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RESEARCH INTERESTS Comp. political behavior, governance & accountability, political economy, misinformation, causal methods, social psychology, network analysis

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Post-doctoral Researcher**, Juan March Institute - Universidad Carlos III, Madrid
Starting September 2023

EDUCATION **University of Michigan-Ford School of Public Policy**, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Ph.D. in Political Science & Public Policy, 2017-2023
Sub-fields: Comparative Politics and Public Policy
Committee: A. Hicken (co-chair), N. Nathan (MIT, co-chair), C. Cavaille, T. Brader

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
B.S. Political Science (Distinction conferred), 2013
Certificate of African Studies, 2013

JOURNAL ARTICLES Atwell, Paul and Noah L. Nathan. 2022. "Channels for Influence or Maps of Behavior? A Field Experiment on Social Networks and Cooperation." *American Journal of Political Science*. 66 (3), 696-713 [Link](#)

Armand, Alex, Paul Atwell, and Joseph F. Gomes. 2020. "The Reach of Radio: Defection Messaging and Armed Group Behavior." *American Economic Review*. 110(5):1395-1429. [Link](#)

WORKS IN-PROGRESS *Dissertation/Book Project*. Enduring Disappointment: How social psychology explains party ties in emerging democracies

Gendered mobilization and party structures: Explaining female broker remuneration in Ghana. *In progress*. With Sarah Brierley and Noah Nathan.

It's a Bird, it's a Plane, it's Superman! Using Mass Media to fight Intolerance. *In progress*. *WP Link*. With Joseph Gomes, Alex Armand, and Yannik Schenk.

GRANTS AND AWARDS Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan, 2021
Research Support Award, African Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2021
International Policy Center Research Scholar, Ford School of Public Policy, 2021-2022
Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Graduate Student Research Grant, 2020
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, 2020
Eckstein Prize for Interdisciplinary Research, 2019
International Policy Center Research Scholar, Ford School of Public Policy, 2018-2019
Roy Pierce Scholar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 2018
Academic distinction, University of Wisconsin College of Letters & Science, 2013
University Bookstore Award for Independent Undergraduate Research, 2013

PRESENTATIONS *MPSA*, Chicago, 2023.
Political Parties in Africa, 2023.
Stanford Grad. School of Business (O.B. guest lecture), Palo Alto, 2023.
MWEPS XI, Urbana-Champaign, 2022.
Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Michigan, 2022.
Federal Communications Commission (Invited), Washington, D.C., 2019.
Sociology of Development, Notre Dame University, 2019.
International Policy Center Seminar, Ford School of Public Policy, 2019.
MPSA, Chicago, 2019.
WGAP (Working Group in African Political Economy), UBC, 2018.
Pacific Development (PacDev) Conference, UC Davis, 2018.
Conflict & Peace, Research & Development, University of Michigan, 2018.

SERVICE **Reviewer**
American Political Science Review
Political Behavior
Comparative Political Studies
Studies in Comparative International Development
GLD Working Paper Series

UM Graduate Association of Political Scientists, Co-President, 2018-2019

UM Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee, 2x

TEACHING
ASSISTANTSHIPS *Evolution of Societies*, R. Inglehart, University of Michigan
Modern Warfare, Y. Zhukov, University of Michigan
Is Democracy Dying?, R. Inglehart, University of Michigan
Introduction to Comparative Politics, M. Gallagher, University of Michigan
Electoral Politics of the Developing World, N. Nathan, University of Michigan
Democracy and Development in Africa, A. Pitcher, University of Michigan

SOFTWARE Proficient: R, QGIS, ArcGIS (arcpy), LaTeX
Familiar: Stata, Python, Postgres

LANGUAGES English: Native
Spanish: High written and verbal proficiency
German: Written and verbal proficiency

FIELD EXPERIENCE Ghana, Uganda, Kenya