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Education *PhD, Political Science, UCLA, 2024 (expected)*
Committee: Daniel Posner (co-chair), Darin Christensen (co-chair), Kate Baldwin, Cesi Cruz
Dissertation: Building Fiscal Capacity with Traditional Political Institutions: Experimental and Qualitative Evidence from Sierra Leone
MS, International Development, Wageningen University, 2016
Specialization: Development Economics, *Cum Laude*
Thesis: Rebel Violence Against Civilians in Sierra Leone
BA, Economics & Philosophy, University of New Hampshire, 2012

Working Papers “Building Fiscal Capacity with Traditional Political Institutions: Experimental and Qualitative Evidence from Sierra Leone.” *Job Market Paper*.
“Strengthening Fiscal Contracts Through Digital Town Halls in Freetown, Sierra Leone,” with Abou Bakarr Kamara, Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard.
“Increasing Local Disease Preparedness and Surveillance Capacity for Global Health Security: A Cluster-randomised Control Trial,” with Maarten Voors, Macartan Humphreys, Salif Jaiteh, Mohamed Alpha Jalloh, Sellu Kallon, Niccolò Meriggi, and Peter Van der Windt. *Under review*.

Ongoing Projects “Property Taxation and Political Accountability: Evidence from a Rule-based Expansion of Tax Demands in Sierra Leone,” with Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard.
“Weber’s Nudge: Does Signaling Procedural Fairness on Tax Bills Increase Compliance?” with Abou Bakarr Kamara, Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, and Wilson Prichard.
“Mobilizing Voters with SMS in Sierra Leone,” with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors.

External Grants / Fellowships 2024. International Centre for Tax and Development, **\$21,941**. For Traditional Leaders and Formal and Informal Taxation in Sierra Leone, with Vanessa van den Boogaard
2022. Mercatus Center Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship (declined), **\$5,000**. For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes?
2021. International Centre for Tax and Development, **\$22,917**. For Can Traditional Political Institutions Help the State Raise Property Taxes?
2021. International Centre for Tax and Development, **\$5,884**. For Can Rural Property Taxation Generate Revenue?
2021. C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, **\$10,000**.
2019. International Centre for Tax and Development, **\$257,802**. For Compliance, Accountability and the Social Contract, with Niccolò Meriggi, Julian Michel, Wilson Prichard
2019. International Growth Centre, **\$25,929**. For Taxation and Political Participation, with Darin Christensen
2019. International Growth Centre, **\$25,652**. For Improving Tax Compliance in Freetown: Scoping Research, with Derek Holliday and Julian Michel
2018. International Growth Centre, **\$110,523**. For Electrifying Growth, with Niccolò Meriggi, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Maarten Voors

2018. UKaid/OPM Energy and Economic Growth, **\$489,688**. For Electrifying Growth, with Niccolò Meriggi, Mushfiq Mobarak, and Maarten Voors

2018. International Growth Centre, **\$25,542**. For Improving Tax Systems in Sierra Leone

2018. International Growth Centre, **\$10,994**. For Electoral Impacts of Development Aid, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors

2018. International Growth Centre, **\$28,165**. For Mobilizing Voters with SMS, with Niccolò Meriggi and Maarten Voors

2018. International Growth Centre, **\$12,925**. For Brighter Communities Safer Cities, with Daniel N. Posner

2018. Sustainable Energy Transitions, **\$4,975**. For Brighter Communities Safer Cities.

Internal Grants / Fellowships

2023. UCLA/Keck Humanistic Inquiry Graduate Research Award, **\$8,000**.

2023. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, **\$1,995**.

2022. UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, **\$20,000**.

2022. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, **\$2,000**.

2021. UCLA Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, **\$6,000**.

2021. UCLA Fellowship in Political Psychology, **\$2,000**.

2019. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, **\$6,000**.

2018. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, **\$6,000**.

Talks

2024: GLD Work-in-Progress Workshop (online); WGAPE; World Bank Land Conference

2023: Governance and Local Development Institute Annual Conference

2022: CaliWEPS V; APSA; Global Development Conference; Sierra Leone Tax for Development Conference

2019: Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference

Consulting

ICTD, *Consultant*, March 2021–November 2023
Project: [Can Rural Property Taxation Generate Revenue?](#)

Oxford Policy Management, *Consultant*, June 2020–July 2020
Project: [The Role of Traditional Leaders in COVID-19](#)

Oxford Policy Management, *Consultant*, March 2020–May 2020
Project: [A Rapid Assessment of the Response to COVID-19 in Sierra Leone](#)

UNOPS, *Consultant*, February 2019–May 2020
Project: Impact Evaluation of Rural Renewable Energy Project

Skills/ Experience

Languages: English (Native), Sierra Leone Krio (Intermediate), Spanish (Intermediate)
Fieldwork: Sierra Leone (36 months)

References

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