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Employment

Assistant Professor in Political Science, Aarhus University	2026–
Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow, Nuffield College (University of Oxford)	2025–26

Education

London School of Economics, PhD Political Science	2021–25
University of Oxford, MPhil Politics (Comparative Government)	2019–21
University of Oxford, BA Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	2016–19

Research

Peer-reviewed articles

9. The political consequences of Africa's mobile revolution.
American Journal of Political Science (2026)
8. Social projection and political behaviour in low-information environments.
European Journal of Political Research (2026, with J. Ahlback)
7. Mobile money and the social contract: Experimental evidence from Ghana.
World Development (2026, with D. Doyle)
6. Protest and incumbent support: Evidence from a natural experiment in Ghana.
Comparative Political Studies (2026, with D. Doyle)
5. Migration, remittances and petty corruption in Africa.
International Studies Quarterly (2026, with D. Doyle)
4. Mobile internet and the quality of elections in low-income democracies.
British Journal of Political Science (2025)
3. Using movers to identify close election effects.
European Journal of Political Research (2025)
2. Partisanship, attribution, and approval in a public health shock.
Electoral Studies (2023, with J. Maxia)
1. Does public broadcasting increase voter turnout? Evidence from the rollout of BBC radio.
Electoral Studies (2021)

Under review

Natural disasters and incumbent support in low-income democracies. (with J. Ahlback)
- *R&R*, *American Journal of Political Science*

Understanding public support for digital taxation in Africa.
- *R&R*, *Comparative Political Studies*

Aid cuts increase demand for government services and taxation. (with R. Jablonski & B. Seim)

Building trust in elections in low-income democracies. (with J. Ahlback)

Retrospective bias in election integrity evaluations. (with J. Ahlback)

Ongoing projects

The digital African state: Technological change and the limits of state capacity. (book project)
Digitalisation and traditional authority in Africa.
Social norms and corruption reporting. (with R. Jablonski and B. Seim)
NGO preferences over donor policy after the closure of USAID (with R. Jablonski and J. Tobin)
The political and public health consequences of USAID withdrawals (with R. Jablonski *et al.*)
Traditional authorities, the state, and security provision. (with T. Brailey)
Why materially insecure voters don't want redistribution. (with J. Green)
Citizen attributions of climate change in low-income countries. (with E. Henninger)
Partisan blame attribution for foreign aid cuts (with M. McDonald, R. Jablonski, and B. Seim)

Review articles (peer-reviewed)

2. To what extent do political elites influence public opinion about immigration?
European Journal of Political Research (2026, with J. Green and T. Le Corre)
1. Economic hardship and support for redistribution.
Political Studies Review (2024, with J. Green and T. Le Corre)

Invited contributions

1. Review of "Strategic Taxation: Fiscal Capacity and Accountability in African States",
by L. Martin. *Journal of Development Studies* (2026).

Grants

Aarhus University recruitment grant (PI), 2026	£200,000 (DKK 1.7mil)
Oxford University John Fell fund (PI), 2026	£10,000
LSE urgency fund (named researcher), 2025	£19,750
UNU-WIDER political economy of taxation grant (PI), 2024	£4,500 (USD 6,000)
STEG PhD research grant (PI), 2024	£15,000
LSE Research innovation fund (named researcher), 2024	£19,940
Oxford University John Fell fund (named researcher), 2022	£9,996
STEG PhD research grant (PI), 2022	£10,335
GLD fieldwork grant (PI), 2022	£2,350 (SEK 30,000)
LSE Patrick Gillam fieldwork scholarship (PI), 2022-2024	£9,000
Total	£300,000 (approx)

Awards

APCG-Lynne Rienner best dissertation award in African politics (APSA)	2026
Harold Laski prize for best overall performance (LSE)	2022
Gibbs Prize for best undergraduate thesis in politics (Oxford)	2019

Teaching

Undergraduate

Political institutions (classes, Aarhus, 2027)
Comparative government (guest lecturer, Oxford, 2025)
Research design in political science (classes, LSE, 2023–25)

Graduate

Power, politics, and development in Africa (convener and seminars, Aarhus, 2027)
Comparative government (tutorials, Oxford, 2025–26)
Introduction to comparative politics and conflict studies (seminars, LSE, 2024)
Quantitative dissertation advisor (one-on-one sessions, LSE, 2022–24)
Causal inference for observational and experimental data (seminars, LSE, 2023)

Executive

EMPP/EMPA Policy simulation exercise (teaching assistant, LSE, 2025)
EMPP/EMPA Introduction to comparative politics (teaching assistant, LSE, 2024)

Conference, Seminar, and Workshop Presentations

2026: Fragile Lives (Berlin), Digital Publics Conference (Zurich), EPSS,
Copenhagen Money in Politics, Sustainable Social Policy Workshop (LSE),
Crisis of Democracy Workshop (Aarhus), Nuffield College, OECD
2025: Trinity College Dublin, University of Zurich, LSE, PolMeth Europe,
University of Malawi, UNU-WIDER, EPSA
2024: LSE, University of Zurich, NovAfrica, EPSA, University of Barcelona,
BI Norwegian Business School, Christian Michelsen Institute
2023: Tanzania ESRF, CESS (Oxford), EUI, LSE, ULB,
UNU-WIDER, Nordic Conference in Development Economics
2022: EPSA, GLD Gothenburg, WZB MoPED, LSE,
Lisbon Meeting in Political Economy, University of Zurich
2021: IPSA, University of Gothenburg

Fieldwork

Malawi (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)
Zambia (2026)
Ghana (2019, 2022, 2023)

Review service

*American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics (x2);
British Journal of Political Science (x2); Political Science Research and Methods;
Political Behavior; Electoral Studies (x3); Comparative Migration Studies; Environmental Politics;
Journal of Peace Research*

Languages and Skills

English (native), French (intermediate), Danish (in progress)
R, Markdown, LaTeX, SurveyCTO