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EDUCATION

Stanford University

Ph.D., Political Science (expected June 2009)

Dissertation: Immigrant Exclusion and Insecurity in Africa

Committee: David Laitin (Chair), Jeremy Weinstein, Jim Fearon, Doug McAdam

Fields: Comparative Politics, Africa

Columbia University

M.A., International Affairs (May 2003)

Field: International Economic Policy

Northwestern University

B.S., Political Science and Communication Studies (June 2000)

Summa Cum Laude; Highest Honors in Political Science

Recipient of the McGovern Award in Political Science

RESEARCH

Research Interests: ethnic identity and inter-group relations; diversity and public goods; migration and development; comparative political and economic development; social networks, the informal sector and political institutions.

Dissertation: **Immigrant Exclusion and Insecurity in Africa**

Field Research: Ghana (January to May 2007), Nigeria (May to June 2007), Benin (June to September 2007), Niger (September to December 2007)

Languages: French (native), Spanish (conversational), Yoruba (beginner)

Why do some immigrant minorities in the developing world incorporate into their host societies while others face rejection and hostility? Half of all immigration takes place in developing countries, yet we know little about this immigrant experience. My dissertation introduces the variation in

immigrant-host relations in sub-Saharan Africa. It then explains this variation as the result of the interaction between immigrant leaders' incentives to preserve the networks they lead and host society members' incentives to protect their own positions in society. I develop a dual empirical approach to support the argument. First, I analyze results from a large-n statistical analysis of immigrant expulsions across sub-Saharan African countries since independence. Second, using original data from surveys collected during twelve months of field research in Ghana, Nigeria, Benin and Niger, I test the prediction that cultural similarities between immigrants and hosts exacerbate immigrant-host relations because immigrant leaders act to preserve their distinct group identity and host members reject those they fear will easily blend in and free ride on their benefits. The findings in my dissertation suggest that cultural similarities hurt immigrant-host relations, countering the conventional wisdom that cultural proximity facilitates social integration.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

- "Too Close for Comfort? Immigrant-Host Relations in Africa", Job Market Paper (*under review*)
 - Invited to present at the Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies Colloquium on Race, Ethnicity and Immigration, April 17, 2008, Berkeley, CA.
 - Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 3-6, 2008, Chicago, IL.
 - Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 26-29, 2008, San Francisco, CA.
 - Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 20-22, 2008, San Diego, CA.
- "The Making of a Scapegoat: Immigrant (In)security in African Countries", Job Market Paper (*under review*)
 - Presented at the Workshop in Comparative Politics, Stanford University, November 6, 2006.
- "Do Migrants Improve their Hometowns? The Effects of Remittances on Public Goods in Mexico, 1995-2000" (with Desha Girod), Working Paper
 - Presented at the Annual Political Science Association, August 2008.
 - Presented at the Stanford Center for Latin American Studies, May 12, 2008.
 - Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 20, 2006.
- "Larémont, Ricardo R., Ed. 2005. Borders, Nationalism and the African State" (Book Review) 2007. *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 7(2): 100.

- “Beyond the Immigrant Ethnic Economy: A Network Theory of Socio-economic Wellbeing”, Working Paper
 - Invited to present at the Society for Comparative Research Graduate Student Retreat, Yale University, May 5-7, 2006.
 - Presented at the Workshop in Political Sociology, Social Movements, and Collective Action, Stanford University, February 7, 2006.
 - Presented at the Workshop in Comparative Politics and Historical Analysis, Stanford University, December 2005.
- “Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo: The Collapse of a Social Movement”, *Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA)*, Washington D.C., 2001.

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008-2009: Stanford University Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.
- 2008-2009: Stanford University Humanities Center Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (declined).
- 2008: APSA Travel Grant.
- 2007-2008: Stanford University Vice-Provost for Graduate Education Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity Grant for survey administration and data collection in Niamey, Niger.
- 2006-2007: Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity Grant for field research expenses in West Africa.
- 2003-2008: Stanford University Political Science Graduate Student Fellowship for five years of doctoral study.
- Winter 2007: Research Affiliate, Institute for Social Science and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon.
- Summer 2007: Research Affiliate, Institut de Recherche Empirique en Economie Politique (IREEP), Benin, Cotonou.
- Summer 2005: Visiting Scholar, Center for Civil Society (CCS), University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, Durban.

- 2002-2003: Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs Teaching Assistant Fellowship for one year of tuition and stipend support toward the completion of the M.A. in International Affairs.
- 2000: Northwestern University Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences McGovern Award in Political Science for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and university citizenship.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant and Head of Experimental Team (in France) for David Laitin, 2008-2009: Muslim Immigrant Integration into E.U. Societies.
- Research Assistant for James Habyarimana, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel Posner and Jeremy Weinstein, June 2005 to August 2005: The Co-Ethnic Advantage.
- Research Assistant for Jeremy Weinstein, September 2004 to December 2004: Micro-Level Analysis of U.S. Democratization Programs.
- Research Assistant for Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Beatriz Magaloni and Barry Weingast, June 2004 to August 2004: Land Reform in the Developing World.
- Research Assistant for Michael Tomz, September 2003 to March 2004: The GATT/WTO's Generalized System of Preferences.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant for Political Science 140: Political Economy of Development, Stanford University, Spring 2006. Faculty Instructor: Alberto Diaz-Cayeros.
- Teaching Assistant for Political Science 110: America and the World Economy, Stanford University, Winter 2006. Faculty Instructor: Judith Goldstein.
- Head Teaching Assistant for Political Science 114: Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, Fall 2005. Faculty Instructor: Kathryn Stoner-Weiss.
- Teaching Assistant for Political Science 141: Global Politics of Human Rights, Stanford University, Winter 2005. Faculty Instructor: Terry Karl.

- Teaching Assistant for Political Science 1: Introduction to International Relations, Stanford University, Fall 2004. Faculty Instructor: Mike Tomz.
- Writing-in-the-Major Tutor for Political Science 341R: Market Oriented Reform and Development in Latin America, Stanford University, Spring 2004. Faculty Instructor: Robert Packenham.
- Teaching Assistant for International Affairs 4320: Statistics and Quantitative Analysis, Columbia University, 2002-2003. Faculty Instructor: Sharyn O'Halloran.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Stanford Vice Provost for Graduate Education Grant Selection Committee, Spring 2008.
- Stanford Political Science Department Graduate Admissions Committee, Winter 2008.
- Stanford Political Science Department Graduate Student Hiring Committee, Fall 2007.
- Peer Reviewer – Journal of Politics.

REFERENCES

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