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Academic Appointments

Universitair Docent 1 [Associate Professor], Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam.
(UD 1 since December 2023; UD2 since August 2022.)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Tulane University. *July 2019 – June 2022.*

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg.
Sept. 2016 – July 2019.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles (10 June 2016).

Diss.: “Money Flows, Water Trickles: Decentralized Service Delivery Under Hegemonic Party Rule”

B.S. in Economics, Duke University, 2004. (Durham, USA.)

Magna cum laude with High Distinction in Economics.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. State-Building in a Diverse Society (with Ameet Morjaria, Joris Mueller, and Philip Osafo-Kwaako). 2024. *The Review of Economic Studies*, rdae116. (Previous version: NBER Working Paper 30731).
2. Gender-transformative action, social norms, and economic empowerment (with Tara Patricia Cookson, Lorena Fuentes, and Alex Berryhill). 2024. *European Journal of Politics and Gender*. Early View.
3. The Double Democratic Bind: Challenges to Enacting Mandates and Combating Misinformation (with Frida Boräng). 2024. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 49(1):189-215.
4. Beyond Buildings: Social Bargaining and Effective Access to Public Services (with Monika Bauhr and Lucia Kovacicova). 2024. *Public Organization Review* 24(1): 389-406.
5. Harmony or Cacophony? A Disaggregated Analysis of Aid Fragmentation (with Sebastian Ziaja). 2023. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 59(1), 1-23.
6. Confronting ‘chaos’: a qualitative study assessing public health officials’ perceptions of the factors affecting Tanzania’s COVID-19 vaccine rollout (with Thespina Yamanis, Olivia Gonyea, Sophia Skaff, Nelson Kisanga, and Henry Mollel). 2023. *BMJ Open* 13(1):e065081.
7. Coping with Denialism: How Street-Level Bureaucrats Adapted and Responded to COVID-19 in Tanzania (with Thespina Yamanis and Henry Mollel) 2021. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 46(6), 989-1017.
8. Local interest group activity and environmental degradation in authoritarian regimes (with Marina Povitkina). 2021. *World Development* 142, 105425.
9. Open Data from Authoritarian Regimes: New Opportunities, New Challenges (with Rachael McLellan). 2021. *Perspectives on Politics* 19(1): 160-170.
10. Life Under Lockdown: Illustrating Tradeoffs in South Africa’s Response to COVID-19 (with Moraka N. Makhura). 2021. *World Development* 137, 105168.
11. When Does Transparency Improve Public Services? Street-level Discretion, Information, and Targeting (with Monika Bauhr). 2021. *Public Administration* 99(3): 500-516.

12. Gendered Accountability: When and Why Do Women’s Policy Priorities Get Implemented? (with Valeriya Mechkova). 2020. *European Political Science Review* 13(1), 3-21.
13. Who gets what – and how efficiently? Incorporating distributional concerns into the measurement of local government efficiency. 2019. *Research & Politics* 6(3).
14. Money Flows, Water Trickles: Understanding Patterns of Decentralized Water Provision in Tanzania. 2017. *World Development* 93: 16–30.
15. The Open Budget Index: An Innovative Tool for Measuring Budget Transparency (with Jan Seifert and Elena Mondo). 2013. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 15(1): 87–101.
16. Improving Transparency and Accountability in the Budget Process: An Assessment of Recent Initiatives. 2013. *Development Policy Review* 31(s1): s49–s67.
17. Budget Transparency Around The World: Results From The 2008 Open Budget Survey (with Paolo De Renzio, Warren Krafchik and Vivek Ramkumar). 2009. *OECD Journal on Budgeting* 9(2): 1–17.

Book Chapters

1. Gendered Impact of Corruption on Public Services in Emerging Democracies (with Lucia Kovacicova). 2024. In *Gender and Corruption in Democracies: A Handbook*, eds. Tiffany Barnes and Emily Beaulieu. Edward Elgar Publishing.
2. Adapting COVID-19 containment in Africa: Lessons from Tanzania (with Thespina Yamanis and Henry Mollel). 2021. In *Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19*, eds. Scott L. Greer, Elizabeth J. King, André Peralta-Santos, Elize Massard da Fonseca. University of Michigan Press.
3. Governance Beyond the State: Social Institutions and Service Delivery (with Ellen Lust). 2021. In *Oxford Handbook of Quality of Government*, eds. Andreas Bågenholm, Monica Bauhr, Marcia Grimes, Bo Rothstein. Oxford University Press.

Working Papers

1. Environmental NGOs in Emerging Democracies: Obstacles to Effective Action (with Ketevan Bolkvadze and Marina Povitkina). QoG Working Paper Series No. 2024, 1. Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.
2. Who cares during crisis? New global gender data on time poverty during the COVID-19 pandemic (with Tara Patricia Cookson, Lorena Fuentes, and Alex Berryhill). Ladysmith Working Paper: July 2021.
3. Assessing the Costs and Benefits of COVID-19 Containment Strategies in Africa. Varieties of Democracy Institute (V-Dem) Users Working Paper 2021:40. (February 2021).

Other Publications

1. Targets without Traction? Do Nationally Determined Contributions Fail to Drive Mitigation Funding Distribution? (with Thomas Wencker). 2024. DEval Policy Brief 4/2024, German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), Bonn.
2. Towards quantifying politicization in foreign aid project reports (with Sidi Wang, Gustav Eggers, Alexia de Roode Torres Georgiadis, Do Tuan Anh, Léa Gontard, & Jelke Bloem). 2024. In H. Afli, H. Bouamor, C. Blasi Casagran, & S. Ghannay (Eds.), *The Second Workshop on Natural Language Processing for Political Sciences (PoliticalNLP 2024): proceedings: LREC-COLING 2024: 21 May, 2024, Torino, Italy*. ELRA Language Resources Association.
3. Review of Smith, Daniel Jordan, Every Household Its Own Government: Improvised Infrastructure, Entrepreneurial Citizens, and the State in Nigeria. H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews. January, 2023. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=58249>

4. Comparing Military and Human Security Spending: Key Findings and Methodological Notes. May 2022. *UN Women*.
5. A gender data snapshot of life during COVID-19: Survey on Gender Equality at Home Report (with Tara Patricia Cookson, Lorena Fuentes, and Alex Berryhill.) September 2020. *Facebook Data for Good*.
6. A Vicious Cycle? Understanding Constraints on the Expression of Demand for Improved Service Delivery. September 2019. *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter* 17(3): 21–24.
7. Seth M. Markle. A Motorcycle on Hell Run: Tanzania, Black Power, and the Uncertain Future of Pan-Africanism, 1964–1974. 2019. *African Studies Review* 62(4): E13–15.
8. Reducing Inequalities in Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene in the Era of the Sustainable Development Goals: Synthesis Report of the WASH Poverty Diagnostic Initiative. (with Craig Phillip Kullmann, Luis Alberto Andres, Vivek Srivastava, Emmanuel Skoufias, Shiqing Li, Elizabeth Clementine Loughnan, Brittany Meryl Gabel, and Suneira Rana) June 2018. The World Bank.
9. Decentralization and the delivery of water and sanitation services in Tanzania.” (with Jamie Boex) September 2017. World Bank Water Global Practice and Governance Global Practice.
10. Beyond the State: Measuring Governance at the Community Level.” (with Adam Harris, Kristen Kao, Pierre Landry, Ellen Lust, and Lise Rakner) June 2017. *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter* 16(1): 26–29.
11. Identifying and overcoming binding constraints to rural water services for the B40 in Tanzania.” June 2017. WASH Poverty Diagnostic commissioned by the World Bank.
12. ‘The Users’ in Technology-for-Transparency-and-Accountability Initiatives: Assumptions and Realities (with Rosemary McGee). October 2013. Learning study commissioned by Hivos.
13. Raising The Stakes: The Impact of HakiElimu’s Advocacy Work on Education Policy and Budget in Tanzania” (with Rosemary McGee) 2013. International Budget Partnership Case Study No. 12.

External Research Funding

Individual Grants

- European Research Council Starting Grant, 2024-2029. €1.500.000
- Boren Fellowship, U.S. National Security Education Program, 2013. \$20.000
- Development Research Challenge, Center for the Evaluation of Global Action, UC-Berkeley, 2011. \$5.000

Collaborative Grants

- UvA ENLENS (Energy Transition Through the Lens of SDGs) cross-faculty grant. €30.000
- Swedish Expert Group for Aid Studies, 2023-2024. €60.203
- Experiments on Governance and Politics Climate Change Governance Case Study Grant, 2023. \$6.000
- UvA Social & Behavioural Data Science Centre Valorization Grant, 2023. €9.438
- Research Project Grant, Swedish Research Council, 2019-2023. €390.496

Selected Research and Consulting Experience

- Consultant, UN Women (June - October 2021; May - June 2023)
- Consultant, Ladysmith (July 2020 - October 2021)
- Consultant, United States Agency for International Development (January-September 2018)
- Consultant, World Bank, Water Global Practice (July 2016 – June 2017)
- Consultant, Open Government Partnership (July 2015 – May 2016)
- Consultant, Twaweza (Tanzania), (June 2014 – January 2016)
- Consultant, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex (June 2010 – Sept. 2013)
- Consultant, International Budget Partnership (Oct. 2007 – Feb. 2013)
- Field Coordinator, RCT evaluation of *Uwezo* educational initiative (June - August 2011)
- Graduate Associate, Natural Resource Governance Institute, New York, USA (Nov. 2008 – Aug. 2009.)
- Policy Analyst, HakiElimu, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2006 – 2008)
- Research Assistant, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC, USA (2004 – 2006)

Skills and Service

Statistical methods: Programming in R, Stata, and QGIS.

Languages: Dutch (level B1.2); Swedish (limited working proficiency); Italian (intermediate proficiency); Kiswahili (intermediate proficiency); French (intermediate proficiency);

Service: Member, UvA Political Science Social Safety Committee (2023); Section Head, African Politics, APSA 2023; Student Organization Advisor, ONE (Tulane Chapter, 2021-2022); Member, Tulane Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee on Data Literacy (2021-2022); Section Head, Economic Development, MPSA 2021; Faculty Review Board member, *Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy* (2020-2022); African Politics Conference Group nominations committee (2020-2021); External Examiner, University of Pretoria Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development (2019-2020); Editorial Board Member, *APSA-CD* newsletter (2018/2019); Advisory Board Member, *Huria: Journal of the Open University of Tanzania* (2018-2021); Member, Data Must Speak Formative Evaluation Advisory Group (2018); Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Political Science Undergraduate Studies Committee (2014/2015); Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Political Science Graduate Studies Committee (2010-2011); Co-founder, Comparative Politics Association at UCLA (COMPASS)

Supervision:

- *Doctoral Supervision:* Symonekeo Thomas (Johns Hopkins University, 2024-); Zöe Sullivan (Tulane University, 2023-); Andres Sandoval (Tulane University, 2020-23)
- *Master's Thesis Supervision:* UvA MARP on 'Political Economy of International Development' (12 students in 2024; 12 in 2023); University of Gothenburg individual supervision (8 students, 2016-2019)
- *Bachelor Thesis Supervision:* UvA BARP on 'Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: Progress and Challenges' (7 students in 2022/3); Tulane University individual supervision (5 students, 2019-2021)