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Academic Positions

2021 – University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy
Assistant Professor

2019 – 2020 Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
Postdoctoral Scholar

2018 – 2021 University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy
Assistant Professor

Affiliations

2021 – Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
Affiliate

2021 – National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
Faculty Research Fellow (DEV)

Education

2018 Harvard University
Ph.D., Economics

2011 Stanford University
M.S., Statistics

2010 Stanford University
B.A., Economics (*with distinction*)

Research Fields

Fields: Development Economics, Political Economy, Economic History

Research Papers

[“The Legacy of Colonial Medicine in Central Africa,”](#) with Sara Lowes, 2021. *American Economic Review*, 111(4): 1284-1314.

[“Concessions, Violence, and Indirect Rule: Evidence from the Congo Free State,”](#) with Sara Lowes, 2021. Forthcoming, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

[“Cooperative Property Rights and Development: Evidence from Land Reform in El Salvador,”](#) 2021. Forthcoming, *Journal of Political Economy*

[“Market Structure and Extortion: Evidence from 50,000 Extortion Payments,”](#) with Zach Y. Brown, Carlos Schmidt-Padilla, and Maria Micaela Sviatschi, 2020.

[“Religious Festivals and Economic Development: Evidence from Catholic Saint-Day Celebrations in Mexico,”](#) with Dean Yang, 2020.

[“Traditional Medicine in Central Africa,”](#) with Sara Lowes, 2019, *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, 109: 516-520.

Research In Progress

[“Age Organization and Accountability: Evidence from the DRC”](#) (with Sara Lowes, Nathan Nunn, and James A. Robinson)

[“Collective Land, Cultural Transmission, and Development Along Colombia’s Pacific Coast”](#) (with Juan Sebastián Galán)

[“Property Rights, Fallowing Requirements, and the Non-Success of Land Titling Reforms”](#)

Book Chapters

[“King Leopold’s Ghost: The Legacy of Labor Coercion in the DRC,”](#) *The Long Economic Shadow of History*. Eds. Stelios Michalopoulos and Elias Papaioannou, CEPR/VOXEU, 2017, (with Sara Lowes)

Non-Academic Writing

ProMarket - [Competition for Extortion: Evidence from 50,000 Extortion Payments in El Salvador](#) – February 2021

VoxDev - [Lasting Effects of Colonial-era Resource Exploitation in Congo](#) – January 2020

VoxDev - [Cooperative Property Rights and Development in El Salvador](#) – April 2019

VoxDev - [Historical Experiences and Demand for Health](#) – June 2018

VoxEU - [Historical Experiences and Foreign Aid Efficacy](#) – May 2018

World Bank Development Impact - [Cooperative Property Rights and Development in El Salvador](#) - December 2017

Research Awards and Honors

Teaching Honor Roll, 2021. Ford School PubPol 534 & PubPol 750.001

Pershing Square Venture Fund for Research on the Foundations of Human Behavior, 2020. [“Age Organization and Accountability: Evidence from the DRC,”](#) (with Sara Lowes, Nathan Nunn, and James A. Robinson).

Harvard Academy Research Grant, Harvard University, 2020.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, 2018.

Roger L. Martin Cornerstone Graduate Student Fellowship, Harvard University, 2017.

DFID RA4 Grant, 2017. [“Age Organization and Accountability: Evidence from the DRC,”](#) (with Sara Lowes, Nathan Nunn, and James A. Robinson).

Cambridge University Press Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association, 2016.

J-PAL Governance Initiative, 2016. "Age Organization and Accountability: Evidence from the DRC," (with Sara Lowes, Nathan Nunn, and James A. Robinson).

Weiss Family Program Fund Grant, 2016. "Addressing Mistrust in Medicine in Central Africa," (with Sara Lowes).

Warburg Fund Grant, 2016. "Land Redistribution and Incomplete Property Rights: Evidence from Land Lotteries in Puerto Rico," (with Raissa Fabregas).

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, 2015.

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Grant, 2015. "Blood Rubber: The Effects of Labor Coercion on Development and Culture in the DRC" (with Sara Lowes)

Warburg Fund Grant, 2015. "Blood Rubber: The Effects of Labor Coercion on Development and Culture in the DRC," (with Sara Lowes).

The History Project Research Grant, Center for History and Economics, 2015. "Blood Rubber: The Effects of Labor Coercion on Development and Culture in the DRC" (with Sara Lowes)

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Grant. 2015. "The Impacts of Currency Fluctuations on Ethiopian Firms," (with Alex Segura).

Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant (LEAP) Research Grant, 2015. "Blood Rubber: The Effects of Labor Coercion on Development and Culture in the DRC" (with Sara Lowes)

Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Summer Research Grant, 2014. "Blood Rubber: The Effects of Labor Coercion on Development and Culture in the DRC" (with Sara Lowes)

Graduate Research and Travel Grant, 2014, 2016. "Cooperative Property Rights and Agricultural Development: Evidence from Land Reform in El Salvador."

Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant (LEAP) Research Grant, 2013. "The Lasting Impacts of Colonial Medical Campaigns in Central Africa" (with Sara Lowes)

Douglas Dillon Fellow, Harvard University, 2012-2013.

Professional Activities

Referee: *AER: Insights, Economic Journal, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Politics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics*

Seminar and Conference Presentations

"Market Structure and Extortion: Evidence from 50,000 Extortion Payments":

SIOE (June 2021), BREAD (May 2021), Harvard Business School BGIE Seminar (Cambridge, October 2020), LANE-HOPE Seminar (Universidad de Los Andes, October 2020)

"Religious Festivals and Economic Development: Evidence from Catholic Saint-Day Celebrations in Mexico":

CEPR Workshop in Political Economy, Cultural Economics and Gender (June 2021), University of Nottingham (March 2021), Vancouver School of Economics (March 2021), RIDGE: Towards Sustainable Growth Workshop (December 2020), NBER Development Economics Meeting (November 2020), ASREC24hr Conference (November 2020), SIOE Conference (Cambridge, June 2020), University of Michigan H2D2 Conference (Ann Arbor, March 2020), ASREC Conference (Chapman University, March 2020), University of Michigan Political Economy Seminar (Ann Arbor, November 2019)

“Cooperative Property Rights and Agricultural Development: Evidence from Land Reform in El Salvador”:

Economics of Social Sector Organizations (Chicago, October 2020), NBER Organizations (Cambridge, April 2020), Harvard LACLAS Seminar (Cambridge, October 2019), Dartmouth Economics (Dartmouth, October 2019), LACEA-LAMES Conference (Guayaquil, Ecuador, November 2018), *Northwestern Development Rookiefest* (Chicago, IL, May 2018), Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA, May 2018), EHA Conference (San Jose, CA, September 2017)

“The Legacy of Colonial Medicine in Central Africa”:

University of Michigan Economic History Seminar (Ann Arbor, MI, April 2019), University of Michigan Economic Development Seminar (Ann Arbor, MI, April, 2019), Deep Rooted Factors in Comparative Development (Brown, RI, May 2018)

“Concessions, Violence, and Indirect Rule: Evidence from the Congo Free State”:

NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions Spring Meeting (Cambridge, MA, April 2018), Deep Rooted Factors in Comparative Development (Brown, RI, May 2017); WGAPE (World Bank, DC, April 2016); Conference Sur la Croissance Economique Inclusive en RDC (Kinshasa, DRC, January 2015); B-WGAPE (Cambridge, MA, November 2014); NEUDC (Boston University, MA, October 2014); Macro Lunch (Brown, RI, September 2014)

Teaching

Winter 2021	Econ 666: PhD Development Economics II (Graduate), University of Michigan
Winter 2021	PubPol 750.001: Applied Methods for Development (Graduate), University of Michigan
Winter 2021	PubPol 534: Economics of Developing Countries (Graduate), University of Michigan
Winter 2019	PubPol 750.310: Applied Methods for Development (Graduate), University of Michigan
Winter 2019	PubPol 480.001: Global Policy Seminar: Costa Rica (Undergraduate), University of Michigan
Winter 2019	PubPol 558.001: Microeconomics B (Graduate), University of Michigan

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