

Academic Appointments

- 2016 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Political Science and Public Policy
- 2020 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
Associate 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

Journal Publications & Book Chapters

“Engineering informal institutions: Long run impacts of alternative dispute resolution on violence and property rights in Liberia” with Christopher Blattman and Robert Blair, forthcoming *Journal of Politics*.

“Wartime violence, empathy, and altruism: Evidence from the Ivorian refugee crisis in Liberia” with Benjamin Morse, *British Journal of Political Science* 1-25, 2018.

“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.

“Land disputes in conflict: An integrated Framework” in *Saliendo del tierrero: políticas agrarias para la transición hacia la paz*, Francisco Gutiérrez Sanín, ed. (Editorial del Rosario, Bogotá, forthcoming 2018).

Working Papers

“Violence, Displacement, and Support for Internally Displaced Persons: Evidence from Syria” with Ben Morse and Sigrid Weber. *Revise and Resubmit (Resubmitted)*

“Legibility and External Investment: An Institutional Natural Experiment in Liberia” with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii. *Revise and Resubmit (Resubmitted)*

“Citizen Monitoring Promotes Informed and Inclusive Governance of Community Forests in Liberia” with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii *Revise and Resubmit*

“Indivisibility and Institutions: Understanding land dispute escalation in Liberia” *Book manuscript*

“Enabling Community Resource Management through Negotiation Skills” with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii

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

Research Grants - Principal Investigator

- 2020 Leadership Development and Social Cohesion in Marginalized Communities in Myanmar, Myanmar (USAID) (70,000 USD)
- 2020 Depression in the Time of Conflict: Evaluating Community-Based Models of Psychosocial Care in Kachin State, Myanmar (ELHRA R2HC Full Grant) (460,000 GBP)
- 2019 Depression in the Time of Conflict: Evaluating Community-Based Models of Psychosocial Care in Kachin State, Myanmar (ELHRA Seed Grant) (10,000 GBP)
- 2019 What’s Mine is Yours: Evidence on Property Rights and Women’s Empowerment in Cote d’Ivoire (Gender Innovation Lab) (\$300,000)
- 2018 Targeting Cash Assistance to Refugees (UNHCR) (30,000 GBP)
- 2018 Land Allocation and Gender Intervention in Myanmar (King Philanthropies and David Weekly Foundation) (\$500,000)
- 2018 IGC Myanmar Small Projects Grant Community-Based Land Protection in Myanmar (\$25,000)
- 2018 IPA Peace and Recovery Program Pilot Funding for Evaluating Land Conflict and Strengthening Women’s Land Rights in Côte d’Ivoire (\$30,000)
- 2017 EGAP Metaketa Grant (with Darin Christensen and Cyrus Samii) (\$270,000)
- 2016 USAID, Land Tenure and Natural Resource 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, Land Tenure and Natural Resource 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)

Conferences / Invited Talks / Workshops

- 2019 EPSA, Hertie School of Government, University of Konstanz, University of Kent Politics and IR
- 2018 Kings College War Studies, Northwestern University Comparative Politics, Nuffield College Oxford Politics, UCL Economics, University of Uppsala Peace and Conflict Research, Indiana University Research Group in Political Institutions and Economic Policy (PIEP), Essex Department of Government, University of Mainz Department of Middle Eastern Studies, WZB Single Case Inference Workshop
- 2017 EPSA, World Bank Conference on Africa, World Bank Land and Poverty, Birmingham Development Studies, LSE International Development, 3ie London

- 2016 ISA, MPSA, World Bank Land and Poverty, Essex Workshop on Transparency and Replication in Qualitative Research
- 2015 WGAPE, World Bank Land and Poverty, World Bank Conference on Africa, APSA

Teaching

Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods, UCL *Spring 2016, 2017, 2018*

Field Research, UCL *Spring 2017, 2018*

Advanced Qualitative Research Methods, UCL *Spring 2016*

Short Course on Field Research, Essex *Summer 2019*

Short Course on Qualitative Research, GIGA *Fall 2019*

Selected Policy Work

- 2020 “What’s Mine is Yours: Evidence on Property Rights and Women’s Empowerment in Cote d’Ivoire”
With Eliana La Ferrara, Markus Goldstein, Michael O’Sullivan, Alethia MacDonald Gender Innovation Lab, Washington, D.C.
- 2020 “Impact Evaluation of Land Rights Interventions in Myanmar Baseline Report ”
With Lakshmi Iyer, Edmund Malesky, Afke Jager, Maxine Wang
Landesa and IPA Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar
- 2016 “UNHCR’s Targeting Framework”
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva, Switzerland
- 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; National Science Foundation Economics Program

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

Convener: UCL School of Public Policy Department Research Seminar

PhD Students: Jean-Baptiste Allegrini (currently under supervision) *The Resilience of Clientalist Networks in Lebanese Municipalities during the Syrian Refugee Crisis*; Sigrid Weber (currently under supervision) *Controlling a Moving World: The Spread of Civilian Targeting in Displacement Crises*