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## **EDUCATION**

<b>Stanford University</b> PhD Political Science	June 2015
<b>Yale University</b> B. A. Political Science (with honors in the major)	May 2009

## **APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Georgetown University</b> Assistant Professor	August 2015 - Present
<b>Stanford University</b> Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law	Sept. 2014 - June 2015
<b>Northwestern University</b> Visiting Scholar, Buffet Institute and the Program for African Studies	Sept. 2013 - June 2014

## **NOTABLE GRANT:**

Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) Grant: Big Results Now! Research on Education System Reform in Tanzania (With Habyarimana et al.) \$6,046,633.86 (2016-2022)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

1. Opalo, Kennedy. 2012. "Elections in Africa: Two Divergent Trends," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 23, No. 3
2. Opalo, Kennedy. 2014. "The Long Road to Institutionalization: The Kenyan Legislature and the 2013 Elections," *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, Vol. 8, No. 1

## ***FORTHCOMING BOOK CHAPTERS***

1. The Institutional Evolution of the Kenyan Legislature – *Oxford Handbook of Kenyan Politics*; Nicholas Cheeseman, Karuti Kanyinga, Gabrielle Lynch (eds).
2. The Politics of Legislative Development in Africa – *Routledge Handbook of Democratization in Africa*; Peter VonDoepp, Gabrielle Lynch (eds).

## ***BOOK MANUSCRIPT***

Legislative Development in Africa: Politics and Post-Colonial Legacies (**under contract, Cambridge University Press – expected publication: Fall 2019**)

## ***RESEARCH PAPERS***

1. Constrained Presidential Power in Africa? The Politics of Executive Rule-Making in Kenya, 1963-2013 (***R&R British Journal of Political Science***)
2. Electricity Provision and Tax Mobilization in Africa (With Moussa Blimpo, Justice Mensah, and Ruifan Shi) – ***World Bank Research Working Paper***
3. Legislative Strength and Incumbency Advantage: Evidence from Parliamentary Elections in Kenya, 1963-2007 (***Submitted***)
4. Political Incentives for Education Reform in Tanzania (with James Habyarimana and Youdi Schipper)
5. The politics of Accountability Under Devolved Government in Kenya (with Leonardo Arriola, Danny Choi, and Matthew Gihohi)
6. The Effects of Campaigns in Multi-Ethnic Societies: Experimental Evidence From Kenya (With Leonardo Arriola, Danny Choi, and Matthew Gichohi)
7. Who Pays for Development? Economic Geography and Distributive Politics in Africa
8. Piloting Democracy: Suffrage Limitation and Democratic Consolidation in the First Wave
9. Ethnicity and Elite Coalitions: Origins of Political Instability in Africa

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

1. Opalo, K. Ochieng'. 2015. "Constitutional Protections of Electoral Democracy in Africa: A Review of Key Challenges and Prospects," in Sumit Bisarya (ed) *Annual Review of Constitution-Building Processes: 2015*, Stockholm, Sweden: International IDEA
2. *Breaking Out of Enclaves: Leveraging Opportunities From Regional Integration in Africa to Promote Resource-Driven Diversification*, Washington, DC: World Bank Group, 2016 (With Gozde Isik and Perrine Toledano)
3. Opalo, K. Ochieng'. 2017. "The Contingent Role of Political Parties in Transitional Justice Processes," in Roger Duthie and Paul Seils (eds) *Justice Mosaics: How Context Shapes Transitional Justice in Fractured Societies*, New York, NY: International Center for Transitional Justice

## **OTHER GRANTS**

1. Georgetown Competitive Grant in Aid Award, \$ 1,840
2. Economic and Political Cooperation in Africa, Stanford CISAC (with Jeremy Weinstein) \$20,000 (2016)
3. HIVOS People Unlimited Grant (County Government Healthcare Sector Data for Policy) \$ 8,456 (2014-2015)
4. The Stanford Center for African Studies Susan Ford Dorsey Fellowship for Dissertation Field Research in Africa \$ 26,658 (2012-2013)

## **CONFERENCE INVITATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. London School of Economics, Comparative Politics Seminar (February 28, 2018)
2. Institute for African Development, Cornell University (April 2018)
3. The Ohio State University, Comparative Politics Seminar (April 2018)
4. Center for the Study of African Economics, Oxford University (March 2018)
5. Annual Conference of the Comparative & International Education Society Conference, Mexico City (March 2018)
6. African Economic History Network Annual Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa (October 2017)
7. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (September 2017)
8. Institute of African Development, Cornell University (March 2017)
9. Center for Global Development, Washington, DC (January 2016)
10. Yale Council of African Studies Seminar Series (December 2015)
11. Capital Area Africanists Research Workshop (October 2015)
12. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2015)
13. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (April 2015)
14. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2014)
15. Center for the Study of African Economics, Oxford University (March 2014)
16. Institute of Development Studies, University of Nairobi (June 2013)
17. Workshop on Corruption, Accountability and Governance in Africa, Yale University (February 2013)
18. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (August 2012)