

# NIKHAR GAIKWAD

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## EMPLOYMENT

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- Columbia University** New York, NY  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2019 –  
Member, Committee on Global Thought, 2019 –  
Instructor, Political Science, 2017 – 18
- Princeton University** Princeton, NJ  
Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, 2016 – 17
- Cornerstone Research** New York, NY  
Senior Analyst and Research Associate, 2006 – 10

## EDUCATION

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- Yale University** New Haven, CT  
Ph.D., with Departmental and University Distinction, Political Science, 2018  
Dissertation: “Identity Politics and Economic Policy”  
  
**James G. March Award** for “outstanding dissertation in any field of Political Science,” Yale University, 2019  
**Juan Linz Prize** for Best Dissertation, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA, 2019  
**Mancur Olson Prize** for Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention), Political Economy Section, APSA, 2019  
  
M.Phil., M.A., Political Science  
Fields: Political Economy, International Relations, Comparative Politics (Distinction)  
Exchange Scholar: Stanford University, Political Science, 2012 – 15
- Williams College** Williamstown, MA  
B.A., Economics and Political Science (Honors), *magna cum laude*, 2006  
Visiting Scholar: Williams-Exeter Program at Oxford, University of Oxford, 2004 – 05

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International and Comparative Political Economy; Trade, Migration, and Environmental Policymaking; Political Economy of Identity; Business – State Relations; South Asian Politics

## BOOK-IN-PROGRESS

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2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar. *Identity Politics and Economic Policy*. Book conference held on February 7, 2020.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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2020 Brulé, Rachel and Nikhar Gaikwad. “Culture, Capital, and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Matrilineal Tribes.” *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.

**Pi Sigma Alpha Award** for Best Paper, MPSA Annual Meeting, 2018.

**Kellogg/Notre Dame Award** for Best Paper in comparative politics, MPSA Annual Meeting, 2018.

- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar and Gareth Nellis. "Do Politicians Discriminate Against Internal Migrants? Evidence from Nationwide Field Experiments in India." *American Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming.
- 2020 Jacobs, Alan et al. "Transparency in Qualitative Research: An Overview of Key Findings and Implications." *Perspectives on Politics*. Forthcoming.
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Veronica Herrera, and Robert Mickey. "Text Based Sources: Summary of the Final Report of QTD Working Group II.1." *Perspectives on Politics*. Forthcoming.
- 2018 Ballard-Rosa, Cameron, Allison Carnegie and Nikhar Gaikwad. "Economic Crises and Trade Policy Competition." *British Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 713-748.
- 2017 Gaikwad, Nikhar and Gareth Nellis. "The Majority-Minority Divide in Attitudes toward Internal Migration: Evidence from Mumbai." *American Journal of Political Science* 61(2): 456-472.
- 2013 Gaikwad, Nikhar. "Presidential Prospects, Political Support, and Stock Market Performance." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 8(4): 451-464.

### PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

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- 2020 Carnegie, Allison and Nikhar Gaikwad. "Public Opinion on Geopolitics and Trade Policy: Theory and Evidence."
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar. "East India Companies and Long-Term Economic Change in India."  
**David A. Lake Award** for Best Paper, IPES Annual Meeting, 2015.
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Kolby Hanson and Aliz Toth. "Do International Employment Opportunities Impact Individuals' Political Preferences and Behavior?"  
**Robert H. Durr Award** for Best Paper in applied quantitative methods, MPSA Annual Meeting, 2020.
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar and Gareth Nellis. "Overcoming the Political Exclusion of Migrants: Theory and Experimental Evidence from India."

### WORKING PAPERS

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- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar. "Identity Politics and Economic Policy."
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar and Pavithra Suryanarayan. "Attitudes toward Globalization in Ranked Ethnic Societies."  
**Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award** for Best Paper, APSA Annual Meeting, 2019.
- 2020 Casler, Don and Nikhar Gaikwad. "'The Interests of India Demand Protection': Democratization and Trade Policy Under Empire."
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Gareth Nellis and Steven Wilkinson. "The Determinants of Popular Support for Environmental Policy in India."
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Federica Genovese and Dustin Tingley. "Creating Climate Coalitions: Mass Preferences for Compensating Vulnerability in the World's Two Largest Democracies."
- 2020 De La O, Ana et al. "Fiscal Contracts? A Six-Country Randomized Experiment on Transaction Costs, Public Services, and Taxation in Developing Countries."
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Gareth Nellis and Anjali Thomas. "Bureaucratic Hurdles, Political Resistance, and Public Service Access: Evidence from a Field Experiment in India."

- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Erin Lin and Noah Zucker. "Genocide and the Gender Gap in Political Representation."
- 2020 Ashok, Vivekinan and Nikhar Gaikwad. "Rivalry and Equity Considerations in Mass Support for Corporate Income Tax Policy."

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- 2019 Gaikwad, Nikhar. "Historical Sources and the Study of Trade Politics in Developing Democracies." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* XXIX(2): 64-71.
- 2013 Gaikwad, Nikhar. Review of *Globalization and Economic Nationalism in Asia*, by Anthony P. D'Costa, ed. *Comparative South Asia* 21(2): 172-173.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL CASE STUDIES

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- 2019 Clark, Richard, Nikhar Gaikwad and Kenneth Scheve. "Global Climate Cooperation and Conflict: Brazil and the Paris Agreement," *Stanford Graduate School of Business*, Case P-98.
- 2019 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Kenneth Scheve, and Elisabeth van Lieshout. "Ratification Politics and Preferential Trade Agreements: Malaysia and the CPTPP," *Stanford Graduate School of Business*, Case P-99.
- 2016 Gaikwad, Nikhar and Kenneth Scheve. "Willkommen to Europe: The Political Economy of Migration Policy in Germany," *Stanford Graduate School of Business*, Case P-85.
- 2016 Gaikwad, Nikhar and Kenneth Scheve. "India: Liberalize in the Face of Crisis?" *Stanford Graduate School of Business*, Case P-86.
- 2016 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Kenneth Scheve and Jason Weinreb. "To Grexit or Not? Politics and Greece's Sovereign Debt Crisis," *Stanford Graduate School of Business*, Case P-88.

#### SELECTED WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

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- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Veronica Herrera, and Robert Mickey. "Transparency for Text-Based Sources: From Principles to Practice."
- 2020 Gaikwad, Nikhar, Kolby Hanson and Aliz Toth. "The Politics of South-South Migration."

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

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##### Awards

- 2020 Robert H. Durr Award for Best Paper "applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 Mancur Olson Prize for Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention), Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 James G. March Award for "outstanding dissertation in any field of Political Science," *Yale University*
- 2018 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

- 2017 Emerging Diversity Scholar, National Center for Institutional Diversity, *University of Michigan*
- 2015 David A. Lake Award for Best Paper, International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting
- 2015 University Fellowship, *Yale University*
- 2014 Hall-Mercer Fellowship, *Yale University*
- 2013 Bunker Fellowship, *Yale University*
- 2006 Williams College Undergraduate Research Fellowship, *Williams College*
- 2006 Class of 1957 Scholar, *Williams College*
- 2006 Class of 1960 Scholar in Economics, *Williams College*
- 2006 Phi Beta Kappa

**Grants (External)**

- 2019 Balzan Prize for International Relations Grant, Principal Investigator, with F. Genovese and D. Tingley (\$80,000)
- 2018 Research and Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration, Principal Investigator (\$168,693)
- 2017 Evidence in Governance and Politics, Principal Investigator, with A. Bohlken and G. Nellis (\$292,376)
- 2014 International Growth Centre Grant, Principal Investigator, with G. Nellis (\$30,000)
- 2014 National Science Foundation: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute
- 2014 Adam Smith Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2013 Humane Studies Fellowship (\$11,000)
- 2012 The Tobin Project Democracy & Markets Fellowship (\$1,500)
- 2012 Social Science Research Council: Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (\$5,000)

**Grants (Internal)**

- 2020 Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy Workshop, with P. Fortna, *Columbia University* (\$8,300)
- 2020 Departmental Research Incentive Program, *Columbia University* (\$4,000)
- 2020 Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences, *Columbia University* (\$5,000)
- 2019 Provost's Junior Faculty Diversity Grant, *Columbia University* (\$24,950)
- 2019 President's Global Innovation Fund Award, *Columbia University* (\$40,000)
- 2019 Hettleman Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, *Columbia University* (\$6,000)
- 2019 Departmental Research Incentive Program, *Columbia University* (\$5,000)
- 2018 Vice Provost's Hybrid Learning Course Redesign and Delivery Grant, *Columbia University* (\$12,000)
- 2017 Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy Seed Grant, *Columbia University* (\$20,000)
- 2016 South Asian Studies Council Travel Grant, *Yale University* (\$3,400)
- 2015 Georg Leitner Grant in International and Comparative Political Economy, *Yale University* (\$14,000)
- 2015 South Asian Studies Council Research Award, *Yale University* (\$12,500)
- 2014 MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant, *Yale University* (\$15,000)
- 2012 Institution for Social and Policy Studies Grant, co-Principal Investigator, with G. Nellis, *Yale University* (\$10,000)
- 2012 MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant, *Yale University* (\$5,000)
- 2011 Summer Language Institute Fellowship, *Yale University* (\$6,300)

**TEACHING**

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**Columbia University, Department of Political Science**

- 2020 International Political Economy of Developing Countries (*PhD/MA/BA seminar*)
- 2020 Governing the Global Economy (*BA lecture*)
- 2020 International Political Economy of Developing Countries (*PhD/MA/BA seminar*)
- 2019 Governing the Global Economy (*BA lecture*)
- 2019 Colloquium on International Political Economy (*PhD/MA seminar*)
- 2019 Governing the Global Economy (*BA lecture*)
- 2018 Colloquium on International Political Economy (*PhD/MA seminar*)

- 2017 Governing the Global Economy (*BA lecture*)  
 2017 Colloquium on International Political Economy (*PhD/MA seminar*)

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 Migration Research Cluster Workshop, *University of British Columbia (scheduled)*  
 2021 Political Economy and International Relations Joint Seminar, *University of Wisconsin—Madison (scheduled)*  
 2020 Research and Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration Conference, *New York (scheduled)*  
 2020 “Tapped Out: Water Scarcity and Governance in Urban India,” *Columbia Mumbai Global Center (scheduled)*  
 2020 Global Research in International Political Economy Webinar Series  
 2020 Scope Conditions Comparative Politics Podcast, *University of British Columbia*  
 2020 International Relations Speaker Series, *New York University*  
 2020 International Relations Workshop, *Rutgers University*  
 2020 International Relations Workshop, *Northwestern University*  
 2020 “Comparative and International Politics of Climate Change” Workshop, *Stanford University*  
 2020 Riker Seminar Series, *University of Rochester*  
 2019 Center for the Advanced Study of India Seminar, *University of Pennsylvania*  
 2019 Committee on Global Thought Seminar, *Columbia University*  
 2019 Research and Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration Conference, *New York University, Abu Dhabi*  
 2019 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Workshop, *George Mason University*  
 2019 “Comparative Politics of Climate Change” Workshop, *Stanford University*  
 2019 Georgetown University International Theory and Research Seminar, *Georgetown University*  
 2018 “Democratic Representation in India” Conference, *Ashoka University, India*  
 2018 “Comparative Politics of Environmental Policymaking” Workshop, *Stanford University*  
 2018 Empirical Study of Gender Research Network, *Vanderbilt University*  
 2018 Political Economy workshop, *Texas A&M University*  
 2018 “Comparative Politics of Climate Change” Workshop, *Stanford University*  
 2018 “Workshop on Cities, Inequality and Electoral Politics,” *Princeton University*  
 2018 International Relations Workshop, *Temple University*  
 2018 International Political Economy Speaker Series, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
 2018 “The Political Economy of Security” Conference, *University of Southern California*  
 2017 International Political Economy Workshop, *McGill University*  
 2017 “Pressure Groups and IGOs” Conference (Discussant), *Princeton University*  
 2017 Lansing B. Lee, Jr./Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, *University of Virginia*  
 2017 “Identity and Inequality” Conference (Discussant), *Princeton University*  
 2017 Christopher H. Browne Center Conference, *University of Pennsylvania*  
 2017 Book Conference for Vinícius Rodrigues Vieira (Discussant), *Princeton University*  
 2017 “In the Field: Political Science” Workshop, *University of Rochester*  
 2017 Program on International Politics, Economics and Security Workshop, *University of Chicago*  
 2017 International Relations Colloquium, *Princeton University*  
 2017 Research and Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration Conference, *New York University, Abu Dhabi*  
 2017 “Economics and Security Reconsidered” Workshop, *American University*  
 2016 “India’s Political Economy” Workshop, *Carnegie Endowment, Washington D.C.*  
 2016 Presidential Session, *Southern Economic Association, Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.*  
 2016 “Midnight’s Institutions: Rethinking Political Imaginations and Institutional Change after India’s Independence (1947-1960)” Conference, *Yale University*  
 2016 Economics Department Colloquium, *George Mason University*  
 2015 International Relations Workshop, *Yale University*  
 2015 Leitner Political Economy Workshop, *Yale University*  
 2014 South Asia Brown Bag, *Yale University*

- 2013 “The Companies: Continuity, Transition or Disjuncture?” Conference, *Yale University*  
 2013 International Relations Workshop, *Yale University*  
 2013 Comparative Politics Workshop, *Yale University*

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- 2020 International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting (*scheduled*)  
 2020 Evidence in Governance and Politics, Annual Meeting (*scheduled*)  
 2020 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting  
 2019 International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, San Diego  
 2019 Historical Political Economy Working Group, Annual Meeting, New York  
 2019 “Immigration: Research Frontiers & Policy Challenges” Conference, *University of Pennsylvania*  
 2019 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.  
 2019 Evidence in Governance and Politics Plenary Meeting, *African School of Economics*, Benin  
 2019 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago  
 2019 Politics and Economics of International Finance Conference, *Harvard University*  
 2018 International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Cambridge  
 2018 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston  
 2018 Historical Political Economy Working Group, Annual Meeting, *Johns Hopkins University*  
 2018 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago  
 2017 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco  
 2017 Historical Political Economy Working Group, Annual Meeting, *Johns Hopkins University*  
 2017 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago  
 2017 International Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Baltimore  
 2016 International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Durham  
 2016 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia  
 2016 European Conference for South Asian Studies, Biennial Meeting, Warsaw  
 2016 German Economic Association, Development Economics Group Meeting, *University of Heidelberg*  
 2016 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago  
 2016 Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, *Harvard University*  
 2015 International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Stanford  
 2015 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco  
 2015 Alexander Hamilton Center Conference, *New York University*  
 2014 Annual Conference on South Asia, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
 2014 International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.  
 2014 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.  
 2014 Politics and History Network Conference, *Yale University*  
 2014 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago  
 2014 CHES Graduate Student Conference, *Yale University*  
 2013 Alexander Hamilton Center Conference, *New York University*  
 2013 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago  
 2013 American Politics Workshop, *Yale University*  
 2013 Center for Comparative Research Conference, *Yale University*  
 2012 International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, Charlottesville  
 2012 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans  
 2012 European Conference for South Asian Studies, Biennial Meeting, Lisbon  
 2012 Joint CISS/Keynote Conference, Annual Meeting, Prague  
 2012 Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago  
 2012 Annual South Asia Graduate Student Conference, *University of Chicago*

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Discipline**

Steering Committee: Virtual IPES, International Political Economy Society, 2018 – 20  
 Co-Chair: Historical Political Economy Working Group, 2016 – 20  
 Committee Member: Working Group on Text-Based Sources, Qualitative Transparency Deliberations, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, APSA, 2016 – 18  
 Treasurer: Asian Pacific American Caucus, APSA, 2010 – 13  
 Committee Chair: Juan Linz Best Dissertation Prize, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA, 2020  
 Committee Member: Distinguished Mentor Award, International Collaboration Section, APSA, 2020  
 Committee Member: Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Prize, Political Economy Section, APSA, 2020

Peer Reviewer: *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *World Politics*, *International Organization*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Contemporary South Asia*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, *Comparative Economic Studies*

Panel Chair: Virtual IPES (2020, 2019, 2018); International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2017)  
 Discussant: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2020, 2017); Politics and History Network Annual Conference (2017); International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2017); Yale Comparative Politics Workshop (2014, 2011, 2011); Columbia–Princeton–Yale Historical Working Group (2015, 2013); Yale Politics, Environment and Markets Workshop (2013)  
 Conference Organizer: Tri-state IPE Conference (2019); Historical Political Economy Working Group Conference (2019, 2018, 2017)

**Columbia University**

Co-Chair: Workshop on Climate Change Cooperation, 2020 –  
 Executive Committee: Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, 2020 –  
 Member: Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, 2019 –  
 Faculty Advisory Committee: Columbia Mumbai Global Center, 2019 –  
 Social Sciences Representative: Junior Faculty Advisory Board, 2019 – 20  
 Search Committee: Comparative Politics Junior Search, 2018 – 19  
 Search Committee: International Political Economy Junior Search, 2017 – 18  
 Co-Chair: Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS), 2017 – 19

PhD Dissertation Advisor/Co-Advisor: Noah Zucker, Adam Parker, Ricky Clark  
 PhD Dissertation Committee Member (Initial Placement): Abhit Bhandhari (2020, Temple University), Sarah Khan (2019, Yale University), Kolby Hanson (2019, Dartmouth Postdoc), Alicia Cooperman (2019, Princeton Postdoc), Camille Strauss-Kahn (2018, International Organization for Migration), Lindsay Dolan (2018, Princeton Postdoc/Wesleyan University)  
 PhD Prospectus Committee Member: Simone Paci (2020), Salif Jaiteh (2019), Yusuf Magiya (2018), Giovanna Invernizzi (2018), Ahmed Mohamed (2018)  
 Masters Thesis Co-Advisor: Aden Bihi Gilmour (2019)  
 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: Eric Scheuch (2021), Antara Agarwal (2020), Meher Malik (2019), Peter Kalicki (2018)\*  
 \*Awarded Charles A. Beard Prize in Political Science  
 MA Advisor: Nicole Choi (2001), Mignon Fecker (2020), Sareen Palassian (2020), Alexander Wolffenbuttel (2020), Josiah Ponnudurai (2019), Palak Shah (2019)  
 Undergraduate Advisor: Olalekan Shonowo (2020)  
 Visiting Student Advisor: Fabien Cottier (2019 – 20), Muhammed Sihabudheen (2018 – 19), Yuki Fujii (2017 – 18)

Discussant: Mini-APSA (2019, 2018, 2017)

Committee Member: PhD Admissions (2020\*, 2019, 2018) \*Co-Chair

## SKILLS AND TRAINING

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Languages: Hindi (fluent), Urdu (conversational), Portuguese (intermediate)

Language Training: Yale Summer Session at Pontifícia Universidade Católica, Brazil, Portuguese (2011)

Fieldwork: New Delhi (2011 – 15, 2017 – 19), Mumbai (2012 – 14, 2017 – 19), Shillong (2013 – 14), Aizawl (2017– 18), London (2012), Rio de Janeiro (2011 – 12), São Paulo (2013, 2018)

Additional Training: Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Duke University (2014)

Technology: STATA, R, ArcGIS, Bloomberg, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Member: Evidence in Governance and Politics, 2018 –

Faculty Affiliate: Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2018 –

Research Associate: Center on the Politics of Development, University of California, Berkeley, 2014 – 16

Visiting Scholar: Center for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics, 2013

Member: International Studies Association, 2012 –

Member: Midwest Political Science Association, 2012 –

Member: American Political Science Association, 2012 –

Member: European Political Science Association, 2020 –