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## Current Position

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD), Political Science Department, University of Gothenburg, 2016 – Present.

## Education

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

Committee: Miriam Golden (Chair), Daniel Posner, Chad Hazlett, Stephen Commins (UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs), Jean Ensminger (CalTech)

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

B.S. in Economics, Duke University, 2004.

Magna Cum Laude with High Distinction in Economics.

Senior Honors Thesis: “Patterns of AIDS Awareness in Southern Africa.”

## Research Interests

- Comparative politics
- African politics
- Foreign aid and development policy
- Public finance and budgeting

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

“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.

## Working Papers

“Taking Space Into Account: A New Perspective on Local Government Efficiency”

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi” (with Kristen Kao, Pierre Landry, Ellen Lust, and Lise Rakner)

“When Does Transparency Improve Public Goods Provision? Street-level Discretion, Targetability and Local Public Service Delivery” (with Monika Bauhr)

“Gendered Accountability: When and Why Do Governments Respond to Women’s Policy Priorities?” (with Valeriya Mechkova)

## Policy Reports and Short Pieces

- “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* 17(2): 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

- 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
- Development Research Challenge, Center for the Evaluation of Global Action, UC-Berkeley, 2011
- 2011 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2010

## Teaching Experience

- Instructor, “Institutions and Economic Development” (senior seminar, UCLA), Fall 2015
- Instructor, “Research Methods for Development Policy and Practice” (undergrad., UCLA), Summer 2015
- Instructor, “Political Economy of Health in Latin America” (undergrad., UCLA), Spring 2015
- Teaching Fellow, “Poverty and Health in Latin America” (Freshman Cluster, UCLA), Fall 2014 – Winter 2015.
- Teaching Assistant to Daniel Posner, “Political Economy of Development” (undergrad., UCLA), Spring 2014.
- Teaching Assistant to Arthur Stein, “Foreign Policy Decision Making and Tools of Statecraft” (undergrad., UCLA), Winter 2014.
- Teaching Assistant to Deborah Estrin, “Participatory Sensing for Development Studies” (senior capstone seminar, UCLA), Spring 2011.

## Research and Consulting Experience

- Consultant, United States Agency for International Development (January 2018 – Present)
- Consultant, White Ribbon Alliance (November 2017 – Present)
- 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)
- Editorial Assistant, *American Political Science Review* (Sept. 2011 – June 2012)
- Field Coordinator, RCT evaluation of *Uwezo* educational initiative (June - August 2011)
- Research Assistant to Barbara Geddes, UCLA (June 2010 – June 2011)
- Policy Analyst, HakiElimu, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (March 2006 – June 2008)
- Research Assistant, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC (Oct. 2004 – Mar. 2006)

## Conference Presentations

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA (4/2018)

“New Perspectives on Local Government Efficiency: Exploring Subnational Variation in Tanzania,” Presentation for short course on “Cities and the World: Interrogating the Promise and Perils of Political Decentralization in Age of Trumpism,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (9/2017).

“Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (9/2017).

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Intra-Community Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi,” European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Milan, Italy (6/2017).

“Determinants of Value for Money in Rural Water Provision in Tanzania,” Center for Collective Action (CeCAR) Workshop, Gothenburg, Sweden (6/2017).

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi,” First Annual Conference, Program on Governance and Local Development, Gothenburg, Sweden (5/2017).

“Unpacking ‘Good Governance’: Exploring Subnational and Cross-Sectoral Variation in the Quality of Governance in Malawi,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (4/2017).

“Different Goods, Different Outcomes: Public Goods Provision in Tanzania,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (9/2016).

“Money Flows, Water Trickles: Value for Money in Tanzania’s Water Sector,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (9/2015).

“Leaky Buckets: Following the Money for Water in Tanzania,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (9/2014).

“A Drop in the Bucket? Explaining Government Responsiveness for Rural Water Provision in Tanzania,” Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) National Meeting, University of California, Los Angeles (5/2014).

“Making Judgements: How do Tanzanian Voters Assess their Leaders?,” Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, New York University, New York, NY (5/2013).

“Sending a Message: Assessing the Role of Mobile Phone Technology to Promote Local Government Accountability,” presentation at International Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA (4/2012).

“When and Why Do Citizens Monitor Government?: An Examination of the First Link in the Accountability Chain,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (4/2012).

## Skills and Service

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

**Languages:** French (intermediate conversational and written); Italian (intermediate conversational and written); Kiswahili (advanced conversational, intermediate written)

**Service:** 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)

**Thesis Supervision:** Ambilike Mwakagali (Present); Yuying Chen (Present); Sambou Diakite (2016/2017); Quang Nguyen (2016/2017); Nicholas Parrry (2016/2017) (*All are Master’s students at the University of Gothenburg, International Affairs and Global Governance program.*)