

Education

- 2013 - pres. PhD in Political Science • University of California, Berkeley • Berkeley, CA
- Subfields in comparative politics and African studies
 - Dissertation on “Cross-Regional Generalization in Theories of Statebuilding”
- 2010 - 2012 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 - 2018 Co-Founder and COO • The Mawazo Institute • Nairobi, Kenya
- Co-founder of a non-profit which provides research funding and training to women doing postgraduate education in Kenya
 - Secured seed funding for operations from 2016 - 2019
 - Developed a strategic plan for Mawazo by conducting desk research and interviews about the key challenges faced by Kenyan women in academia; identifying potential funders and university partners, as well as gaps in the funding and training ecosystem for female scholars; and developing partnerships with other Kenyan research and training organizations
 - Oversaw the launch of the PhD Scholars fellowship for women at Kenyan universities, including developing and publicizing the application; selecting Scholar participants; and designing the training curriculum
 - Managed the institute's finances by creating annual budgets, implementing software backend for accounting and payroll, and overseeing all expenditures
 - Hired, on-boarded, and managed core program staff
- 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

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- 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 enumerators carrying out a survey with 1100 respondents
 - Audited enumerator 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

- 2017 Twaweza • Nairobi, Kenya
 - Advised on questionnaire development and research design for an evaluation of a volunteer-led literacy assessment program in Tanzania
- 2014 International Rescue Committee • New York, NY
 - Evaluation design and questionnaire development for a community-driven post-conflict reconstruction program in eastern DR Congo
- 2010 - 2011 The World Bank • Washington, DC
 - Questionnaire development for a behavior change program aimed at reducing violence in schools in Guatemala City

Research

Presentations

- 2017 Panel Chair • African Studies Association • Chicago, IL
- 2016 Panel Chair • 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

Service

- 2018 - pres. Chair of the Board • Mawazo Institute
 2017 - pres. Alumni Interviewer • Dartmouth
 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) • Kiswahili (basic)

Trainings

- 2018 Winterschool • On Think Tanks • Geneva, Switzerland
 2016 Social Protection Short 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