

Academic Appointments

2016 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Political Science and Public Policy

Education

2015 YALE UNIVERSITY
PhD in Political Science

2005 BROWN UNIVERSITY
BA (Honors) in International Relations

Awards

2016 APSA APCG-Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation in African Politics 2015

Publications

“Wartime violence, empathy, and altruism: Evidence from the Ivorian refugee crisis in Liberia” with Benjamin Morse, *British Journal of Political Science*, *forthcoming*.

“Predicting Local Violence: Evidence from a Panel Survey in Liberia” with Robert Blair and Christopher Blattman, *Journal of Peace Research* 54(2), 2017.

“How to promote order and property rights under weak rule of law? An experiment in changing dispute resolution behavior through community education” with Christopher Blattman and Robert Blair, *American Political Science Review* 108(1), 2014.

Working Papers

“Sacred values and violence: Explaining land dispute escalation” *Book manuscript*

“The duality of local resource governance in rural Liberia: Evidence from qualitative data” with Heather McGee, Adi Greif, and Kate Marple-Cantrell

“Better off together: The impact of communal property rights on governance and gender norms” with Heather McGee, Adi Greif, and Kate Marple-Cantrell

“Engineering informal institutions: Experimental impacts on dispute resolution, violence, property rights, and investment in Liberia” with Christopher Blattman and Robert Blair

“Legible Institutions and Land Demand: The Effect of Property Rights Systems on Investment in Liberia” with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii

“Enabling Community Resource Management through Participatory Valuation, Monitoring and Negotiation Skills” with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii

“Qualitative Pre-Analysis Plan: Legible Institutions and Land Demand” with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii

Ongoing projects - Principal Investigator

Community Land Protection Program Evaluation (with Health Huntington and Kate Marple-Cantrell)

EGAP Metaketa III Natural Resource Governance (with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii)

Research Grants - Principal Investigator

- 2017 EGAP Metaketa Grant (with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii) (\$240,000)
- 2016 USAID, Natural Resource and Land Tenure Division, Program Evaluation Grant (\$179,000)
- 2015 World Bank i2i Preparation Grants for Liberia (\$50,000)
- 2014 World Bank i2i Preparation Grants for Jordan (\$50,000)
- 2013 International Development Research Centre, Program Evaluation Grant (\$130,000)
- 2013 Namati, Community Land Protection Program Evaluation Grant (\$50,000)
- 2013 USAID, Natural Resource and Land Tenure Division, Program Evaluation Grant (\$120,000)
- 2012 Humanity United, Conflict Risk Evaluation Research Grant (\$107,000)
- 2011 Humanity United, Peace Education and Community Empowerment Research Grant (\$128,000)

Talks

- 2017 EPSA, World Bank Conference on Africa, World Bank Land and Poverty, LSE Land Conflict and Institutions, University of Uppsala Peace and Conflict Research
- 2016 Essex Workshop on Transparency and Replication in Qualitative Research, ISA, MPSA, World Bank Land and Poverty
- 2015 WGAPE, World Bank Land and Poverty, World Bank Conference on Africa, APSA

Teaching

Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods, UCL *Spring 2016, 2017*

Qualitative Field Research, UCL *Spring 2017*

Advanced Qualitative Research Methods, UCL *Spring 2016*

Selected Policy Work

- 2014 “UNHCR’s Urban Refugee Policy: 5 Year Review”
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva, Switzerland
- 2014 “Increasing Security of Tenure through Written Lease Agreements”
With Julia Herzog-Schmidt, Norwegian Refugee Council, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2012 “Land Conflict and Food Security in the Liberian-Ivorian Border Region”
Norwegian Refugee Council, Oslo, Norway
- 2011 “Patterns of Conflict and Cooperation in Rural Liberia (Part 2): Prospects for Conflict Forecasting and Early Warning”
With Christopher Blattman and Robert Blair, Innovations for Poverty Action, New Haven, CT
- 2011 “Patterns of Conflict and Cooperation in Rural Liberia (Part 1): Results from a Longitudinal Study”
With Christopher Blattman and Robert Blair, Innovations for Poverty Action, New Haven, CT

Service

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, Palgrave Macmillan

Languages: French (fluent), Liberian English (fluent), Arabic (advanced), German (basic)