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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oklahoma, 2017-

Wick Cary Assistant Professor of Political Economy, Department of
International and Area Studies

Stanford University, 2018-2019

Postdoctoral Scholar, Center on Democracy Development and the Rule
of Law

EDUCATION

Cornell University, 2017

Ph.D., Government

Dissertation: *Voting for the Devil You Know: Understanding Electoral
Behavior in Authoritarian Regimes*

Reed College, 2009

B.A., Political Science

PUBLISHED WORK

Forthcoming. "Expressive Voting in Autocracies: A Theory of Non-
Economic Participation with Evidence from Cameroon." *Perspectives
on Politics*.

2019. "The Political Geography of Electoral Autocracies: The Influence of
Party Strongholds on Political Beliefs in Africa." *Electoral Studies*,
Volume 60.

2018. "Popular Support for Democracy in Autocratic Regimes: A Micro-
Level Analysis of Preferences" (with Martha Wilfahrt). *Comparative
Politics*, 50 (2), 231-250.

2017. "'The People's Choice': Popular (Il)Legitimacy in Autocratic
Cameroon." *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 55 (4), 647-679.

2017. "Voting for Peace, Mobilizing for War: Post-Conflict Voter
Turnout and Civil War Recurrence." *Democratization*, 24 (3), p. 425-
443.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Mechanisms of Direct and Indirect Rule: Colonialism and Economic Development in Africa” (with Martha Wilfahrt). Conditionally accepted at the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

“Contesting Autocracy: Explaining the Origins of Opposition Strongholds in Africa” with Leonardo Arriola, David Dow, & Martha Wilfahrt (Presented at APSA, ASA, SPSA, WPSA 2018/19)

IN PROGRESS

Book Project: *The Autocratic Citizen: Partisanship and Electoral Behavior under Dictatorship*

Book Project: *Legacies of British and French Colonialism in sub-Saharan Africa* (with Martha Wilfahrt)

OTHER WRITING

Book review of *How Autocrats Compete: Parties, Patrons, and Unfair Elections in Africa*, by Yonatan Morse. *Perspectives on Politics*, 17 (4), December 2019.

“What’s Driving the Conflict in Cameroon?” *Foreign Affairs* (online), November 8, 2018.

“Cameroon’s Anglophone Crisis May Intensify Post Post-Poll” *Oxford Analytica Daily Brief*, October 5, 2018.

“Cameroon’s Anglophone Resistance Will Endure” *Oxford Analytica Daily Brief*, July 5, 2017.

TEACHING

University of Oklahoma

Political Economy of Development, Undergraduate (Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2017)

African Politics and Society, Undergraduate (Spring 2020, Fall 2017)

Political Economy of Development, Master’s (Fall 2019)

Cornell University

African Elections (Freshman Writing Seminar, Fall 2016)

Protest & Political Participation in Authoritarian Regimes (Freshman Writing Seminar, Spring 2016)

AWARDS & HONORS

OU Faculty Investment Program (Cameroon), 2020

OU Junior Faculty Fellowship (Ghana and Togo), 2019

OU International Studies Faculty Support Grant (Ghana and Togo), 2019 and (France), 2018

African Studies Association Student Travel Award (Ghana and Benin), 2016

Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship (with Nicolas van de Walle), 2016
The Mario Einaudi International Research Travel Grant (Cameroon), 2014
Cornell Graduate School Research Travel Grant (Cameroon), 2014
Department Grant for Language Training (Senegal), 2014

CONFERENCES
& WORKSOPS

American Political Science Association, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015
African Studies Association, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
Authoritarian Politics Mini-Conference at WPSA, 2019
Southern Political Science Association, 2019
Cameroon Conference - Université Paris Diderot, 2018
Midwest Group in African Political Economy, 2017
Visions in Methodology, 2017
Midwest Political Science Association, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013
APSA Workshop on Elections and Democracy in Africa, 2009

INVITED
TALKS

“Legacies of British and French Colonial Rule in sub-Saharan Africa” UC Berkeley Africa Colloquium. February 20, 2019.

“Political Geography in Africa’s Electoral Autocracies” Center on Development, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Stanford University. November 15, 2018.

“Perceptions on Regime Legitimacy and Political Participation in Cameroon,” US Department of State, Executive Exchange with the Ambassador to Cameroon. November 30, 2017