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Appointments and Affiliations

- 2018-present [University of Michigan](#)
Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies
Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2017-present [University of Bergen](#)
Chr. Michelsen Institute and the Centre for Law and Social Transformations
Affiliated Researcher
- 2016-2018 [University of California, Berkeley](#)
Center for African Studies
Research Fellow

Education

- 2018 [University of California, Berkeley](#)
Ph.D., Political Science
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology
Dissertation: “Autocratic Courts: Strategies of Judicial Empowerment in Africa”
- 2012 [University of California, Berkeley](#)
M.A., Political Science
- 2011 [Vassar College](#)
B.A., Economics, with Honors
- 2010 [University of Oxford, Hertford College](#)
Visiting Student, Economics and International Relations

Publications

Shen-Bayh, Fiona. (2018). Strategies of Repression: Judicial and Extrajudicial Methods of Autocratic Survival. *World Politics*, 70(3), 321-357.

Works in Progress

1. “Evaluating Cross-National Measures of Judicial Performance: A Topic Model Approach.”
2. “Varieties of Repression in Illiberal Democracies.”
3. “Judicial Appointments and Contested Elections in New Democracies: Evidence from Kenya” (with Donghyun Danny Choi).
4. “Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya” (with Donghyun Danny Choi).
5. “Combating Corruption in African Countries: Foreign Creditors and Domestic Institutions” (with Leonardo Arriola).
6. “Authoritarian Electoral Constitutionalism in Africa” (with Siri Gloppen).
7. “Evaluating the Human Rights Record of African Regional Institutions” (with Leonardo Arriola and David Dow).
8. “The Politicization of Sexual Rights in Africa: A Media Content Analysis” (with Malcolm Langford).
9. “Politics of Courts Under Colonialism: Evidence from Colonial Korea 1910-1945” (with ShinHye Choi).

Fellowships and Awards

National Science Foundation

2016 Doctoral Dissertation Grant SES-1535721

University of California, Berkeley

2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division
(Awarded to 9% of Graduate Student Instructors)

2016 African Studies Fellowship, Center for African Studies

2016 Dean’s Completion Fellowship, Graduate Division

2015-2016 Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies

2011-2016 Department Fellowship, Department of Political Science

Conference and Workshop Presentations

2018 African Studies Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)

2018 Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (scheduled)

- 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation
- 2018 Visions in Methodology Conference
- 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Computational Tools And Techniques For Social Research Course, UC, Berkeley
- 2017 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 University of California, Berkeley, Comparative Politics Colloquium
- 2017 University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies Colloquium
- 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation
- 2017 University of Nairobi, School of Law, invited presentation
- 2017 Digital Social Science Core Lab, University of Bergen, invited presentation
- 2016 Association of Computational Linguistics, Empirical Methods on Natural Language Processing Meeting, Doctoral Consortium on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science
- 2016 University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies Colloquium
- 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 University of California, Los Angeles, Western Empirical Legal Studies
- 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2014 University of California, Berkeley, International Relations Colloquium

Research Positions

- 2017 Research Mentor for Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP), University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 Research Consultant for Amnesty International
- 2015 Research Assistant for Professor Aila Matanock, University of California, Berkeley, and Professor Brenna Powell, Stanford University
- 2014 Research Assistant for Professor T.J. Pempel, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Research Mentor for URAP, University of California, Berkeley,
- 2010 Research Intern for the U.S. Department of Education, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Center, Washington D.C.

Professional Service

- 2017, 2018 Selection Committee, Association for Computational Linguistics, Doctoral Consortium on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science

2016 Reviewer, National Science Foundation
2017-2018 BX4: Diversity Action Committee Member, University of California, Berkeley
2012-2018 Women In Political Science Officer Member, University of California, Berkeley
2012-2013 Political Science Graduate Student Association Elected Officer, University of California, Berkeley

Teaching Experience

University of California, Berkeley

2018 Small Wars and Insurgencies (instructor: Jason Klocek)
2018 Web Scraping and Natural Language Processing (instructor: Rachel Bernhard)
2017 Japanese Politics (instructor: TJ Pempel)
2016 Introduction to International Relations (instructor: Amy Gurowitz)
2014 U.S. Foreign Policy in East Asia (instructor: TJ Pempel)
2013 Introduction to Comparative Politics (instructor: Steve Fish)

Additional Skills

- English (native), Chinese (fluent), Chichewa (basic)
- Python, R, LaTeX

References

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