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## Appointments and Affiliations

- 2018-present University of Michigan  
Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies  
Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2017-present University of Bergen  
Chr. Michelsen Institute and the Centre for Law and Social Transformations  
Affiliated Researcher
- 2016-2018 University of California, Berkeley  
Center for African Studies  
Research Fellow

## Education

- 2018 University of California, Berkeley  
Ph.D., Political Science  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology  
Dissertation: “Autocratic Courts: Strategies of Judicial Empowerment in Africa”
- 2012 University of California, Berkeley  
M.A., Political Science
- 2011 Vassar College  
B.A., Economics, with Honors
- 2010 University of Oxford, Hertford College  
Visiting Student, Economics and International Relations

## Publications

Shen-Bayh, Fiona. (2018). Strategies of Repression: Judicial and Extrajudicial Methods of Autocratic Survival. *World Politics*, 70(3), 321-357.

## Work Accepted

“Authoritarian Constitutionalism in sub-Saharan Africa” (with Siri Gloppen), E. Elgar Publishing.

## Works in Progress

1. “Evaluating Cross-National Measures of Judicial Performance: A Topic Model Approach.”
2. “Varieties of Repression in Illiberal Democracies.”
3. “Judicial Appointments and Contested Elections in New Democracies: Evidence from Kenya” (with Donghyun Danny Choi).
4. “Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya” (with Donghyun Danny Choi).
5. “Combating Corruption in African Countries: Foreign Creditors and Domestic Institutions” (with Leonardo Arriola).
6. “Authoritarian Electoral Constitutionalism in Africa” (with Siri Gloppen).
7. “Evaluating the Human Rights Record of African Regional Institutions” (with Leonardo Arriola and David Dow).
8. “The Politicization of Sexual Rights in Africa: A Media Content Analysis” (with Malcolm Langford).
9. “Politics of Courts Under Colonialism: Evidence from Colonial Korea 1910-1945” (with ShinHye Choi).

## Fellowships and Awards

### *National Science Foundation*

2016            Doctoral Dissertation Grant SES-1535721

### *University of California, Berkeley*

2018            Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division  
(Awarded to 9% of Graduate Student Instructors)

2016            African Studies Fellowship, Center for African Studies

2016            Dean’s Completion Fellowship, Graduate Division

2015-2016     Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies

2011-2016     Department Fellowship, Department of Political Science

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2018 African Studies Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)
- 2018 Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (scheduled)
- 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation
- 2018 Visions in Methodology Conference
- 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Computational Tools And Techniques For Social Research Course, UC, Berkeley
- 2017 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 University of California, Berkeley, Comparative Politics Colloquium
- 2017 University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies Colloquium
- 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation
- 2017 University of Nairobi, School of Law, invited presentation
- 2017 Digital Social Science Core Lab, University of Bergen, invited presentation
- 2016 Association of Computational Linguistics, Empirical Methods on Natural Language Processing Meeting, Doctoral Consortium on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science
- 2016 University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies Colloquium
- 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 University of California, Los Angeles, Western Empirical Legal Studies
- 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2014 University of California, Berkeley, International Relations Colloquium

## Research Positions

- 2017 Research Mentor for Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP), University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 Research Consultant for Amnesty International
- 2015 Research Assistant for Professor Aila Matanock, University of California, Berkeley, and Professor Brenna Powell, Stanford University
- 2014 Research Assistant for Professor T.J. Pempel, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Research Mentor for URAP, University of California, Berkeley,
- 2010 Research Intern for the U.S. Department of Education, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Center, Washington D.C.

## Professional Service

- 2017, 2018      Selection Committee, Association for Computational Linguistics, Doctoral Consortium on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science
- 2016              Reviewer, National Science Foundation
- 2017-2018      BX4: Diversity Action Committee Member, University of California, Berkeley
- 2012-2018      Women In Political Science Officer Member, University of California, Berkeley
- 2012-2013      Political Science Graduate Student Association Elected Officer, University of California, Berkeley

## Teaching Experience

### *University of California, Berkeley*

- 2018              Small Wars and Insurgencies (instructor: Jason Klocek)
- 2018              Web Scraping and Natural Language Processing (instructor: Rachel Bernhard)
- 2017              Japanese Politics (instructor: TJ Pempel)
- 2016              Introduction to International Relations (instructor: Amy Gurowitz)
- 2014              U.S. Foreign Policy in East Asia (instructor: TJ Pempel)
- 2013              Introduction to Comparative Politics (instructor: Steve Fish)

## Additional Skills

- English (native), Chinese (fluent), Chichewa (basic)
- Python, R, LaTeX

## References

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