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Academic Appointments

Washington State University

School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs

Assistant Professor

2020 - Current

Pennsylvania State University, *the Behrend College*

Department of Political Science

Assistant Teaching Professor

2019-2020

Education

University of Maryland, College Park

Ph.D., Political Science

Dissertation: “*Corruption, Reform, and Revolution in Africa’s Third Wave of Protest*”

Committee: John McCauley, Mark Lichbach, David Cunningham, Johanna Birnir

American University of Paris

MA, Strategic Public Policy and International Affairs

Thesis: “*Slick Nigeria: Underdevelopment in face of Africa’s second oil boom*”

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

BA, Psychology & English

Awards, Fellowships & Grants

Awards

Excellence in Teaching Award, *University of Maryland* 2018

Kathryn D. Cook Award, *Hobart and William Smith Colleges* 2005

John L. Erlich Award, *Hobart and William Smith Colleges* 2006

Research Fellowships & Grants

Monograph Fellowship, *International Center for Nonviolent Conflict* 2019-2020

Dean’s Research Initiative Grant, *University of Maryland* 2018

Research Grant, *Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa* 2017

GVPT Research Initiative Grant, *University of Maryland* 2016-2017

Dean’s Research Initiative Grant, *University of Maryland* 2015-2016

Comparative Politics Research Grant, *University of Maryland* 2015-2016

Summer Research Fellowship, *University of Maryland* 2014

Publications

1. Ives, B., & Lewis, J. S. (2020). From Rallies to Riots: Why Some Protests Become Violent. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 64(5), 958–986.
2. Lewis, J. S. (2020). Corruption Perceptions and Contentious Politics in Africa: How Different Types of Corruption Have Shaped Africa’s Third Wave of Protest. *Political Studies Review*
3. Lewis, J.S. (2020). Signals, strongholds, and support: political party protests in South Africa. *Politics*.
4. Lewis, J.S. (2021). The role of trust in mobilization and nonviolent discipline: evidence from civil resistance in Africa”. In progress. *Peer-reviewed monograph at International Center on Nonviolent Conflict*.

Research

Book Projects

Corruption, Reform, and Revolution in Africa

Research Interests

conflict processes, social movements, corruption, African politics, stabilization/development, social trust

Research Positions

Research Fellow – Open Data Roundtables, <i>Center for Open Data Enterprise</i>	2018-2019
Research Manager - Africa Integrity Indicators, <i>Global Integrity</i>	2016-2018
Visiting Researcher, START, Washington DC	2015-2016
Visiting Researcher, UCDP One-Sided Violence, Uppsala University	2015
Research Assistant – <i>Paul Huth</i> , University of Maryland	2014-2016
Research Assistant – <i>Mark Lichbach</i> , University of Maryland	2013-2014

Field Work

South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Afghanistan

Methods

QUANTITATIVE: parametric/nonparametric statistics, maximum likelihood & hierarchical, Bayesian
GEOSPATIAL: spatial autocorrelation (errors & lagging), temporal inference, novel data collection
EXPERIMENTAL METHODS: lab experiments, survey experiments
QUALITATIVE: field research, QCA, semi-structured interviews & focus groups

Teaching & Professional Experience

Teaching Experience

Penn State Erie, the Behrend College

PLSC 14 – Introduction to International Relations

GLIS 102N – Global Pathways

AFR 110N – Introduction to Contemporary Africa

University of Maryland

GVPT 203 – Challenges of Authoritarianism

GVPT 354 – International Development and Conflict Management

GVPT 355 - Capstone in Conflict Management

GVPT 356 – Capstone in International Development

GVPT 459G – Weak and Failing States in the International System

International Development Experience

Program Manager – African Democracy & Governance, *Tetra Tech ARD* 2012–2013

Program Manager – African Democracy & Governance, *Management Systems Int'l* 2010–2012

Professional Talks & Invited Paper Presentations

Chair & Discussant

Chair – Peace Studies Group; Business, Resources and Peace. *International Studies Association Annual Conference 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19.*

Discussant – African Politics Conference Group; Middle East and North Africa Politics & Human Rights. *American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2019*

Chair – The Role of Gender in Political Violence. *American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2019*

Presenter

- “What Determines Protest Duration? Momentum, Memory, and Grievance in Contentious Politics,” *prepared for the International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2020*
- “Systemic Corruption and Revolution in Africa: Evidence from Nigeria,” *prepared for the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2019*
- “Systemic Corruption and Revolutionary Contention in Africa,” *prepared for the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2019.*
- “Rallies or Riots?” with Brandon J. Ives. *Prepared for the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2019.*
- “Whom to Trust? The Politics and Religious and Ethnic Trust in Africa,” with John F. McCauley, *prepared for the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2019.*
- “Whom to Trust? The Politics and Religious and Ethnic Trust in Africa,” with John F. McCauley, *prepared for the African Studies Association Annual Conference, 2018.*
- “Distributions of Corruption and Trust Outcomes in Africa,” *prepared for the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2018. Panel Organizer.*
- “Violations and Distributions: How Corruption Affects Trust in Africa,” *prepared for the International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference, 2018.*
- “Contentious Responses to Corruption in Africa,” *prepared for the International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2018.*
- “Structures of Governance and Corruption,” *prepared for the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference 2017.*
- “Ethnic Marginalization and Perceptions of Corruption,” *prepared for the International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference 2017.*
- “Ethnic Marginalization and Perceptions of Corruption,” *prepared for the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2017.*
- “Mobilizing Voice or Violence? Mapping Corruption, Contention, and Terror in Africa”, *prepared for the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2016.*
- “Contentious Performances in Rentier Africa: Resources, Corruption, and Collective Action”, *prepared for the CIDCM 2015 Workshop*
- “Revisiting the Neopatrimonial State: Rules, Institutions, and Democratic Transition”, *prepared for the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference 2014*

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
 Midwest Political Science Association
 International Studies Association
 Peace Science Society International
 African Politics Conference Group

International Society on Political Psychology
 Association for Study of the Middle East & Africa
 Royal African Society
 African Studies Association