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EDUCATION	<b>University of Oxford</b> , Nuffield College, Oxford, UK DPhil candidate, Politics Advisor: Robin Harding	2018-2024 ( <i>expected</i> )
	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> , London, UK MSc Development Management; specialism in Development Economics ( <i>Distinction</i> ) Awarded Mayling Birney Prize for Best Overall Student; Best Dissertation Prize	2018
	<b>McGill University</b> , Montreal, QC BA (Hons) Development Studies & Economics ( <i>First Class Honors</i> )	2012
	<b>University of Ghana</b> , Accra, Ghana Independent Semester Abroad	2010

## WORKING PAPERS

"New City Building: White Elephants, High Modernism, or Engines for Economic Growth?"

"A Novel Global Dataset on New City Projects"

"Decentralization: Road to Development or Bridge to Nowhere? Estimating the Effect of Devolution on Infrastructure Spending in Kenya", *LSE Department of International Development Working Paper Series No. 18*.

REPORTS, MEDIA & POLICY PAPERS 2021. "Governance Handbook", *Charter Cities Institute* (with Jeffrey Mason and Carl Peterson).

2021. "Industrial Strategy Guide", *Charter Cities Institute*.

2021. "Doing Business Methodology Feedback Submission", *Charter Cities Institute* (with Jeffrey Mason).

2020. "An Ostromian Argument for Charter Cities: Institutional Resilience", *LSE Department of International Development*.

2020. "Addressing the 'Charter Cities as Tax Breaks' Critique", *Charter Cities Institute*.

2019. "Political Decentralization and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Kenya", *Charter Cities Institute*.

2019. "Agricultural Transformation in Sierra Leone: A Feasibility Study on a Bundled Agricultural Intervention", *International Growth Centre & WARC Consulting* (with Anthea Piong and Barbara Cardona).

2019. "Operations and Human Resources Strategy: A Report to KleosAfrica", *Oxford Development Consultancy* (with Brian Leong, Onome Ofoman, Stefan Petrevski, and Ed Sellers).

2018. "Rice and Fish Value Chain Development: Maximizing Benefits to Smallholder Farmers in Ghana", *WARC Consulting & LSE Development Consultancy*.

2013. "China and the US have the same problem: inequality", *The Vancouver Observer*.

TEACHING	Teaching Assistant, <b>Quantitative Methods</b> , Graduate Course Oxford Department of International Development	2019
	Tutorial teaching, <b>African Politics</b> , Undergraduate Course Oxford colleges: Regent's Park	2019
GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	International Growth Centre Early-Career Researchers Grant ( <i>£20,000</i> )	2022-
	Quantitative Methods Graduate Scholarship, University of Oxford ( <i>declined</i> )	2019
	St. Hugh's Travel Grant	2019
	Barbinder Watson Trust Fund Grant	2019
	Mayling Birney Prize for Best Overall Student, LSE ( <i>1st of 84 students</i> )	2018
	Best Dissertation Prize, LSE ( <i>1st of 259 students</i> )	2018
	Golden Key International Honour Society, McGill University ( <i>top 15%</i> )	2009-
	Roland Arts Internship Award	2009
WORK EXPERIENCE	<b>Charter Cities Institute</b> , Washington, DC <i>Executive Director (formerly Director of Research)</i>	2019-Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead and oversee all CCI operations including vision setting and strategy, hiring, fundraising, thought leadership, conference planning, government relations, and charter city consulting (among others).</li> <li>• Raise and strategically allocate \$3M in annual budget spend to advance CCI's vision of empowering new cities with better governance to lift tens of millions of people out of poverty.</li> </ul>	
	<b>WARC Consulting &amp; International Growth Centre (IGC)</b> , Sierra Leone <i>Research Manager</i>	2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hired and trained a team of +150 enumerators, supervisors, and technicians to carry out a DFID &amp; IGC funded RCT examining voluntary property tax compliance across 200,000 households in Freetown, Sierra Leone.</li> <li>• Coordinated, hired, and trained a team of 10 enumerators to conduct a pilot study analyzing the benefits of rural electrification across 6 villages (and +1,000 households) in Northern and Southern Sierra Leone.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Hootsuite Media Inc.</b> , Vancouver, BC <i>Customer Success Manager/various roles</i>	2014-17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consulted on digital strategy for Government, Higher Education, and Non-Profit clients. Optimized clients' deployment of Hootsuite Enterprise software.</li> <li>• Attained a 202% net renewal rate (more than doubling my book of business) in my second quarter on the job. This net renewal rate put me 2nd globally on the Customer Success team (over 70 CSMs), and 1st on my direct North American team.</li> </ul>	
	<b>RADIUS Social Innovation Hub</b> , Vancouver, BC <i>Communications Lead</i>	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed and curated all RADIUS social media accounts using Hootsuite (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+). Created engaging blog content to drive website traffic.</li> </ul>	
	<b>McGill Economics Dept &amp; ELIMU Impact Evaluation Centre</b> , Kenya <i>Research Manager</i>	2011-12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aided Dr. Matthieu Chemin in formulating and executing randomized controlled trials (RCTs). These RCTs examined potential policies to increase demand for a health insurance product among +1,700 respondents in rural Kenya.</li> <li>• Managed over \$45,000 of research grant funds and ensured that ELIMU's financial transactions were accounted for and all monthly bills were paid in a timely manner.</li> <li>• Resulting research conducted under my supervision was published by Dr. Chemin in <i>World Development</i> (see Chemin, M. 2018. "Informal Groups and Health Insurance Take-Up: Evidence from a Field Experiment", <i>World Development</i>, Vol. 101, p. 54-72).</li> </ul>	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

"Decentralization: Road to Development or Bridge to Nowhere? Estimating the Effect of Devolution on Infrastructure Spending in Kenya"  
 –Political Economy of Development & Accountability Conference, Oxford, UK, 2019  
 –NOVAFRICA Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2019  
 –Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Student Conference, Oxford, UK, 2019  
 –University of Sussex, *Political Elites in Kenya*, Brighton, UK, 2018

"Political Decentralization & Charter Cities"  
 –Invited talk at the University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2020

"Urban Governance: African & US Cities"  
 –Invited talk at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2021

"Open Zone Map Launch: Pushing the Charter Cities & SEZ Research Frontier"  
 –Invited talk with Adrianople Group, online, 2021

CONFERENCE CONVENING

Co-organizer  
 Inaugural Africa's New Cities Summit (*>250 attendees*) Kigali, Rwanda / Nov 2023

Co-organizer  
 2nd New Cities Conference (*keynote: Paul Romer*) NYU, NY / March 2023

Co-organizer  
 Inaugural New Cities Conference MIT, Cambridge, MA / Oct 2022

Co-organizer  
 Charter Cities Conference Johannesburg / *March 2020 (COVID-19 cancellation)*

Co-organizer  
 DC Charter Cities Discussion Washington, DC / Oct 2019

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

World Urban Forum (UN-Habitat) Abu Dhabi / *Feb 2020 (COVID-19 cancellation)*  
 Africa Investment Forum Johannesburg / Nov 2019  
 Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) Berlin / April 2019  
 University of Oxford, *Northeast Africa Forum* Oxford / Feb 2019

FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

Zanzibar, Tanzania (6 months, 2023)  
 Ghana (5 months, 2010)  
 Kenya (13 months, 2011-2012)  
 Sierra Leone (3 months, 2019; 2 weeks, 2017)

SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ODK Collect  
 Methods Training: Intermediate Statistics, Causal Inference, Computational Tools and Techniques for the Social Sciences, Longitudinal Data Analysis  
 Certificates: Professional Certificate in Municipal Finance (University of Chicago & Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2020)

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

Charter Cities Podcast, Co-Host:  
 –Lant Pritchett on Economic Growth, Charter Cities, & State Capability Oct 2023  
 –Elliott Green on Industrialization & Assimilation June 2023  
 –Stefan Dercon on The Elite's Role in Development July 2022  
 –Efosa Ojoma on Market-driven Solutions to Development June 2022  
 –Deborah Brautigam on The Real Story of China in Africa May 2022  
 –Chris Blattman on Tackling Poverty & Preventing War April 2022  
 –Ed Glaeser on Urbanization and Urban Governance Nov 2021  
 –David Stasavage on The Decline and Rise of Democracy July 2021

- Alexander Betts on How Displaced People Can Build Economies June 2021
- Erin McDonnell on Bureaucratic Pockets of Effectiveness in Ghana May 2021
- Matthew Kahn on The Economics of Climate Change March 2021
- Yuen Yuen Ang on China's Development Evolution & Corruption March 2021
- Leonard Wantchekon on Founding the African School of Economics Feb 2020
- Sebastian Mallaby on the Legacy of Jim Wolfensohn at the World Bank Jan 2020
- Nathan Nunn on Historical Events and Economic Development Nov 2020
- A Look Behind the Charter Cities Movement with Mark Lutter Sept 2020
- Nic Cheeseman on Making Democracy Work in Africa Aug 2020

Charter Cities YouTube Q&A Series, Co-Host:

- Q&A: LSE's Susanne Frick on 'Special Economic Zones: Truly Special?' June 2020
- Q&A: UNCTAD's Richard Bolwijn on World Investment Report 2019 June 2020
- Q&A: Harvard's James Donald & Kat Nawrot on African Megacities May 2020
- Q&A: Oxford's Nicolas Lippolis on African & Chinese Urbanization April 2020
- Q&A: RxC's Matt Prewitt & Paul Healy on Radical Charter Cities April 2020