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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

European University Institute

2026 - 2027

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow in Political and Social Sciences

EDUCATION

University College London (UCL)

2022 - 2026

PhD Political Science

Passed without corrections in June 2026

Supervisors: Adam Harris, Alexandra Hartman, Phillip Ayoub

Examiners: Amanda Clayton (UC Berkeley), Ana C. Weeks (University of Bath)

University of Oxford (Nuffield College)

2020 - 2022

MPhil Politics (Comparative Government)

University of Warwick

2017 - 2020

BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics

RESEARCH

Working Papers

The Mental Load and Gendered Dimensions of Political and Civic Engagement: Descriptive Evidence from Zambia (with Sigrid Weber). (*Revised & resubmitted*)

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

Household Work and the Gendered Distribution of Power (with Sigrid Weber). (*Submitted for review*)

Gendered Political Priorities, Spousal Dynamics, and Varieties of Patriarchy (with Adam Harris).

Work In-Progress

Bride Price Debt and Women's Agency.

Knowing Power When We See It: a Review and Application of Measures for Intra-Household Bargaining Power (with Sigrid Weber).

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

Early-Stage Work (selected)

Teachers' Unions as a Vehicle of Women's Political Mobilisation in Greece (with Katy Norris).

Book Chapters

“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: Reapproaching Political Mobilisation in Contemporary Africa.*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant, UCL

- Quantitative Data Analysis (*seminar leader*) *Fall 2025, Fall 2024*
- Principles of Social Science Research (*seminar leader*) *Fall 2023*

Guest Lecturer, University College London

- Development in the Global Economy *Fall 2025*
- Identity Politics: Prejudice, Inclusion and Equal Rights *Fall 2024*

GRANTS

External

- Travel Grant, EuroWEPS (€500) *2025*
- SHS Fellowship, Next Economy Trust (£5,000) *2024*
- Research Training Support Grant, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) (£2,149) *2024*
- Overseas Fieldwork Funding, ESRC (£990) *2024*

Internal

- PhD Opportunity Award, UCL Politics Department (£4,484 total) *2026, 2025, 2024*
- Departmental Research Fund, UCL Politics Department (£5,312 total) *2025, 2024*
- Conference Grant, UCL Politics Department (£3,877 total) *2025, 2024, 2023*
- Octagon Small Grants Fund, UCL Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS) (£1,000) *2025*
- Departmental Research Fund, UCL Politics Department (with Adam Harris) (£10,000) *2023*

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards

- PGTA Excellence in Student Feedback Award, UCL Politics Department *2026, 2025, 2024*
- Commendation Letter by the Examiners' Board, University of Warwick *2020, 2019*

Scholarships

- PhD Studentship, UCL Politics Department *2025 - 2026*
- PhD Studentship (Advanced Quantitative Methods stream), ESRC *2022 - 2025*
- MPhil Studentship, Nuffield College (University of Oxford) *2020 - 2022*

PRESENTATIONS

2026: EPSS, GLD Institute Annual Conference, UCL CPEB Workshop

2025: EPSA, EuroWEPS (EUI), UCL Gender & Politics Workshop, UCL CPEB Seminar, POGS Workshop

2024: APSA, MPSA, PSA, POGS Workshop, UCL Conflict & Change PhD Workshop, Immigration Political Lab (Stanford University) (online), GLD Institute Work-in-Progress Series (online), Political Parties in Africa Virtual Conference (online)

2023: EPSA

2022: Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop (poster)

SERVICE

Reviewer: *Comparative Political Studies; European Journal of Politics and Gender*

(Co-)Organiser: 2025 UCL Gender and Politics Workshop; 2023-2025 UCL Political Science PhD Research Seminar

Discussant: 2026 LSE BPE Workshop; 2025 EPSA; 2024 Political Parties in Africa Virtual Conference

DEI: PhD Admissions Analysis Project (2024 DEI Committee, UCL Politics Department)

Validation Researcher: Local Governance Process Indicators (GLD Institute)

Abstract Committee Member: 2026 UCL Conflict & Change PhD Workshop

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oxford *2020 - 2022*
PI: Jane Gingrich (SCHOOLPOL, ERC-funded)

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oxford *2021*
PI: Aaron Reeves (CHANGINGELITES, ERC-funded)

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Warwick *2019-2020*
PIs: Vincenzo Bove, Georgios Efthymoulou, Harry Pickard

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Warwick *2018*
PI: Yannick Dupraz (CAGE Research Centre, Department of Economics)

FIELDWORK

Lusaka, Zambia *March 2025, November 2024*

Harare, Zimbabwe *September 2023*

SKILLS

Languages: Greek (Native), English (Fluent)

Software: R, Stata, Latex