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Appointments **Grinnell College, Department of Political Science**
Associate Professor, 2021{
Assistant Professor, 2015{2020

Education **University of Wisconsin{Madison, Madison, WI**
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2015
Fields: Comparative Politics (African Politics), International Relations, Development Studies
Dissertation: "The Perverse Effects of Political Competition: Building Capacity for Patronage in Ghana"
Committee: Scott Straus (Chair), Michael Schatzberg, Scott Gehlbach, Melanie Manion, Erica Simmons
M.A. in Political Science, 2009

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK
MSc in Comparative Politics and Democratization, 2007
Summa Cum Laude/Distinction
Bill Letwin Award for

the logic of building administrative capacity in order to provide patronage. I then abstract from the case of Ghana to generalize about how the effect of political competition is shaped by the locally salient variety of clientelism, which in turn is conditioned by the strength of the party system.

The book draws on fourteen months of fieldwork in six of Ghana's districts, far from the nation's capital

2018. *International Studies: Global Forces, Interactions, and Tensions*, with Scott Straus. SAGE: CQ Press. First edition. (link).

2018. "Why Political Competition Can Increase Patronage." *Studies in Comparative and International Development*, 53(4):404-27 (link)

Recipient of the *Sage Best Paper Award*, given to the best paper in the field of comparative politics presented at the APSA Annual Meeting.

Honors and Awards

Recipient of the *Sage Best Paper Award*, given to the best paper in the field of comparative politics presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, 2016

American Political

2016 American Political Science Association (APSA) Best Paper Award in Comparative Politics