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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**, Department of Government  
PhD Candidate, September 2014 - *present*  
*Committee:* Jeffry Frieden, Horacio Larreguy, Gwyneth McClendon  
*Fields:* Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methodology, Political Violence

**Columbia University**, Department of Political Science  
B.A. in Political Science (International Relations), May 2013  
Columbia - Juilliard Exchange (Violin Performance), May 2013

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Violence:** Rebel behavior, urban violence, legacies of conflict  
**Development:** Party- and state-building, post-conflict reconstruction, civic engagement

## PUBLISHED

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Cheng, Tony and Shelley Liu. 2018. "Service Cynicism: How Civic Disengagement Develops." *Politics & Society* 46(1): 101-129.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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How Weakly Institutionalized Parties Monitor Brokers in Developing Democracies: Evidence from Post-conflict Liberia (with Jeremy Bowles and Horacio Larreguy). *Revised and resubmitted, American Journal of Political Science*.

The Effects of Wartime Educational Loss on Attitudes Towards Democratic Institutions. Afrobarometer Working Paper 175. *Submitted for review*.

Educational Attainment and Democratic Support in High-Participation Countries: The Case of Senegal (with Horacio Larreguy). *Submitted for review*.

Rebel-Civilian Relations and Post-war Statebuilding: Evidence from the Zimbabwe Liberation War. *Job Market Paper*.

The Effect of Education on Trust in Traditional Authorities: Evidence from Nigeria and Senegal (with Jessica Gottlieb and Horacio Larreguy). *Working Paper*.

Rebel Networks in Civil Wars (Dataset). *Work in progress*.

The Enduring Effects of Forced Displacement: Evidence from Zimbabwe's Protected Villages. *Work in progress.*

Dual Equilibria in Natural Disaster Response: The Effect of Natural Disasters on Inequality and Conflict in Kenya (with Alice Xu). *Work in progress.*

Strategic Incentives for Transnational Rebellion. *Work in progress.*

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2019 Dissertation Completion Grant, Harvard University.
- 2018 Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar, United States Institute of Peace.  
Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Grant, Harvard University.
- 2017 Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Grant, Harvard University.  
Institute for Quantitative Social Science Travel Grant, Harvard University  
Philippe Wamba Summer Research Travel Grant, Harvard University.  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University.  
Center for African Studies J-Term Grant, Harvard University.
- 2016 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University.
- 2015 Richard L. and Faith P. Morningstar Graduate Fellowship Fund, Harvard University.
- 2013 Charles A. Beard Prize, Columbia University.
- 2012 Edwin Robbins Academic Research and Public Policy Fellowship, Columbia University.

## EXTERNAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 International Studies Association Annual Convention (*scheduled*)
- 2019 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference
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Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 Boston-Area Working Group in African Political Economy

## SERVICE

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- 2018 Co-convener, Boston-Area Working Group in African Political Economy (B-WGAPE)
- 2016-2017 Coordinator, Harvard Political Violence Workshop
- 2016 Co-convener, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS)
- 2015-2016 Co-coordinator, Harvard Comparative Politics Speaker Series

## TEACHING

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**2018** **Gov 97**, Sophomore Tutorial, *Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*.  
Instructor: Ryan Enos. Department of Government.

**E-40**, International Conflict and Cooperation.  
Instructor: Dustin Tingley. Division of Continuing Education.

**2017** **Gov 97**, Sophomore Tutorial, *Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*.  
Instructors: Peter Hall and Michael Rosen. Department of Government.

**Gov 50**, Introduction to Political Science Research Methods.  
Instructor: Matthew Blackwell. Department of Government.

**2016** **Gov 20**, Foundations of Comparative Politics.  
Instructor: Steven Levitsky. Department of Government.

## SKILLS

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**Technical:** R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, QGIS

**Fieldwork:** Liberia (June - August 2016, November 2018)  
Zimbabwe (June - July 2017, January 2018)