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Academic Appointments

New York University	Professor of Politics, 2024-present.
	Associate Professor of Politics, 2017-2024.
	Assistant Professor of Politics, 2011-2017.

Education

Columbia University	Ph.D., Political Science, 2005-2011.
	M.I.A., School of International & Public Affairs, 2002-2004.
	Post-baccalaureate, Economics, 2000-2001.
Tufts University	B.A./B.F.A., English literature and fine arts, 1994-1999.

Research

Causal Inference and Research Design

Journal Articles & Chapters

Samii, Cyrus; Ye Wang & Junlong Aaron Zhou. (2026). "Generalizing Trimming Bounds for Endogenously Missing Outcome Data Using Random Forests." *Political Analysis* 34(1):23-37.

Wang, Ye; Cyrus Samii; Haoge Chang & PM Aronow. (2025). "Design-Based Inference for Spatial Experiments Under Unknown Interference." *Annals of Applied Statistics 19*(1): 744-768.

Zonszein, Stephanie; PM Aronow & Cyrus Samii. (2025). "Estimating Causal Effects in Experiments with Network Spillovers." In Taha Yasseri, ed., *Handbook of Computational Social Science*, pp. 209-222. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishers.

Samii, Cyrus. (2023). "Methodologies for 'Political Science as Problem Solving.'" In Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, and Dino Christenson, eds. *Oxford Handbook of Methodological Pluralism*, vol. 2, 202–215. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Cyrus Samii; Ye Wang; Jonathan A. Sullivan & PM Aronow. (2023). "Inference in Spatial Experiments with Interference Using the *SpatialEffect* Package." *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics* 28(1):138-156.

Dehejia, Rajeev; Cristian Pop-Eleches & Cyrus Samii. (2021). "From Local to Global: External Validity in a Fertility Natural Experiment." *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics.* 39(1):217-243.

Aronow, PM; Dean Eckles, Cyrus Samii & Stephanie Zonszein. (2021). "Spillover Effects in Experimental Data." In James Druckman & Donald Green, Eds. *Advances in Experimental Political Science*, pp. 289-319. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Samii, Cyrus. (2020). "Reasons for Policy Experimentation that Have Nothing to Do with Selection Bias." *World Development* 127(C) (symposium on randomized controlled trials in development).

Aronow, PM & Cyrus Samii. (2017). "Estimating Average Causal Effects Under General Interference." *Annals of Applied Statistics* 11(4):1912-1947.

Bisbee, James; Rajeev Dehejia; Cristian Pop-Eleches & Cyrus Samii. (2017). "Local Instruments, Global Extrapolation: External Validity of the Labor Supply-Fertility Local Average Treatment Effect." *Journal of Labor Economics* 35(S1):S99-S147.

Samii, Cyrus; Laura Paler & Sarah Zukerman Daly. (2016). "Retrospective Causal Inference with Machine Learning Ensembles: An Application to Anti-Recidivism Policies in Colombia." *Political Analysis* 24(4):434-456.

Samii, Cyrus. (2016). "Causal Empiricism in Quantitative Research." *Journal of Politics* 78(3):941–955.

Aronow, PM & Cyrus Samii. (2016). "Does Regression Produce Representative Estimates of Causal Effects?" *American Journal of Political Science 60* (1):250-267.

Aronow, PM; Cyrus Samii & Valentina Assenova. (2015). "Cluster Robust Variance Estimation for Dyadic Data." *Political Analysis 23* (4): 564-577.

Aronow, PM & Cyrus Samii. (2013). "Conservative Variance Estimation for Sampling Designs with Zero Pairwise Inclusion Probabilities." *Survey Methodology 39*(1):231-241.

Samii, Cyrus & PM Aronow. (2012). "On Equivalencies Between Design-Based and Regression-Based Variance Estimators for Randomized Experiments" *Statistics and Probability Letters 82*(2):365-370.

Samii, Cyrus. (2012). "Review of Steven K. Thompson, *Sampling, Third Edition*." *Journal of Official Statistics 28*(3):466-468.

Samii, Cyrus. (2011). "Missing Data." In Bertrand Badie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, and Leonardo Molino, eds., *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Software

Wang, Ye; Cyrus Samii & Junlong Aaron Zhou. (2025) *CTTB*: Estimate Aggregated and Conditional Trimming Bounds Using Information from Covariates. R Package Version 0.1. (available on Github)

Wang, Ye; PM Aronow & Cyrus Samii. (2020) *SpatialEffect*: An R package for Design-Based Inference for Spatial Effects. R Package Version 0.1. (available on Github)

Zonszein, Stephanie; Peter M. Aronow & Cyrus Samii. (2020). *interference*: An R Package for Design-Based Estimation of Spillover Effects." *R Package Version 0.1*. (available on Github)

Aronow, PM. & Cyrus Samii. (2012). *ri*: R package for performing randomization-based inference for experiments. *R package version 0.9*. http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ri/.

Working Papers & In Progress

Gordon, Sanford C.; Cyrus Samii & Zhihao Su. (2025). "Data-NoMAD: A Tool for Boosting Confidence in the Integrity of Social Science Survey Data."

Wilke, Anna & Cyrus Samii. (2025). "Reasons for Research Design Diversification in Coordinated Experiments." Prepared for *PS: Political Science and Politics* symposium on "Data Harmonization in Political Science and Related Fields: Innovations, Challenges, and Visions for the Future."

Wilke, Anna & Cyrus Samii. (2025). "To Harmonize or Not? Research Design for Cross-Context Learning."

Fu, Jiawei; Cyrus Samii & Ye Wang. (2025). "Inference for Group Interaction Experiments."

Gechter, Michael; Cyrus Samii; Rajeev Dehejia & Cristian Pop-Eleches (2018). "Evaluating Ex Ante Counterfactual Predictions Using Ex Post Causal Inference."

Archived Working Papers

Zhou, Junlong; Michael Gechter & Cyrus Samii. (2022). "Learning Practical Policies for Populations with Implementation Costs."

Burde, Dana; Joel Middleton; Cyrus Samii & Ye Wang. (2022). "How to Account for Alternatives When Comparing Effects: Revisiting 'Bringing Education to Afghan Girls'."

Political Institutions, Conflict, and Governance Research

Books & Edited Volumes

King, Elisabeth & Cyrus Samii. (2020) *Diversity, Violence, and Recognition: How Recognizing Ethnic Identity Promotes Peace.* Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Sidhu, WPS, Busra Asif & Cyrus Samii, Eds. (2006). *Kashmir: New Voices, New Approaches.* Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Journal Articles & Chapters

Curiel, Maria Ignacia; Cyrus Samii & Mateo Vasquez-Cortes. (2026). "Rebel Party Stigmatization: Measuring the Political Price of a Rebel Past." *Journal of Peace Research* (forthcoming).

Samii, Cyrus. (2026). "Revisiting Community-Driven Reconstruction in Fragile States." In Patricia Justino, ed., *Institutional Legacies of Violent Conflict*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Burde, Dana; Joel Middleton; Roxanne Rahnama & Cyrus Samii. (2025). "Can Communities Take Charge? A Randomized Controlled Trial on Sustaining Schools in Afghanistan." *Journal of Politics* (forthcoming).

Henn, Soeren; Laura Paler; Wilson Prichard; Cyrus Samii & Raul Sanchez de la Sierra. (2025). "Seeing like a Citizen: Experimental Evidence on How Empowerment Affects Engagement with the State." *American Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming).

Christensen, Darin; Alexandra Hartman; Cyrus Samii & Alessandro Toppeta. (2025). "Interest-based Negotiation over Natural Resources: Experimental Evidence from Liberia." *Journal of the European Economic Association* 24(3):976–996.

Asimovic, Nejla; Ruth Ditlmann & Cyrus Samii. (2024). "Estimating the effect of intergroup contact over years: Evidence from a youth program in Israel." *Political Science Research and Methods 12*(3):475-493.

Sullivan, Jonathan A.; Cyrus Samii; Dan G. Brown; Francis Moyo & Arun Agrawal. (2023). "Large-scale Land Acquisitions Exacerbate Land Inequality in Tanzania." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 120*(32), e2207398120.

Curiel, Maria Ignacia; Cyrus Samii & Mateo Vasquez-Cortes. (2023). "Democratic Integration of Former Insurgents: Evidence from a Civic Inclusion Campaign in Colombia." *Journal of Politics 85*(3):919-932.

Gilligan, Michael J; Prabin Khadka & Cyrus Samii. (2023). "Intrinsic Social Incentives in State and Non-State Armed Groups." *American Political Science Review* 117(1):22-41.

Slough, Tara; et al. (19 coauthors) (2021). "Adoption of Community Monitoring Improves Common Pool Resource Management Across Contexts." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 118*(29):e2015367118.

Christensen, Darin; Alexandra Hartman & Cyrus Samii. (2021). "Citizen Monitoring Promotes Informed and Inclusive Forest Governance in Liberia." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 118*(29):e2015169118.

Christensen, Darin; Alexandra Hartman & Cyrus Samii. (2021). "Legibility and External Investment: An Institutional Natural Experiment in Liberia." *International Organization* 75(4): 1087-1108.

Aaronson, Daniel; Rajeev Dehejia; Andrew Jordan; Cristian Pop-Eleches; Cyrus Samii & Karl Schulze. (2021). "The Effect of Fertility on Labor Supply over the Last Two Centuries." *Economic Journal* 131(633): 1–32.

Mvukiyehe, Eric & Cyrus Samii. (2021). "Peacekeeping and Development in Fragile States: Micro-Level Evidence from Liberia." *Journal of Peace Research 58*(3):368-383.

Samii, Cyrus & Emily West. (2021). "Repressed Productive Potential and Revolt: Insights from an Insurgency in Burundi." *Political Science Research and Methods 9*:106-121.

Daly, Sarah Zukerman; Laura Paler & Cyrus Samii. (2020). "Wartime Ties and the Social Logic of Crime." *Journal of Peace Research* 57(4):536-550.

King, Elisabeth & Cyrus Samii. (2018). "Minorities and Mistrust: On the Adoption of Ethnic Recognition to Manage Conflict." *Journal of Peace Research* 55(3): 289-304.

Carnegie, Allison & Cyrus Samii. (2019). "International Institutions and Political Liberalization: Evidence from the World Bank Loans Program." *British Journal of Political Science* 49(4): 1357-1379.

Mvukiyehe, Eric & Cyrus Samii. (2017). "Promoting Democracy in Fragile States: Insights from a Field Experiment in Liberia." *World Development* 95(1):254-267.

Ditlmann, Ruth; Cyrus Samii & Thomas Zeitzoff. (2017). "Addressing Violent Inter-Group Conflict from the Bottom Up?" *Social Issues and Policy Review* 11(1):38-77.

Ditlmann, Ruth & Cyrus Samii. (2016). "Can Intergroup Contact Affect In-group Dynamics? Insights from a Field Study with Jewish and Arab-Palestinian Youth in Israel." *Peace and Conflict* 22(4):380-392.

Lawry, Steven; Cyrus Samii, Ruth Hall, Aaron Leopold, Donna Hornby & Farai Mtero. (2017). "The Impact of Land Property Rights Interventions on Investment and Agricultural

Productivity in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review." *Journal of Development Effectiveness* 9(1):61-81.

King, Elisabeth & Cyrus Samii. (2014). "Fast Track Institution Building in Conflict Affected Countries? Insights from Recent Field Experiments." *World Development 64*:740-754.

Gilligan, Michael, Benjamin Pasquale & Cyrus Samii. (2014). "Civil War and Social Cohesion: Lab-in-the-Field Evidence from Nepal." *American Journal of Political Science 58*(3):604-619.

Samii, Cyrus. (2014). "Military Integration in Burundi." In Roy Licklider, Ed. *New Armies from Old: Military Integration after Civil War*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.

Samii, Cyrus. (2013). "Perils or Promise of Ethnic Integration: Evidence from a Hard Case in Burundi." *American Political Science Review 107*(3):558-573.

Samii, Cyrus. (2013). "Who Wants to Forgive and Forget? Transitional Justice Preferences in Post-war Burundi." *Journal of Peace Research 50*(2):219-233.

Gilligan, Michael, Eric Mvukiyehe & Cyrus Samii. (2013). "Reintegrating Rebels into Civilian Life: Quasi-experimental Evidence from Burundi." *Journal of Conflict Resolution 57*(4):598-626.

King, Elisabeth, Cyrus Samii, & Birte Snilstveit. (2010). "Interventions to Promote Social Cohesion in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Journal of Development Effectiveness*. 2(3):336-370, 2010.

Samii, Cyrus. (2006). "Seizing the Moment in Kashmir." *SAIS Review 26*(1):65-78.

Samii, Cyrus. (2006). "Conclusion: Managing Nuclear Threats After Iraq." In WPS Sidhu & Ramesh Thakur, eds., *Arms Control After Iraq*. Tokyo: UN University Press, 2006.

Cockayne, James & Cyrus Samii. (2006). "UN Reform: Structural and Normative Challenges," with James Cockayne. In Ramesh Thakur & WPS Sidhu, eds., *The Iraq Crisis and World Order*. Tokyo: UN University Press.

Sidhu, WPS & Cyrus Samii. (2003). "Strengthening Regional Approaches to Peace Operations," with W.P.S. Sidhu. In Michael Pugh & WPS Sidhu, eds., *The UN and Regional Security: Europe and Beyond*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

Working Papers & In Progress

Bado, Arsene Brice ; Yapo Felix Boa; Horace Gninafon; Paul Kawale; Fortunate Machingura; Cyrus Samii; Samba Corr Sarr; Mame Mor Anta Syll; Mavuto Thomas & Maarten Voors. (2025). "Personal Engagement Increases Vaccine Trust Among Africa's Vaccine-Hesitant: The Health Ambassadors Cluster RCT."

Setrini, Gustavo; Cynthia Gonzalez; Cyrus Samii & Antonella Bandiera. (2025). "Microcorporatism and Local Development: A Participatory Planning Experiment in Rural Paraguay."

Burde, Dana; Rena Deitz; Joel Middleton & Cyrus Samii. (2025). "Can Foreign Aid Boost State Legitimacy During Conflict? Experimental Evidence from Education Aid in Afghanistan."

Vining, Peter; Michael Gillian & Cyrus Samii. (2024). "Climates Against Violent Extremism: A Randomized Controlled Trial with University Students in Bangladesh."

Touola Meda, Francis & Cyrus Samii. (2022). "Strategies for Overcoming Ethnic 'Politics of Fear'."

Bandiera, Antonella; Dongil Lee; Francis Touola Meda & Cyrus Samii. (2022). "Empowering the People: How to Promote Responsiveness to the Poor?"

Kelcey, Jo; Amy Kapit; Joel Middleton; Cyrus Samii & Dana Burde. (2021). "Community Based Education and the Struggle to Support Post-Conflict Statebuilding in Afghanistan: Lessons for non-state Service Providers."

Commissioned Policy Reports

Burde, Dana; Heddy Lahmann; Rena Deitz; Hamidullah Gharibzada; Abdul Hamid Hatsaandh; Mohammad Jawed Nazari & Cyrus Samii. (2024). *Expanding Access to Quality Education in Afghanistan*. New York and London: Steinhardt School, New York University, and LAPIS Group.

Vining, Peter; Cyrus Samii & Michael Gilligan. (2021). *Impact Evaluation of the Obirodh – Road to Tolerance Youth Leadership Training Program in Bangladeshi Universities*. Washington, DC: NORC for USAID.

Setrini, Gustavo; Cyrus Samii & Cynthia Gonzalez. (2020). *Impact Evaluation of the Democracy, Rights, and Governance Components of USAID/Paraguay's Inclusive Value Chains Project*. Washington, DC: NORC for USAID.

Burde, Dana; Joel Middleton & Cyrus Samii. (2019). *The Assessment of Learning Outcomes and Social Effects of Community-Based Education: A Randomized Field Experiment in Afghanistan, Phase Two Outcomes Report*. New York: Steinhardt School, New York University.

Burde, Dana; Joel Middleton & Cyrus Samii. (2017). *The Assessment of Learning Outcomes and Social Effects of Community-Based Education: A Randomized Field Experiment in Afghanistan, Phase Two Baseline Report*. New York: Steinhardt School, New York University.

Paler, Laura; Wilson Prichard, Cyrus Samii & Raul Sanchez de la Sierra. (2017). *Survey on Total Tax Burden in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.* London: UKAID/DFID.

Burde, Dana; Joel Middleton & Cyrus Samii. (2016). *The Assessment of Learning Outcomes and Social Effects of Community-Based Education: A Randomized Field Experiment in Afghanistan, Phase One Outcomes Report.* New York: Steinhardt School, New York University.

Burde, Dana; Joel Middleton & Cyrus Samii. (2016). *The Assessment of Learning Outcomes and Social Effects of Community-Based Education: A Randomized Field Experiment in Afghanistan, Baseline Report.* New York: Steinhardt School, New York University.

Burde, Dana; Joel Middleton & Cyrus Samii. (2015). *Community-Based Schools and Institutionalized Access to Education in Rural Afghanistan.* New York: Steinhardt School, New York University.

Paler, Laura; Cyrus Samii, Matthew Lisiecki & Adrian Morel. (2015). *Social and Environmental Effects of the Community Rangers Program in Aceh.* Washington and Jakarta: The World Bank.

Samii, Cyrus; Matthew Lisiecki, Parahsar Kulkarni, Laura Paler & Larry Chavis. (2014). "Effects of Payments for Environmental Services and Decentralized Forest Management on Deforestation and Poverty in Low and Middle Income Countries: A Systematic Review." *International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Campbell Collaboration International Development, and Collaboration for Environmental Evidence Systematic Reviews 10*(10 & 11).

Lawry, Steven; Cyrus Samii, Ruth Hall, Aaron Leopold, Donna Hornby & Farai Mtero. (2013). "The Impact of Property Rights Interventions on Investment and Agricultural Productivity in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review." *International Initiative for Impact Evaluation and Campbell Collaboration International Development Systematic Reviews 10*(1).

Samii, Cyrus; Annette Brown & Monika Kulma. (2012). "Evaluating Stabilization Interventions." International Initative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) White Paper.

Samii, Cyrus. (2012). "Evaluation." In Adam Smith & Arthur Boutellis, Eds. *The Management Handbook: A Practical Guide for Managers in UN Field Missions.* New York: International Peace Institute.

Mvukiyehe, Eric & Cyrus Samii. (2010). "Quantitative Impact Evaluation of the United Nations Mission in Liberia" (with Eric Mvukiyehe). Submitted to UN Office for Internal Oversight Services, February 2010.

Mvukiyehe, Eric & Cyrus Samii. (2009). "Laying a Foundation for Peace? Micro-Impacts of Peacekeeping in Cote d'Ivoire." Submitted to UN Office for Internal Oversight Services, September 2009.

Samii, Cyrus. (2009). "Who Wants to Forgive and Forget?: Civilian Attitudes Toward Post-conflict Justice and Truth in Burundi." Report submitted to actors and agencies engaged in the Burundi transitional justice public consultations process. April 2009.

Bartoli, Andrea & Cyrus Samii. (2006). Review of UN Capacities for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (contributor). Basis of Report of Secretary-General, UN document A/60/891, July 2006.

Samii, Cyrus. (2005). "Developing Peace Partnerships in Africa." Backgrounder and report for International Peace Institute, Vienna Seminar on Peacekeeping Operations.

Samii, Cyrus. (2004). "Peace Operations in Africa." Report for International Peace Institute, Vienna Seminar on Peacekeeping Operations.

Invited Talks Since 2024

"Excombatant Reintegration in Colombia" (overview of various papers).
Aug 2026: Folke Bernadotte Academy Learning Days, Stockholm.

"Targeting Incentives for Ecosystem Services (TIES): The 'Last Mile' of Climate Finance in Liberia"
Sep 2026: Comparative Politics Workshop, U. of Toronto.
Jun 2026: Development Economics Research Centre at Kent Workshop, Canterbury.
May 2026: Evidence in Governance and Politics, Duke U., Durham.
Jul 2024: European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Cologne.

"Generalizability as a Model Selection Problem."
Jun 2026: European Political Science Society Annual Conference, Belfast.
May 2026: Perspectives on External Validity in the Social Sciences, Yale U., New Haven

"Revisiting Community-Driven Reconstruction in Fragile States."
Feb 2026: World Bank/Spark Community and Local Development Forum, Kigali.
Feb 2025: UNU-Wider Poverty and Fragility Workshop, Helsinki (via Zoom).

"Inference for Group Interaction Experiments."
Feb 2026: Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop, U. of Wisconsin, Madison.
Jan 2026: Isaac Newton Institute Foundations of Causal Inference Workshop, Cambridge.
May 2025: Society for Causal Inference Annual Conference, Detroit.
Mar 2025: Princeton University Quantitative Social Science Colloquium, Princeton.
Mar 2025: New York University Rebecca Morton Experiments Conference, New York.
Jan 2025: UC Berkeley Political Science Departmental Workshop, Berkeley.
Jan 2025: Stanford University Political Science Methodology Workshop, Palo Alto.
Sep 2024: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
Jul 2024: European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Cologne.

"Personal Engagement Increases Vaccine Trust Among Africa's Vaccine-Hesitant: The Health Ambassadors Cluster RCT."

Oct 2025: Comparative Politics Seminar, U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
Oct 2025: Friday Seminar Series, CERAP/U. jésuite, Abidjan.
Oct 2024: Evidence in Governance and Politics, Sciences Po, Paris.

"Microcorporatism and Local Development: A Participatory Planning Experiment in Rural Paraguay."
Oct 2025: FLACSO Annual Congress, Buenos Aires.
Oct 2025: Economics Seminar, U. de San Andres, Buenos Aires.
Jul 2025: European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Madrid.
May 2025: Evidence in Governance and Politics, Sciences Po, Medellin.

"To Harmonize or Not? Research Design for Cross-Context Learning."
Jul 2025: European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Madrid.

"Seeing like a Citizen: Experimental Evidence on How Empowerment Affects Engagement with the State"
Mar 2025: Oxford University Center for the Study of African Economies, Oxford.
Feb 2025: University of Michigan Center for Political Studies, Ann Arbor.
Feb 2024: Rice University Hudspeth Lecture, Houston.

"Reasons for Research Design Diversification in Coordinated Experiments."
Feb 2025: ERC Symposium on Data Harmonization (online).

"Data-NoMAD: A Tool for Boosting Confidence in the Integrity of Social Science Survey Data."
Feb 2025: UC Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, Berkeley.

"Expanding Access to Quality Education in Afghanistan."
Nov 2024: New York U. Wagner School Research Colloquium, New York.
Oct 2024: Evidence in Governance and Politics, Sciences Po, Paris.

"Interest-Based Negotiation Over Natural Resources: Experimental Evidence from Liberia."
Sep 2024: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

Grants

Fonds d'innovation pour le développement (FID), *Targeting Incentives for Environmental Stewardship (TIES) to Combat Deforestation in Liberia*, 2025-2027 (EUR 1,021,024), with Darin Christensen, Alexandra Hartman, and Gregory Kitt.
Lapis and UNICEF, *Expanding Access to Quality Education in Afghanistan, Phase II*, 2024-2026 ($300,000), with Dana Burde and Heddy Lahmann.
United States Institute of Peace, *Can Democracy Training Build Peace? Building Evidence from a Field Experiment in South Sudan*, 2024-2026 ($99,000), with Jimmy Graham.
Lapis and UNICEF, *Expanding Access to Quality Education in Afghanistan*, 2023-2024 ($550,000), with Dana Burde and Heddy Lahmann.
King Climate Action Initiative, Jameel Poverty Action Lab, *Payments for Ecosystem Services to Reduce Deforestation in Communal Forestland in Liberia*, 2022-2024 ($66,000), with Darin Christensen, Alexandra Hartman, and Gregory Kitt.

Folke Bernadotte Academy (Govt. of Sweden), *From Strong Wartime Collaborators to Weak Post-conflict Electorate*, 2022-2024 ($49,000), with Maria Ignacia Curiel and Mateo Vasquez.

Social Science Research Council, EGAP-PASGR-CERAP *Health Ambassadors Multi-Country Trial*, 2022-2024 ($1,221,000), with Susan Hyde, Arsene Brice Bado, and Anthony Mveyange.

Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, *Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) General Operating Grant*, 2022-2024 ($1,650,000), with Susan Hyde.

Hewlett Foundation, *Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) General Operating Grant*, 2022-2024 ($1,160,000), with Susan Hyde.

Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning, *Predicting Optimal Policies for New Contexts Using Existing Studies*, 2020-2021 ($258,000), with Rajeev Dehejia, Cristian Pop-Eleches, and Michael Gechter.

Folke Bernadotte Academy (Govt. of Sweden), Colombia ex-combatant reintegration study, 2018-2020 ($24,500), with Mateo Vasquez.

Innovations for Poverty Action, Colombia ex-combatant reintegration study, 2018-2019 ($149,999), with Sarah Daly, Laura Paler, Mounu Prem, Jacob Shapiro, and Juan Vargas.

USAID, Bangladesh countering violent extremism study, 2018-2021 ($300,000), with Michael Gilligan and Peter Vining.

UKAID/DFID and Evidence in Governance and Politics Metaketa III, Liberia forest resource management study, 2017-2019 ($240,000), with Darin Christensen, Alexandra Hartman, and Gregory Kitt.

Folke Bernadotte Academy (Govt. of Sweden), ethnic recognition research grants, 2013-2018 ($25,000 and $20,000), with Elisabeth King.

USAID, Paraguay governance and inclusive value chains study, 2014-2018 ($300,000), with Gustavo Setrini and Cynthia Gonzalez.

UKAID/DFID, Democratic Republic of the Congo fiscal burdens study, 2014-2016 ($675,000), with Laura Paler, Wilson Prichard, and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra.

International Growth Centre, Pakistan affirmative action study, 2014-2016 ($83,000), with Saad Gulzar and Shah-Bano Ijaz.

Asian Development Bank and Innovations for Poverty Action, Mindanao armed group integration study, 2014-2016 ($150,000), with Ben Oppenheim and Yuhki Tajima.

USAID, Afghanistan education and sustainable service provision study, 2014-2017 ($7.2 million), with Dana Burde and Joel Middleton.

Folke Bernadotte Academy (Govt. of Sweden), Mindanao military integration study, 2013-2014 ($31,000), with Ben Oppenheim and Yuhki Tajima.

DANIDA, Afghanistan education and sustainable service provision study, 2013-2014 ($250,000), with Dana Burde and Joel Middleton.

Asian Development Bank and Innovations for Poverty Action, partnership development grants for conflict & development research in Burma, Indonesia, and the Philippines, 2013 ($45,000), with Ben Oppenheim and Yuhki Tajima.

United States Institute of Peace, inter-group reconciliation in Israel/Palestine, 2013-2015 ($120,000), with Ruth Ditlmann.

3ie, environmental protection in developing countries research grant, 2012-2013 ($69,000), with Larry Chavis and Laura Paler.

World Bank, environmental protection and post-conflict reintegration in Aceh evaluation study, 2010-2014 ($200,000), with Laura Paler.

3ie social cohesion in Africa research grant, 2009 ($11,000), with Elisabeth King.

UN-OIOS, Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia research grant, 2008, ($135,000), with Eric Mvukiyehe.

Folke Bernadotte Academy (Govt. of Sweden), Burundi and Nepal research grant, 2006-2009 ($172,000), with Michael Gilligan, Macartan Humphreys, Eric Mvukiyehe, and Gwendolyn Taylor.
United States Institute of Peace, Burundi research grant, 2007 ($53,000), with Michael Gilligan, Macartan Humphreys, Eric Mvukiyehe, and Gwendolyn Taylor.

Fellowships

Goddard Fellow, New York University, 2014.
MacMillan Center, Order, Conflict & Violence Pre-doctoral Fellow, Yale University, 2010-2011.
Eisenhower Institute Dissertation Fellow, 2009-2010.
William T.R. Fox Fellow, Columbia University, 2008-2009.

Awards

Society for Political Methodology, Becky Morton and Tom Carsey Excellence in Mentoring Award, 2024.
International Studies Association, Best Book Award, *Diversity, Violence, and Recognition* (with Elisabeth King), 2022.
AAPOR-NY, Mitofsky Student Paper Award, "Who Wants to Forgive and Forget," 2011.

Teaching and Advising

PhD-level Courses

Workshop in Social Data Science, Politics and Sociology Dept., New York University, 2026.
Quantitative Methods II (causal inference), Politics Dept., New York University, 2012-2026.
Quantitative Field Methods (research design and RCTs), Politics Dept., New York University, 2012-2023.

Undergraduate Courses

Intermediate Quantitative Methods for Politics, Politics Dept., New York U., 2026.
Comparative Politics Seminar: Diversity & Society, Politics Dept., New York U., 2022-2026.
Diversity & Society (co-taught with Eric Knowles, psychology), Politics Dept., New York U. Abu Dhabi, 2017-2023.
International Relations Senior Honors Thesis Seminar, Politics Dept., New York U., 2013.
Comparative Politics Field Seminar, Politics Dept., New York U., 2012.

Dissertation Advisees (placement)

Alper Gencer, NYU Politics, 2024-present.
Avi Ahuja, NYU Politics, 2024-present.
Jimmy Graham, NYU Politics, 2024-present.
Narrelle Gilchrist, Princeton Politics, 2024-present.
Sorana Acris, NYU Steinhardt, PhD 2025.
Rena Deitz, NYU Steinhardt, PhD 2024 (*NYU visiting assistant prof.*).
Tatsuya Koyama, NYU Politics, PhD 2024 (*Emory U. postdoc.*).

Roxanne Rahnama, NYU Politics, PhD 2024. (*Stanford U., postdoc*).
Mark Williamson, NYU Politics, PhD 2024 (*Toronto Metropolitan U., postdoc; McGill U., assistant prof.*).
Alexis Palmer, NYU Politics, PhD 2024 (*Dartmouth U., postdoc.; Tulane U., assistant prof.*).
Jiawei Fu, NYU Politics, PhD 2024 (*Yale U. postdoc.; Duke U. assistant prof.*).
Maria Ignacia Curiel, NYU Politics, PhD 2023 (*Stanford U., postdoc.*).
Giacomo Lemoli, NYU Politics, PhD 2023 (*IAS Toulouse, postdoc.*).
Nejla Asimovic, NYU Politics, PhD 2023 (*UPenn, postdoc.; Georgetown U., assistant prof.*).
Junlong Aaron Zhou, NYU Politics, PhD 2022 (*TenCent Data Science*).
Mariana Alvarado, NYU Politics, PhD 2022 (*U. Geneva, assistant prof.*).
Emily Dunlop, NYU Steinhardt, PhD 2022 (*Cornell U., postdoc; U. of Toronto, lecturer*).
Dongil Lee, NYU Politics, PhD 2022 (*Korea Development Institute, assistant prof.*).
Rafael Chduran, NYU Politics, PhD 2021 (*Princeton University, postdoc.*).
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Ye Wang, NYU Politics, PhD 2021 (*UC San Diego, postdoc.; UNC-Chapel Hill, assistant prof.*).
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Academic Service

External Service Appointments

Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review*, 2025-present.
Associate Editor, *Political Analysis*, 2024-present.
Executive Director, Evidence in Governance and Policy (EGAP), 2019-2023.
Steering Committee member, EGAP Taxation and Crime Metaketa Research Programs (2016-2019).

Working Groups and Centers

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), co-convener (2013-present).
Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), invited member (2012-present).
Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), co-sponsor (2012-present).

Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) Research Working Group, invited member (2006-2021).
NYU Center for the Promotion of Research Involving Innovative Statistical Methodology (PRIISM), invited faculty affiliate (2013-present).

Peer review

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Annals of Applied Statistics
Biometrika
British Journal of Political Science
Cambridge University Press
Econometric Theory
Economics and Politics
International Organization
International Security
International Studies Quarterly
International Initiative for Impact Evaluation
Journal of the American Statistical Association, TM & AC
Journal of Business & Economic Statistics
Journal of Causal Inference
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Development Studies
Journal of the European Economic Association
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Politics
Journal of Public Economics
Journal of Royal Statistical Society, A & B
Nature
Oxford University Press
Princeton University Press
Political Analysis
Political Science Research & Methods
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Quantitative Economics
Review of Economic Studies
Review of Economics & Statistics
Science
Science Advances
Sociological Methodology
Statistical Science
Statistics in Medicine
W.W. Norton
World Development
World Politics

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