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Academic Appointments

Universitair Docent [Assistant Professor], Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam.
August 2022 – Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Tulane University. *July 2019 – June 2022.*

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg.
Sept. 2016 – July 2019.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2016.

Diss.: “Money Flows, Water Trickles: Decentralized Service Delivery Under Hegemonic Party Rule”

B.S. in Economics, Duke University, 2004. (Durham, USA.)

Magna cum laude with High Distinction in Economics.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Harmony or Cacophony? A Disaggregated Analysis of Aid Fragmentation” (with Sebastian Ziaja) Forthcoming in *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

“Confronting ‘chaos’: a qualitative study assessing public health officials’ perceptions of the factors affecting Tanzania’s COVID-19 vaccine rollout” (with Thespina Yamanis, Olivia Gonyea, Sophia Skaff, Nelson Kisanga, and Henry Mollel) 2023. *BMJ Open* 13(1):e065081.

“Coping with Denialism: How Street-Level Bureaucrats Adapted and Responded to COVID-19 in Tanzania” (w. Thespina Yamanis and Henry Mollel) 2021. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 46(6), 989-1017.

“Local interest group activity and environmental degradation in authoritarian regimes.” (with Marina Povitkina) 2021. *World Development* 142, 105425.

“Open Data from Authoritarian Regimes: New Opportunities, New Challenges.” (with Rachael McLellan) 2021. *Perspectives on Politics* 19(1): 160-170.

“Life Under Lockdown: Illustrating Tradeoffs in South Africa’s Response to COVID-19.” (with Moraka N. Makhura) 2021. *World Development* 137, 105168.

“When Does Transparency Improve Public Services? Street-level Discretion, Information, and Targeting” (with Monika Bauhr) 2021. *Public Administration* 99(3): 500-516.

“Gendered Accountability: When and Why Do Women’s Policy Priorities Get Implemented?” (with Valeriya Mechkova) 2020. *European Political Science Review* 13(1), 3-21.

“Who gets what – and how efficiently? Incorporating distributional concerns into the measurement of local government efficiency.” 2019. *Research & Politics* 6(3).

“Money Flows, Water Trickles: Understanding Patterns of Decentralized Water Provision in Tanzania.” 2017. *World Development* 93: 16–30.

“The Open Budget Index: An Innovative Tool for Measuring Budget Transparency.” (with Jan Seifert and Elena Mondo) 2013. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 15(1): 87–101.

“Improving Transparency and Accountability in the Budget Process: An Assessment of Recent Initiatives.” 2013. *Development Policy Review* 31(s1): s49–s67.

“Budget Transparency Around The World: Results From The 2008 Open Budget Survey.” (with Paolo De Renzio, Warren Krafchik and Vivek Ramkumar) 2009. *OECD Journal on Budgeting* 9(2): 1–17.

Book Chapters

“Adapting COVID-19 containment in Africa: Lessons from Tanzania” (with Thespina Yamanis and Henry Mollel). 2021. In *Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19*, eds. Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, André Peralta-Santos, Elize Massard da Fonseca. University of Michigan Press.

“Governance Beyond the State: Social Institutions and Service Delivery” (with Ellen Lust). 2021. In *Oxford Handbook of Quality of Government*, eds. Andreas Bågenholm, Monica Bauhr, Marcia Grimes, Bo Rothstein. Oxford University Press.

Working Papers

“State-Building in A Diverse Society.” (with Ameet Morjaria and Joris Mueller). NBER Working Paper 30731. (December 2022).

“Who cares during crisis? New global gender data on time poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic.” (with Tara Patricia Cookson, Lorena Fuentes, and Alex Berryhill). Ladysmith Working Paper: July 2021.

“Assessing the Costs and Benefits of COVID-19 Containment Strategies in Africa.” Varieties of Democracy Institute (V-Dem) Users Working Paper 2021:40. (February 2021).

Other Publications

Review of Smith, Daniel Jordan, Every Household Its Own Government: Improvised Infrastructure, Entrepreneurial Citizens, and the State in Nigeria. H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews. January, 2023. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=58249>

“Comparing Military and Human Security Spending: Key Findings and Methodological Notes.” May 2022. *UN Women*.

“A gender data snapshot of life during COVID-19: Survey on Gender Equality at Home Report” (with Tara Patricia Cookson, Lorena Fuentes, and Alex Berryhill.) September 2020. *Facebook Data for Good*.

“A Vicious Cycle? Understanding Constraints on the Expression of Demand for Improved Service Delivery.” September 2019. *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter* 17(3): 21–24.

“Seth M. Markle. A Motorcycle on Hell Run: Tanzania, Black Power, and the Uncertain Future of Pan-Africanism, 1964–1974.” 2019. *African Studies Review* 62(4): E13-15.

Reducing Inequalities in Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene in the Era of the Sustainable Development Goals: Synthesis Report of the WASH Poverty Diagnostic Initiative. (with Craig Phillip Kullmann, Luis Alberto Andres, Vivek Srivastava, Emmanuel Skoufias, Shiqing Li, Elizabeth Clementine Loughnan, Brittany Meryl Grabel, and Suneira Rana) June 2018. The World Bank.

“Decentralization and the delivery of water and sanitation services in Tanzania.” (with Jamie Boex) September 2017. World Bank Water Global Practice and Governance Global Practice.

“Beyond the State: Measuring Governance at the Community Level.” (with Adam Harris, Kristen Kao, Pierre Landry, Ellen Lust, and Lise Rakner) June 2017. *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter* 16(1): 26–29.

“Identifying and overcoming binding constraints to rural water services for the B40 in Tanzania.” June 2017. WASH Poverty Diagnostic commissioned by the World Bank.

“The Users’ in Technology-for-Transparency-and-Accountability Initiatives: Assumptions and Realities” (with Rosemary McGee) October 2013. Learning study commissioned by Hivos.

“Raising The Stakes: The Impact of HakiElimu’s Advocacy Work on Education Policy and Budget in Tanzania” (with Rosemary McGee) 2013. International Budget Partnership Case Study No. 12.

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- CELT Classroom Enhancement Grant (Tulane University) Spring 2022; Fall 2020
- Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant (Tulane University) 2020-2021
- Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association 2020 Annual Meeting
- Research Project Grant, Swedish Research Council, 2019-2022 (co-applicant)
- Research Network Grant, Swedish Research Council, 2019-2022 (project leader)
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2015-2016
- Selected to participate in the American Political Science Association's (APSA) 2014 Africa Workshop
- Boren Fellowship, U.S. National Security Education Program, 2013
- Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012-2013
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012 and 2010
- Development Research Challenge, Center for the Evaluation of Global Action, UC-Berkeley, 2011
- 2011 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention

Selected Research and Consulting Experience

- Principal investigator, commission for Swedish Expert Group for Aid Studies (2023)
- Consultant, UN Women (June - October 2021)
- Consultant, Ladysmith (July 2020 - October 2021)
- Consultant, United States Agency for International Development (January-September 2018)
- Consultant, White Ribbon Alliance (November 2017 - June 2018)
- Consultant, World Bank, Water Global Practice (July 2016 - June 2017)
- Consultant, Open Government Partnership (July 2015 - May 2016)
- Consultant, Twaweza (Tanzania), (June 2014 - January 2016)
- Consultant, Accountability in Tanzania (AcT) (Oct. 2013 - March 2014)
- Consultant, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex (June 2010 - Sept. 2013)
- Consultant, International Budget Partnership (Oct. 2007 - Feb. 2013)
- Field Coordinator, RCT evaluation of *Uwezo* educational initiative (June - August 2011)
- Graduate Associate, Natural Resource Governance Institute, New York, USA (Nov. 2008 - Aug. 2009.)
- Policy Analyst, HakiElimu, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2006 - 2008)
- Research Assistant, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DCS, USA (2004 - 2006)

Skills and Service

Statistical methods: Programming in R, Stata, and QGIS.

Languages: Swedish (limited working proficiency); French (intermediate proficiency); Italian (intermediate proficiency); Kiswahili (intermediate proficiency)

Service: Section Head, African Politics, APSA 2023; Student Organization Advisor, ONE (Tulane Chapter, 2021-2022); Member, Tulane Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee on Data Literacy (2021-2022); Section Head, Economic Development, MPSA 2021; Faculty Review Board member, *Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy* (2020-2022); African Politics Conference Group nominations committee (2020-2021); External Examiner, University of Pretoria Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development (2019-2020); Editorial Board Member, *APSA-CD* newsletter (2018/2019); Advisory Board Member, *Huria: Journal of the Open University of Tanzania* (2018-2021); Member, Data Must Speak Formative Evaluation Advisory Group (2018); Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Political Science Undergraduate Studies Committee (2014/2015); Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Political Science Graduate Studies Committee (2010-2011); Co-founder, Comparative Politics Association at UCLA (COMPASS)

Supervision:

- *PhD Supervision:* Zöe Sullivan (Tulane University, 2023 -); Andres Sandoval (Tulane University, 2020 -)
- *Tulane undergraduate Honors Theses:* Kyla Denwood (2020-21); Paige Montfort (2020-21); Emily Ross (2020-21); Erin Bender (2020-21); Autumn Nieves (2019-20); Alexander LeFebvre (2019-20)
- *University of Gothenburg master's students:* Annabelle Schuster (2018-2019); Marie-Helen Cymorek (2018-19); Matthew McCarthy (2018-19); Oskar Lindgren (2018-19); Yuying Chen (2017-18); Sambou Diakite (2016-17); Quang Nguyen (2016-17); Nicholas Parry (2016-17)