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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

JOINT PHD, PUBLIC POLICY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Expected May 2018 | Ann Arbor, MI

Fields: World Politics (major), Public Policy (minor), Research Methods (minor)

Dissertation: The Great Expectations Gap: Explaining the Mechanisms of Public Trust in the Police

MA, POLITICAL SCIENCE

May 2014 | Ann Arbor, MI

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

BS, FOREIGN SERVICE

May 2009 | Washington, DC

Major: Science, Technology, and International Security

Certificate: African Studies

Magna Cum Laude | Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

INTERESTS

Political trust and state legitimacy • public safety and policing • civilian attitudinal and behavioral responses to state violence • post-conflict processes and costs of political violence • multi-method research

WORKING PAPERS

“Body-Worn Cameras in The District: Evaluating the Effects of BWCs on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Outcomes” (with The Lab @ DC and the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia).

“The Rhetoric of Repression: State Justifications for Domestic Political Coercion” (with Christian Davenport)

“Predicting Counterinsurgency War Outcomes” (with Isaac Jenkins and Carly Wayne)

“Re-establishing the Social Contract? The Enduring Effects of State Repression on Trust in State Institutions”

“Tweeting to Gain Trust? Exploring the Effect of Police Department Twitter Use on Public Perceptions” (with Clarence L. Wardell, III)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management | 2016

Peace Science Society International | 2016

International Association of Chiefs of Police | 2016

Network of European Peace Scientists | 2016

International Studies Association | 2015, 2016

American Political Science Association | 2014

EXPERIENCE

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESEARCH FELLOW | NOVEMBER 2015-PRESENT | WASHINGTON, DC

- Conducting a randomized evaluation of MPD’s body-worn camera program, including design, implementation, and analysis.
- Developing survey experiment to evaluate civilian and police expectations of police and pinpoint mechanisms of trust/distrust.

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE | JUNE 2014-PRESENT | ANN ARBOR, MI

- Studying domestic political coercion and proportional response in state-challenger interactions.
- Project includes development of new theory and construction of original database of state justifications.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

GRADUATE TRAINEE | MARCH 2014-PRESENT | ANN ARBOR, MI

- Studying civilian attitudinal and behavioral responses to violence using a multi-method approach.

CNA INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC RESEARCH

HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM ADVISOR | 2009-PRESENT | ARLINGTON, VA

- Perform research, policy and strategy development, and project management work in support of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and State and local emergency management officials.
- Major projects include: National Level Exercise (NLE) evaluation for FEMA; domain awareness strategic requirements planning for DHS; analytical support to 2009 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review; and regional catastrophic preparedness planning.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 2007-2009 | WASHINGTON, DC

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- Conducted research with Dr. Scott D. Taylor on business, foreign direct investment, and development in Africa with a focus on Chinese and Indian involvement on the continent.
- Contributed to book, *Globalization and the Cultures of Business in Africa: From Patrimonialism to Profit* (2012) and article, "Labor Markets in Africa: Multiple Challenges, Limited Opportunities," published in *Current History* (May 2009).

HENRY L. STIMSON CENTER

GLOBAL HEALTH & HOMELAND SECURITY INTERN | SUMMER 2008 | WASHINGTON, DC

- Performed research, data collection, and trend analysis with a focus on homeland security information and intelligence sharing and pandemic influenza preparedness.
- Contributed to *Homeland Security Information and Intelligence Needs for 21st Century Threats*.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 2007-2008 | WASHINGTON, DC

- Researched chapter on nuclear proliferation for textbook on science, technology, and international affairs for Dr. Charles Weiss and led undergraduate seminar on nuclear fuel cycle.

WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

SCHOLAR INTERN | SUMMER 2007 | WASHINGTON, DC

- Researched governance of biotechnology in the U.S. and E.U. for Dr. Shobita Parthasarathy, contributing to *Patent Politics: Life Forms, Markets, and the Public Interest in the United States and Europe* (2017).

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

RESEARCH MENTOR | 2014-2016 | ANN ARBOR, MI

Manage two teams of undergraduate researchers on two separate large-scale content analysis projects.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, DEPT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR | 2013-2015 | ANN ARBOR, MI

Introduction to World Politics (with Dr. James Morrow) | Fall 2013, Fall 2014

Law and Public Policy (with Dr. Alexander Jakle) | Winter 2014

Persuasive Politics (with Dr. Arthur Lupia) | Winter 2015

AWARDS

- 2016 Peace Science Society Travel Award
- 2015 Weinberg Fellowship in Population, Development, and Climate Change
- 2015 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant
- 2015 National Science Foundation Workshop Tuition Grant
- 2012-2017 University of Michigan Rackham Merit Fellowship
- 2011 CNA Independent Research Council Grant (\$65,000)
- 2011 CNA Safety and Security Initiative in Performance Award
- 2009 Analytic Services Certificate of Excellence for Quadrennial Homeland Security Review work
- 2009 African Studies Program Award for Outstanding Service
- 2009 Georgetown University Krogh Honors Scholar

SERVICE

- Reviewer, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2015-Present)
- Coordinator, Citizen-Media Evidence Partnership, Univ. of Michigan (2014-2016)
- Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, Univ. of Michigan (2013-Present)
- Graduate Professional Devt Committee, Political Science, Univ. of Michigan (2014-2015)
- Co-Chair, Women's Caucus, Political Science, Univ. of Michigan (2013-2014)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- European Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Peace Science Society International

SKILLS

STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING

Stata • R • \LaTeX

TRAINING

International Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits, Institute for Behavioral Genetics, University of Colorado. Boulder, CO, March 2015.

LANGUAGES

English • Kannada (native) • Spanish (advanced)

REFERENCES

DR. WILLIAM G. AXINN

Research Professor, Population Studies Center
Institute for Social Research
University of Michigan
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DR. CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

Professor of Political Science
Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies
University of Michigan
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DR. DAVID YOKUM

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The Lab @ DC
Executive Office of the Mayor, Washington, DC
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