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## APPOINTMENTS

### Emory University

2022- **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science

### University of Rochester

2021-22 **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science

2016-21 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science

2015-16 **Postdoctoral Associate**, Wallis Institute of Political Economy

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

2010-15 **Ph.D.**, Department of Political Science, 2015

**M.A.**, Department of Economics, 2014

**M.A.**, Department of Political Science, 2011

### University of Virginia

2006-10 **B.A.**, Economics (Highest Distinction), Politics, Mathematics (minor)

## BOOKS

*Published* *Colonial Origins of Democracy and Dictatorship* (with Alexander Lee). Cambridge University Press, 2024.  
• 2025 APSA Comparative Politics Luebbert Best Book Award Honorable Mention

*In progress* *Authoritarian Origins: How Founding Events Shape Regime Trajectories*  
(with Killian Clarke and Anne Meng)  
*Sharing Political Power: A Game-Theoretic Approach*  
*State Formation in Colonial Africa* (with Xiaoyan Qiu and Joan Ricart-Huguet)

## ARTICLES

- Under review* "Violent Origins and Authoritarian Order: Divergent Trajectories after Successful Rebellions"  
(with Killian Clarke and Anne Meng). Conditionally accepted at *American Political Science Review*.  
"Councils and Indirect Rule in British Africa" (with Jutta Bolt, Leigh Gardner, Jennifer Kohler, and James Robinson). Conditionally accepted at *American Political Science Review*.  
"The Threat-Enhancing Effect of Authoritarian Power Sharing."  
Conditionally accepted at *American Journal of Political Science*.  
• APSA Formal Theory Section Award for Best Paper at the APSA 2024 Annual Meeting
- 2025 "Endogenous Colonial Borders: Precolonial States and Geography in the Partition of Africa"  
(with Xiaoyan Qiu and Joan Ricart-Huguet). *American Political Science Review*, 119(1): 1–20.  
• 2025 APSA Comparative Politics Luebbert Best Article Award  
• 2025 APCG Best Article Award Honorable Mention  
• Lead article
- 2024 "Stronger Challengers can Cause More (or Less) Conflict and Institutional Reform"  
(with Andrew Little). *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(3): 486–505.  
"A Comment on Powell and Formal Models of Power Sharing."  
*Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 36(2): 212–233.
- 2023 "Authoritarian Power Sharing: Concepts, Mechanisms, and Strategies"  
(with Anne Meng and Robert Powell). *Annual Review of Political Science*, 26: 153–173.  
"A Theory of External Wars and European Parliaments" (with Brenton Kenkel).  
*International Organization*, 77(1): 102–143.  
"The Great Revenue Divergence" (with Alexander Lee). *International Organization*, 77(2): 363–404.
- 2022 "Reframing the Guardianship Dilemma: How the Military's Dual Disloyalty Options Imperil Dictators."  
*American Political Science Review*, 116(4): 1425–1442.  
"Power Sharing and Authoritarian Stability: How Rebel Regimes Solve the Guardianship Dilemma"  
(with Anne Meng). *American Political Science Review*, 116(4): 1208–1225.  
"Democracy by Deterrence: Norms, Constitutions, and Electoral Tilting"  
(with Gretchen Helmke and Mary Kroeger). *American Journal of Political Science*, 66(2): 434–450.

- 2022 (cont.) "Strategic Power Sharing: Commitment, Capability, and Authoritarian Survival." *Journal of Politics*, 84(2): 1226–1232.  
 "Strategic Civil War Aims and the Resource Curse." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 17(2): 183–221.
- 2021 "The Dictator's Power-Sharing Dilemma: Countering Dual Outsider Threats." *American Journal of Political Science*, 65(2): 510–527.
- 2019 "Ethnic Violence in Africa: Destructive Legacies of Pre-Colonial States." *International Organization*, 73(3): 645–683.  
 "Democratic Contradictions in European Settler Colonies." *World Politics*, 71(3): 542–585.  
 "Redistributive Political Transitions: Minority Rule and Liberation Wars in Colonial Africa." *Journal of Politics*, 81(2): 505–523.  
 "Economic Grievances and Civil War: An Application to the Resource Curse." *International Studies Quarterly*, 63(2): 244–258.  
 "British Colonialism and Democracy: Divergent Inheritances and Diminishing Legacies" (with Alexander Lee). *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 47(3): 487–503.  
 "What Were the Consequences of Decolonization?" (with Alexander Lee). *International Studies Quarterly*, 63(2): 406–416.
- 2017 "Qualitative Investigation of Theoretical Models: The Value of Process Tracing" (with Peter Lorentzen and M. Taylor Fravel). *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 29(3): 467–491.
- 2016 "Rethinking the Conflict 'Resource Curse': How Oil Wealth Prevents Center-Seeking Civil Wars." *International Organization*, 70(4): 727–761.  
 "Set-Theoretic Comparative Methods (STCM): Less Distinctive Than Claimed." *Comparative Political Studies*, 49(6): 703–741.  
 "Still Searching for the Value-Added: Persistent Concerns About Set-Theoretic Comparative Methods." *Comparative Political Studies*, 49(6): 793–800.

#### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- "Formal Theory: Three Pillars of Authoritarian Power" (with Scott A. Tyson). Forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook on Authoritarian Politics*, available ahead of print [here](#).  
 "Myths of Border Formation in Colonial Africa: The Role of Precolonial States and Water Bodies" (with Xiaoyan Qiu and Joan Ricart-Huguet). Forthcoming in the *Routledge Handbook of African Borderlands*.  
 "Uses and Abuses of Formal Models in Political Science" (with Scott A. Tyson). 2020. *SAGE Handbook of Political Science: A Global Perspective*, Chapter 11.

#### DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS

- Director of Graduate Studies Emory Political Science (2024–)
- Associate Editor *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2023–)
- Editorial Board *American Political Science Review* (2024–), *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (2023–)
- Committees 2025 APSA Division Chair (Formal Theory), 2023 and 2025 Evan Ringquist Award committee (best paper on political institutions presented at the prior year's MPSA conference), 2022 Journal of Theoretical Politics Ostrom Award committee (best article published in *JTP* the previous calendar year)
- Referee *American Economic Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Notre Dame University Press*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Research & Politics*, *Security Studies*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *World Politics*

## AWARDS

2025 APSA Comparative Politics Luebbert Best Article Award – “Endogenous Colonial Borders: Precolonial States and Geography in the Partition of Africa” (with Xiaoyan Qiu and Joan Ricart-Huguet). *American Political Science Review*.

2025 APSA Comparative Politics Luebbert Best Book Award Honorable Mention – *Colonial Origins of Democracy and Dictatorship* (with Alexander Lee). *Cambridge University Press*.

APSA Formal Theory Section Award for Best Paper at the APSA 2024 Annual Meeting – “The Threat-Enhancing Effect of Authoritarian Power Sharing”

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Planned: ASSA Annual Meeting, Center for the Study of Law and Society (Berkeley Law), Vanderbilt Conflict workshop, Yale Comparative Politics & Political Economy workshop, Duke Political Economy/Political Institutions seminar
- 2025 SPSA Annual Meeting, Columbia Comparative Politics seminar, Rochester Conference on Democratic Norms, APSA Annual Meeting. Planned: Comparative Politics & Formal Theory Conference (Stanford), African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Center for Comparative and International Studies (ETH Zurich and University of Zurich)
- 2024 Aspen Political Economy Conference, APSA Annual Meeting, Formal Models of Conflict (Pitt), Harris Political Economy (UChicago)
- 2023 Comparative politics seminar (UC Davis), Formal Models in Comparative Politics (discussant), APSA Annual Meeting, Formal Models of Conflict (Pitt)
- 2022 The Nature of Political Power in Igboland (held at the University of Nigeria), State Capacity in Comparative and International Perspective (Yale University), Political Economy seminar (NYU), Comparative Politics seminar (UC Berkeley)
- 2021 Powellfest 2021; APSA Annual Meeting; Syracuse University – Comparative Politics and International Relations seminar; African Politics Conference Group online workshop; VWAR online workshop; University of Southern California Comparative Politics workshop
- 2020 Cornell University – Peace and Conflict Institute Reading Group; APSA Annual Meeting; SPSA Annual Meeting; University of Michigan – Conflict & Peace, Research & Development seminar; University of Chicago – Workshop on International Politics; Vanderbilt University – Conference on Formal Models of International Relations; African Politics Conference Group online workshop
- 2019 APSA Annual Meeting, SPSA Annual Meeting, ISA Annual Meeting, MPSA Annual Meeting, SIOE Annual Meeting, Harris Political Economy lunch series
- 2018 SPSA Annual Meeting, WPSA Annual Meeting, EPSA Annual Meeting, APSA Annual Meeting, Formal Theory and Comparative Politics conference (Yale University), Harris Political Economy seminar (University of Chicago)
- 2017 SPSA Annual Meeting, University of Washington Political Economy Workshop, WPSA Annual Meeting, APSA Annual Meeting
- 2016 APSA Annual Meeting, Formal Models in International Relations Conference at the University of Southern California, SPSA Annual Meeting
- 2015 APSA Annual Meeting, Polmeth Annual Meeting, University of Michigan, WGAPE regional meeting
- 2014 APSA Annual Meeting, Duke University Security, Peace, and Conflict seminar, Emory University, ISNIE Annual Meeting, MPSA Annual Meeting, Polmeth Annual Meeting, UC Berkeley Political Economy Research Lunch, University of Rochester
- 2013 APSA Annual Meeting, MPSA Annual Meeting, Polmeth Annual Meeting, UC Berkeley Comparative Politics Colloquium, UT Austin Workshop on Case Studies and Medium-N Analysis

## TEACHING

### Undergraduate

Authoritarian Politics, Democracy and Dictatorship, Democracy and Authoritarianism in the United States, Principles of Political Science, Senior Honors Seminar

### Graduate

Dictatorship and Democracy, Formal Models of Non-Democratic Politics, Applied Game Theory