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Education

Cornell University

Ph.D., Government 2018-2023

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Dissertation: *Judicial Resistance: The Role of Courts in Electoral Disputes*

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

M.A., Government 2021

Cornell Law School

LL.M. 2017

New York Bar Admission

Université Paris 2 Panthéon Assas

Master of International Law, *Cum Laude* 2016

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

Authoritarian institutions; democratic backsliding; electoral contention; democratization; democracy and governance; 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 at Oxford University Press*

WORKING PAPERS

The Politics of Legislative Expansion (with Nicolas van de Walle) - *Conditional Acceptance at Comparative Political Studies*

A Two-Headed Creature: Bicameralism in African Autocracies

WORK IN PROGRESS	The Potential of Mixed Methods for Qualitative Research (with Rachel Beatty Riedl)	
	Institutional Trust in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Zimbabwean Electoral Commission	
	Supreme Court Composition and Judicial Autonomy: the Effects of Colonial Institutions	

Awards and Fellowships

EXTERNAL	Summer Centennial Center Research Grant, APSA	2021
INTERNAL	CCSS Qualitative and Interpretive Research Institute Small Research Grant	2021
	Research Travel Grant	2021
	Philip E. Lewis Research Grant in French Studies	2021
	Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant	2020
	Conference Travel Grant	2019
	Sage Fellowship	2018-2019
	Graduate Legal Studies Fellowship	2017
	Rudolf B. Schlesinger Fellowship	2016-2017

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, *taught in French*
GOVT 1817: Making Sense of World Politics
FREN 3020: Making Sense of World Politics, *taught in French*
GOVT 3443 Southeast Asian Politics
GOVT 3353 African Politics (Grader)

Presentations

INVITED TALKS ROUNDTABLES	<i>Autocratic Lawfare in Africa</i> , University of Bergen	2021
ANNUAL MEETINGS	African Studies Association	2019, 2020
WORKSHOP AND OTHER CONFERENCES	Junior Law and Politics Research Community Seminar Series	2021
	Inter-University Graduate Conference, Cornell Law School	2018

Research Assistance

Professor Alexandra E. Cirone	2021
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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
Additional Training	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (virtual) Syracuse University	2021
	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, \LaTeX	