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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

Major: History and Geography 2012
Summa Cum Laude, Sous-Admissible à l'Ecole Normale Supérieure
(ENS)

Research Interests

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

Publications

BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Legal Mechanisms," in Leonardo Arriola et al. (eds), *Democratic Backsliding in Africa? Autocratization, Resilience, and Contention* (with Siri Gloppen and Nicolas van de Walle) - *Under Contract*

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Politics of Legislative Expansion (with Nicolas van de Walle)
- *Under Review*

A Two-Headed Creature: Bicameralism in African Autocracies

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

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

Teaching	Department of Government, Cornell University Teaching Assistant LAW 3887: International Human Rights in Theory and Practice 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	Philip E. Lewis Research Grant in French Studies Cornell University	2021
	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Syracuse University	2020
	Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant Cornell University	2020
	Conference Travel Grant Cornell University	2019
	Sage Fellowship College of Art and Sciences, Cornell University	2018
	Graduate Legal Studies Fellowship Cornell Law School	2017
	Rudolf B. Schlesinger Fellowship Cornell Law School	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 –07/18
	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 Fellow	Spring 2017
Service	PSAC (Weekly Workshop), Graduate Student Coordinator First and Second-Year Colloquium, Student Representative	2020-2021 2019-2020
Fieldwork	Malawi (2016)	
Languages and Skills	French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (proficient), Italian (Pre-intermediate) Stata, R, L ^A T _E X	