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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative political behavior, governance & accountability, political economy, misinformation, causal methods, social psychology, network analysis	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Assistant Professor , Department of Political Science - The Ohio State University 2025 - Present	
	Post-doctoral Researcher , Juan March Institute - Universidad Carlos III, Madrid 2023 - 2025	
EDUCATION	University of Michigan–Ford School of Public Policy , Ann Arbor, Michigan Ph.D. in Public Policy & Political Science, 2017-2023 Sub-fields: Public Policy and Comparative Politics 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.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> . 66 (3), 696-713 Link	
	Armand, Alex, Paul Atwell, and Joseph F. Gomes. 2020. “The Reach of Radio: Defection Messaging and Armed Group Behavior.” <i>American Economic Review</i> . 110(5):1395-1429. Link	
WORKS IN-PROGRESS	Reducing Falsehoods at the Source: An experiment incentivizing Brazilian political elites to avoid online misinformation. With Simon Chauchard and Fernando Mello	
	Mayors, Media, and Messaging: A field experimental study of mitigating local elites’ role in the spread of misinformation. With Simon Chauchard and Fernando Mello.	
	Positive and Negative Partisanship as drivers of contentious media engagement in African politics	
	<i>Dissertation/Book Project</i> . Enduring Disappointment: How social psychology explains party ties in emerging democracies	
	Broadcasting Equality: Media Narratives and the Rise of Civil Rights <i>In progress</i> . <i>WP Link</i> . With Joseph Gomes, Alex Armand, and Yannik Schenk.	
	Gendered mobilization and party structures: Explaining female broker remuneration in Ghana. <i>In progress</i> . With Sarah Brierley and Noah Nathan.	

GRANTS AND AWARDS	<p>Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan, 2021</p> <p>Research Support Award, African Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2021</p> <p>International Policy Center Research Scholar, Ford School of Public Policy, 2021-2022</p> <p>Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies Graduate Student Research Grant, 2020</p> <p>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, 2020</p> <p>Eckstein Prize for Interdisciplinary Research, 2019</p> <p>International Policy Center Research Scholar, Ford School of Public Policy, 2018-2019</p> <p>Roy Pierce Scholar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 2018</p> <p>Academic distinction, University of Wisconsin College of Letters & Science, 2013</p> <p>University Bookstore Award for Independent Undergraduate Research, 2013</p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p><i>UC - Louvain Economics</i> (Invited), Feb, 2025</p> <p><i>EPSA</i>, 2024, 2025</p> <p><i>MPSA</i>, Chicago, 2019, 2023.</p> <p><i>Political Parties in Africa</i>, 2023.</p> <p><i>Stanford Grad. School of Business (O.B. guest lecture)</i>, Palo Alto, 2023.</p> <p><i>MWEPS XI</i>, Urbana-Champaign, 2022.</p> <p><i>Comparative Politics Workshop</i>, University of Michigan, 2022.</p> <p><i>Federal Communications Commission</i> (Invited), Washington, D.C., 2019.</p> <p><i>Sociology of Development</i>, Notre Dame University, 2019.</p> <p><i>International Policy Center Seminar</i>, Ford School of Public Policy, 2019.</p> <p><i>WGAPE (Working Group in African Political Economy)</i>, UBC, 2018.</p> <p><i>Pacific Development (PacDev) Conference</i>, UC Davis, 2018.</p> <p><i>Conflict & Peace, Research & Development</i>, University of Michigan, 2018.</p>
SERVICE	<p>Reviewer</p> <p><i>American Political Science Review</i></p> <p><i>World Development</i></p> <p><i>Political Behavior</i></p> <p><i>Comparative Political Studies</i></p> <p><i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i></p> <p>UM Graduate Association of Political Scientists, Co-President, 2018-2019</p> <p>UM Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee, 2x</p>
TEACHING / TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS	<p><i>African Politics</i>, OSU, Fall 2025</p> <p><i>Evolution of Societies</i>, R. Inglehart, UM</p> <p><i>Modern Warfare</i>, Y. Zhukov, UM</p> <p><i>Is Democracy Dying?</i>, R. Inglehart, UM</p> <p><i>Introduction to Comparative Politics</i>, M. Gallagher, UM</p> <p><i>Electoral Politics of the Developing World</i>, N. Nathan, UM</p> <p><i>Democracy and Development in Africa</i>, A. Pitcher, UM</p>
SOFTWARE	<p>Proficient: R, QGIS, ArcGIS (arcpy), LaTeX</p> <p>Familiar: Stata, Python, Postgres</p>
LANGUAGES	<p>English: Native</p> <p>Spanish: High written and verbal proficiency</p> <p>German: Written and verbal proficiency</p>
FIELD EXPERIENCE	Ghana, Uganda, Kenya