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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Behaviour, Political Sociology, Gender & Politics, Quantitative & Mixed Methods

EDUCATION

University College London

2022 - 2026

PhD Political Science

Thesis title: "Essays on Gender Dynamics, Household Labour, and Family Bargaining."

Supervisors: Prof. Adam Harris, Prof. Alexandra Hartman, Prof. Phillip Ayoub

University of Oxford (Nuffield College)

2020 - 2022

MPhil Politics (Comparative Government)

Supervisor: Prof. Robin Harding

University of Warwick

2017 - 2020

BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics

WORKING PAPERS

"The Mental Load and Gendered Political Engagement: Descriptive Evidence from Zambia" (with Sigrid Weber). (*Under review*)

"Household Work and the Gendered Distribution of Power" (with Sigrid Weber).

"Pulling for the Party: Electoral Campaign Strategies and Local Information in Zimbabwe" (with Adam Harris & Nicole Beardsworth).

"Party Activists in Zambia and Zimbabwe: Formal and Informal Networks, Information, and Voter Behaviour" (with Adam Harris & Nicole Beardsworth). (*Chapter accepted in edited volume: Kroenke, M., Lockwood, S. & Paget, D. (eds.) The New Ground Wars: Changing Ground Campaigns in Africa*)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Family Composition and Gender Norms: Exploring Global Trends in Daughter and Sibling Effects".

"Gender, Household Dynamics, and Political Priority Formation" (with Adam Harris).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant, University College London

- Quantitative Data Analysis

Fall 2024, Fall 2025

- Quantitative Research Methods (Principles of Social Science Research)

Fall 2023

Guest Lecturer, University College London

- Identity Politics: Prejudice, Inclusion and Equal Rights

Fall 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

Internal

- PhD Studentship, UCL Politics Department 2025 - 2026
- Departmental Research Fund, UCL Politics Department (£2,500) 2025
- Octagon Small Grants Fund, UCL Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS) (£1,000) 2025
- Conference Grant, UCL Politics Department (£1,450) 2025
- PhD Opportunity Award, UCL Politics Department (£1,500) 2025
- PGTA Excellence in Student Feedback Award, UCL Politics Department (£400 x 2) 2025, 2024
- PhD Opportunity Award, UCL Politics Department (£1,484) 2024
- Departmental Research Fund, UCL Politics Department (£2,812) 2024
- Conference Grant, UCL Politics Department (£1,927) 2024
- Conference Grant, UCL Politics Department (£500) 2023
- Departmental Research Fund, UCL Politics Department (with Prof Adam Harris) (£10,000) 2023
- MPhil Studentship, Nuffield College (University of Oxford) 2020 - 2022
- Commendation Letter by the Examiners' Board, University of Warwick 2019, 2020

External

- SHS Fellowship, Next Economy Trust (£5,000) 2024
- Overseas Fieldwork Funding, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) (£990) 2024
- Research Training Support Grant, ESRC (£2,149) 2024
- Advanced Quantitative Methods Funding, ESRC (£4,000) 2023 - 2025
- PhD Studentship, ESRC 2022 - 2025

PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

- Gender & Politics Workshop, UCL Political Science 2025
- Greece's Gender Divide Discussion Panel, The Hellenic Centre 2025
- Gender Divide Discussion Panel, King's College London 2025
- Comparative Political Economy and Behaviour Group, UCL Political Science 2025
- Politics of the Global South Workshop (UCL/LSE/KCL/RHUL) 2025, 2024
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference 2025, 2023
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2024
- Immigration Policy Lab Research Meeting, Stanford University (online) 2024
- Governance and Local Development (GLD) Institute Work-in-Progress Series (online) 2024
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2024
- Political Studies Association Annual Conference 2024
- Annual UCL Conflict & Change PhD Workshop 2024

Political Parties in Africa Virtual Conference (online)	2024
Conflict & Change Seminar, UCL Political Science	2024
PhD Research Seminar, UCL Political Science	2024, 2023
Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop (poster presentation)	2022

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oxford Supervised by Prof. Jane Gingrich (SCHOOLPOL, ERC-funded)	2020 - 2022
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oxford Supervised by Prof. Aaron Reeves (CHANGINGELITES, ERC-funded)	2021
Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Warwick Supervised by Prof. Vincenzo Bove, Dr. Georgios Efthyvoulou, and Dr. Harry Pickard	2019-2020
Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Warwick Supervised by Dr. Yannick Dupraz (CAGE Research Centre, Department of Economics)	2018

SERVICE

Reviewer for: <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>	
Organiser of Gender and Politics Workshop, UCL	2025
Organiser of PhD Research Seminar, UCL Politics Department	2023-2025
Validation Researcher for Local Governance Process Indicators, GLD Institute	2024

FIELDWORK

Lusaka, Zambia	March 2025, November 2024
Harare, Zimbabwe	September 2023

COMPETENCIES

Programming Software

R, Stata

Languages

Greek (Native), English (Fluent)