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Education

- 2020 PhD in Political Science
London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government
Fields: Election integrity, Comparative politics, Experimental methods
- 2008 Master of Social Science
Helsinki University, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2006 Master of Political Science
Lund University, Faculty of Social Sciences (visiting)

Research

Published and work under review

- How to distinguish human error from election fraud: Evidence from the 2019 Malawi election, with Ryan Jablonski, British Journal of Political Science (under review)
- Electoral integrity in unconsolidated democracies: challenges and potential remedies. PhD-dissertation. London School of Economics and Political Science, 2020.
- How information about foreign aid affects public spending decisions: Evidence from a field experiment in Malawi, with Brigitte Seim and Ryan Jablonski, Journal of Development Economics, September 2020

In Progress

- Building confidence in election results: lessons from a conjoint experiment, with Alex Yeandle
- How voters in low-information societies make inferences about other peoples' political preferences and behaviour, with Alex Yeandle
- Foreign aid is neither a curse nor a blessing: Explaining the effects of foreign aid on voting behaviour and accountability, with Brigitte Seim and Ryan Jablonski

Academic Work Experience

- LSE Post-Doctoral Fellow in Quantitative Methods: LSE, Department of Methodology: 2022-present
- LSE Fellow in Development Management: LSE, Department of International Development: 2021- 2022
- Teaching Fellow in Politics and Research Methods, Royal Holloway University, Department of Politics and International Relations: 2019 – 2021

Academic Teaching

LSE 2021-2024

- Applied Regression analysis (Lecturer and Seminar teaching)
- Research Design (Seminar teaching)
- International Development Management (Seminar teaching)

Royal Holloway 2019-2021

- Introduction to Politics and Governance (Lecturer and Seminar teaching)
- Research Methods in Politics and International Relations (Lecturer and Seminar teaching)
- Researching Politics and International Relations: Analysis, Design and Practice (Lecturer and Seminar teaching)

Research projects

- Building confidence in election results: a conjoint experiment in Malawi (PI): 2024-2025
- Identifying and preventing drug theft in Malawi (Research Support and Analysis): 2019
- Strategies of Election Fraud across the Electoral Cycle (Co-PI): 2018-2021
- Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy (Research Support and Analysis): 2018
- Foreign Aid Allocation in Malawi (Field Research Manager): 2016-2017

Other Work Experience

- International Labour Organisation (ILO), Lebanon: 2010-2012
- Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), Kyrgyz Republic: 2009-2010
- Central Baltic INTERREG Programme, Finland: 2008-2009
- Helsinki Regional Representation to the EU, Belgium: 2005

Public Engagement

- Cooperation with civic NGO on election observation in Malawi: 2019
- Public Lecture at LSE on Electoral Forensics in Mozambique, with Jouni Kuha and Joseph Hanlon: 2017