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Education

Cornell University

Ph.D., Government

2018-2023

Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Committee: Nicolas van de Walle (Chair), Rachel Beatty Riedl, Bryn Rosenfeld, and Alexandra E. Cirone

Cornell Law School

LL.M.

2017

New York Bar Admission

Université Paris 2 Panthéon Assas

Master of International Law

2016

Cum Laude

Université Paris 2 Panthéon Assas

Bachelor of Law

2015

Classe Préparatoire Hélène Boucher

Art Certificate, History and Geography

2012

Summa Cum Laude, Sous-Admissible à l'École Normale Supérieure (ENS)

Research Interests

Authoritarianism, Democratization, Regime Change, Constitutionalism, Formal Institutions, sub-Saharan Africa.

Publications

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Politics of Legislative Expansion (with Nicolas van de Walle)

A Two-Headed Monster: Bicameralism in African Autocracies

Autocratic Lawfare (with Siri Gloppen and Nicolas van de Walle)

Institutional Trust in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Zimbabwean Electoral Commission

Supreme Court Composition and Judicial Autonomy: the Effects of Colonial Institutions

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| Teaching | Department of Government, Cornell University Teaching Assistant GOVT 1313: Introduction to Comparative Politics FREN 3020: Introduction to Comparative Politics, <i>taught in French</i> GOVT 1817: Making Sense of World Politics FREN 3020: Making Sense of World Politics, <i>taught in French</i> GOVT 3443 Southeast Asian Politics GOVT 3353 African Politics (Grader) | |
| Awards and Fellowships | Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant Cornell University (\$700) | 2020 |
| | Conference Travel Grant Cornell University (\$275) | 2019 |
| | Sage Fellowship College of Art and Sciences, Cornell University (\$25,000) | 2018 |
| | Graduate Legal Studies Fellowship Cornell Law School (\$5000) | 2017 |
| | Rudolf B. Schlesinger Fellowship Cornell Law School (\$20,000) | 2016 |
| Presentations | | |
| ANNUAL MEETINGS | African Studies Association | 2019, 2020 |
| WORKSHOP AND OTHER CONFERENCES | Inter-University Graduate Conference, Cornell Law School | 2018 |
| Professional Activities | Navacelle Law Firm, <i>Paris, France</i> Trainee Lawyer | 03/18 –06/18 |
| | World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, <i>Paris, France</i> Program and Administrative Assistant | 09/17–02/18 |
| | Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide, <i>Ithaca, NY</i> Research Assistant | 02/17-05/17 |
| Service | PSAC (Weekly Workshop), Graduate Student Coordinator First and Second-Year Colloquium, Student Representative | 2020-2021 2019-2020 |
| Languages and Skills | French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (proficient), Italian (elementary) Stata, R, L ^A T _E X | |