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## Appointments and Affiliations

- 2019-present **College of William & Mary**  
Assistant Professor of Government and Data Science  
Faculty Affiliate of the Global Research Institute  
Executive Board Member of the Center for African Development
- 2017-present **University of Bergen**  
Centre for Law and Social Transformations Affiliated Researcher
- 2018-2019 **University of Michigan**  
Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2016-2018 **University of California, Berkeley**  
Center for African Studies Research Fellow

## Education

- 2018 **University of California, Berkeley**  
Ph.D., Political Science
- 2012 **M.A., Political Science**
- 2018 Dissertation, *Autocratic Courts in Africa*, received honorable mention for the Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation Award (2019) from the African Politics Conference Group, an organized section of the American Political Science Association and the African Studies Association
- 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.
- Best Article Award (2019) from Comparative Democratization, an organized section of the American Political Science Association

## Working Papers

“Ethnic Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Evidence from Kenya” (with Donghyun Danny Choi and Andy Harris).

- Winner of the Fiona McGillivray Award for the Best Political Economy Paper presented at the American Political Science Association (2020)

## In Progress

1. “Courting Whom? Manipulating Perceptions of Justice in Autocratic Regimes”
2. “Perceptions of Courts: Framing the International Criminal Courts in African and Western Media” (with Risa Kitagawa)
3. “Judicial Appointments and Contested Elections in New Democracies: Evidence from Kenya” (with Donghyun Danny Choi).
4. “Authoritarian Lawfare in Africa” (with Siri Gloppen).
5. “Combating Corruption in African Countries: Foreign Creditors and Domestic Institutions” (with Leonardo Arriola).
6. “Evaluating the Human Rights Record of African Regional Institutions” (with Leonardo Arriola and David Dow).
7. “The Politicization of Sexual Rights in Africa: A Media Content Analysis” (with Malcolm Langford).
8. “Politics of Courts Under Colonialism: Evidence from Colonial Korea 1910-1945” (with ShinHye Choi).

## Grants and Fellowships

2020	William & Mary Provost Faculty Research Grant
2016	National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Grant SES-1535721
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

2020	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2020	Global Law and Politics Workshop
2020	University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Lecture series (cancelled due to COVID)
2019	MIT Governance Lab Political Behavior of Development Conference
2019	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2019	Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation
2019	Autocratic Politics Mini-Conference, Western Political Science Association
2018	Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis
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

- Reviewer: American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, World Politics, National Science Foundation, Association for Computational Linguistics
- Membership: Diversity Action Committee (University of California, Berkeley), Women In Political Science Group (University of California, Berkeley)

## Teaching Experience

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

### William & Mary (Lead Instructor)

GOVT 301: Research Methods

GOVT 391: How to be an Autocrat

GOVT 403: Digital Dictatorship

GOVT 403: Legal Text-as-Data

### UC Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor)

PS 2: Intro to Comparative Politics

PS 4: Intro to International Relations

PS144: Japanese Politics

PS: US Foreign Policy in East Asia

## Additional Skills

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