013 - 2016 Student Opportunity Fund Travel Awards • Berkeley
2013 - 2015 Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study • Berkeley
2013 - 2014 George and Yvette Breslauer Fellowship • Berkeley
2011 Elenor and C.P. Matthieson Fellowship • SAIS
2011 Second Year Fellowship • SAIS
2010 - 2011 First Year Fellowship • SAIS
2010 - 2011 International Development Fellowship • SAIS
2004 - 2008 National Merit Scholarship • Dartmouth

Other Information

Citizenship USA

Languages English (native) • French (advanced) • Latin (intermediate) • Spanish (intermediate) • Swahili (basic)

Software CartoDB • KoBoToolbox • LaTeX • Stata • Surveybe

Trainings

2016 Social Protection Course • Institute of Development Studies • University of Sussex
2014 Mixed Methods Evaluation for Humanitarian Programs • Harvard Humanitarian Academy • Cambridge, MA
2012 Great Lakes Course • Rift Valley Institute • Bujumbura, Burundi