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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

#### **Harvard Kennedy School of Government**

Associate Professor of Public Policy, July 2014-Present

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, 2009- 2014

Giorgio Ruffolo Fellow in Sustainability Science, Fall 2009 and Spring 2011.

#### **Columbia University, Department of Political Science**

Visiting Scholar, Spring 2014

#### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science**

Visiting Scholar, Fall 2013

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Yale University, 2004-2009**

Ph.D. in Political Science, Degree Received May 2012

MA and MPhil in Political Science

Dissertation: "Institutions and Local Public Goods Maintenance: Ethnographic and Experimental Evidence from Rural Kenya"

#### **Yale University, 2000-2004**

B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, *magna cum laude*, distinction in the major

### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Executive-Legislative Relations, Party Defections, and Lower-Level Administrative Unit Proliferation: Evidence from Kenya," with Mai Hassan. *Comparative Political Studies*. Volume 50 (12). October 2017.

"Regimes and Randomization: The Politics of Fieldwork in Contemporary Kenya," *Social Science Quarterly*. Volume 92. December 2016.

"Mobilization, Participatory Planning Institutions, and Elite Capture" *World Development*, Volume 67. March 2015

"Agent-based modeling of the effects of social norms on enrollment in payments for ecosystem services", with Xiaodong Chen, Frank Lupi, Li An, Andrés Viña, Jianguo Liu *Ecological Modeling*, Volume 229, March 2012.

### **BOOK MANUSCRIPT**

*Institutions and Policy Analysis in International Development*, Book Manuscript. In Progress.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

"Maintaining Local Public Goods: Evidence from Rural Kenya," Harvard Kennedy School Faculty Research Working Paper Series, RWP13-051, December 2013.

"There Is No Place Like Home: Theory and Evidence on Politician Preferences," with Matthew Goodkin-Gold, Vivian Hoffmann, Pamela Jakiela, and Michael Kremer. Working Paper.

"Skipping the State? Ethnographic and Experimental Evidence on the Dynamics of Non-State Social Welfare Provision in Sierra Leone," Working Paper.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- “Executive-Legislative Relations, Party Defections, and Lower-Level Administrative Unit Proliferation: Evidence from Kenya,” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- “Politicians’ Preferences and the Provision of Local Public Goods: Evidence from Kenya,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2013. Also presented as invited presentations at WGAPE 2014, UCLA (May 2014) and Brown University (December 2014).
- “Skipping the State: Ethnographic and Experimental Evidence on the Dynamics of Non-State Social Welfare Provision in Sierra Leone,” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013.
- “Mobilized Citizens and Meddling Politicians: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya,” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013.
- “Institutional Diversity, Regulation, and Development,” Invited Presentation at Conference on Regulation for Development, Centre for Financial Regulation for Economic Development, Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 25, 2013.
- “Mobilized Citizens and Meddling Politicians: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Kenya,” Paper accepted for Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 2012; Conference cancelled due to weather.
- “Assessing and Explaining Subnational Administrative Density in Kenya”, with Mai Hassan. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 2011.
- “Regimes and Randomization: The Politics of Fieldwork in Contemporary Kenya”. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 2011.
- “Community Governance, Collective Action, and the Maintenance of Local Public Goods: Qualitative and Experimental Evidence from Rural Kenya.” Invited Presentation at SFB-700, Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood, Freie University, Berlin, November 24, 2011 and the Better Governance for Better Health Conference, Stanford University. April 26-27, 2010.
- “The Role of Institutions in Providing Public Goods and Preventing Public Bads: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Rural Kenya,” Paper Presented at Workshop on the Workshop 4, Indiana University Bloomington, June 3-6, 2009 and the Graduate Student Conference on Experiments in Interactive Decision Making, Princeton University, November 21-22, 2008.
- “Community Governance and State Authority in Rural Kenya,” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.
- “The Micro-Dynamics of Empirical Statehood in Africa,” Paper Presented at Harvard-Yale-MIT Conference on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, April 18-19, 2008.
- “Settlement and Sovereignty: War and State Building Reconsidered,” with Abbey Steele. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007.
- “Tax Me If You Can: Developing a Theory of Kinship, Taxation, and State Building,” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 31-Sep. 3, 2006.
- “Overcoming Commitment Problems in Emerging Democracies,” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 28-31, 2003.

## **AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2013: Faculty Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. \$20,000 for “Maintaining Public Goods in Africa”.
- 2012: Faculty Research Grant, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School. \$40,000 for “Participant-Driven Evaluation and Community Empowerment in Rural Kenya”.
- 2010: Faculty Grant, William F. Milton Fund, Harvard University. \$40,000 for “Participant-Driven Evaluation and Community Empowerment in Rural Kenya”.
- 2010: Faculty Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. \$25,000 for “Participant-Driven Evaluation and Community Empowerment in Rural Kenya”.
- 2009-2011: Giorgio Ruffolo Post-doctoral Fellow in Sustainability Science, Center for International Development, Harvard University
- 2007: Graduate Student Experiments Fellowship, Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, for “Sanitation Activities Fostering Infrastructure Field Experiment”
- 2007: MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
- 2007: Enders Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University
- 2007: Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multiple-Method Research, Arizona State University
- 2006: Yale Center for International and Area Studies Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
- 2006: Leitner Program in Comparative and International Political Economy Summer Grant

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

**“Evidence for Governance Objectives in the Global Goals”** Policy briefing for DFID organized by Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), December 2015  
Co-led sessions on Democratic Institutions and Anti-Corruption

**SAFI Project**, Laikipia, Kenya, May 2007-August 2013  
Co-Founder/Research Director of Waste Management and Recycling Nonprofit

**UNICEF/Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender, and Children’s Affairs**, Sierra Leone  
May 2011- August 2013  
Advisor/Researcher, Child Protection Knowledge and Information Network (CPKIN) Project

**World Bank Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) Initiative**, May 2010- May 2011  
Impact Evaluation Consultant, Sudan Community Development Fund  
Workshop Leader, Impact Evaluation in Fragile States Workshop, Dubai, UAE, May 2010.

## **TEACHING**

DPI-401, Institutions and Development, MPA/ID Program, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University.

PED-150Y, Political and Economic Development, Policy Analysis Seminar, MPP Program, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University.

RAR-709, Institutions and Public Policy, PhD Reading and Research Seminar, PhD Program in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University.

## **HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL SERVICE**

MPP Program Second Year Committee, 2012-Present. PAE Human Subjects Review Coordinator, 2016-Present  
Research Workshop on Institutions and Public Policy (WIPP)- Faculty Convener, 2011-2013  
PhD in Public Policy Admissions Committee, 2010-2012  
Standing Committee on Higher Degrees in Public Policy, 2011-Present

**HARVARD RESEARCH CENTER AFFILIATIONS**

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School  
Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and SERVICE**

American Political Science Association, 2002-Present; Conference Discussant 2012  
African Politics Conference Group, 2012- Present  
African Studies Association, 2006-Present  
Midwest Political Science Association, 2010-Present; Conference Discussant 2012  
Innovations for Poverty Action, Research Network Member, 2010- Present  
Evidence in Governance and Politics, Member, 2012-Present

**JOURNAL REVIEWER**

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies,  
World Development.