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EDUCATION

Yale University
PhD, Political Science. Expected 2028.

- *Dissertation:* Judicializing Electoral Politics: The Causes and Consequences of Post-Election Litigation
- *Committee:* Kate Baldwin (chair), Jennifer Gandhi, Egor Lazarev
- *Fields:* Comparative Politics, International Relations, Qualitative and Archival Methods

MPhil, Political Science. 2025.
MA, Political Science. 2025.

Georgetown University
BS, International Politics (*cum laude*). 2018.

- *Minors*: African Studies, French

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Jessica Hickle. 2022. "Case Sensitive: Lawyers and the Formation of Legal Arguments in Tanzania." *Law and Social Inquiry.*

SELECTED ANALYSIS & GENERAL INTEREST PUBLICATIONS

- Jessica Hickle. 2026. "Two alders want to cater to local caterers by lowering license fees." *Yale Daily News*.
- Jessica Hickle. 2023. "The State of the Evidence: Debt Transparency." *Open Government Partnership.*
- Jessica Hickle. 2020. "Domestic Resource Mobilization and Economic Recovery in Africa." *Open Government Partnership.*

GRANTS

- Georg Walter Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Grant ($5,000). 2026.
- Lindsay Fellowship for Research in Africa ($2,000). 2026.
- Humane Studies Fellowship ($3,000). 2025.
- MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship ($18,000). 2025.
- MacMillan Center International Conference Travel Grant ($800). 2025; 2026.
- MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship ($5,000). 2024.
- Raines Research Fellowship ($5,000). 2017.
- Improving the Human Condition Grant ($3,000). 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association. 2021; 2025 (declined); 2026.
- Midwest Political Science Association. 2025; 2026.
- African Studies Association. 2026 (planned).

- The Bergen Exchanges. Centre on Law and Social Transformation. 2026.
- Yale MacMillan Comparative Politics Workshop. 2025; 2026.
- Yale Center for the Study of American Politics Summer Workshop. 2025.
- European Conference of African Studies. 2025 (declined).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University, Department of Political Science

- *Elections, Institutions, and Contestation in Africa*. Instructor of Record (with Kate Baldwin). Fall 2026.
- *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*. Teaching Fellow. Spring 2025; Spring 2026. Instructor: Maria Jose Hierro.
- *Law and Political Development*. Teaching Fellow. Fall 2024. Instructor: Egor Lazarev.

Wesleyan University, Department of Government

- *Elections, Institutions, and Contestation in Africa*. Instructor of Record. Fall 2026.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Writing Lab at the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning (Yale)

- Writing mentor. 2026-present.

Freelance Copy Editor

- Academic and policy writing. 2023-present.

Open Government Partnership

- Research Officer. 2018-2022. Washington, D.C.
- Consultant. 2023. Remote.

Digital Fieldwork (website)

- Project Manager. 2020-2022.

Georgetown University Institute for Innovation, Development, and Evaluation (gui2de)

- Research Assistant for Ken Opalo and James Habyarimana. 2016-2018.

SERVICE

- Graduate Student Coordinator. Comparative Politics Workshop. Yale University. AY 2023-2024.
- Departmental Representative. Graduate Student Assembly. Yale University. AY 2023-2024.
- Co-organizer with Kate Baldwin. Meeting of the Boston-Area Working Group on African Politics and Economics (B-WGAPE). 2023.
- Writing Mentor. Center for Research and Fellowships. Georgetown University. 2021-Present.

SKILLS & FIELDWORK

Technical: R, STATA, Latex, R Markdown, SurveyCTO, Trint, Wordpress
Language: English (native), French (professional proficiency), Kiswahili (basic), Chichewa (basic)
Fieldwork: Malawi (2025, 2026), Senegal (2024), Tanzania (2016, 2017)