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EDUCATION

Columbia University

New York, NY

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, 2010-2016 (expected)

M.A., Political Science, 2011

- Major in Comparative Politics and Minor in Quantitative Methods
- Committee: Macartan Humphreys, Chris Blattman, Suresh Naidu, and Isabela Mares

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

B.A., International Relations, 2008

- Honors in International Security Studies, Center for International Security and Cooperation
- Academic Advisor: Jeremy Weinstein. Thesis Advisor: Stephen J. Stedman

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2014 **International Peace Research Association Foundation Grant**
- 2014 **Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Travel Grant (Fall Semester)**
- 2013 **Earth Institute AC4 Fellowship**
- 2012 **Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) Exploratory Grant**
- 2011 **Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies (CSDS) Seed Funding**
- 2007 **Stanford African Service Grant**
- 2007 **Stanford Quarterly Research Grant**
- 2004 **Stanford Summer Research Fellowship**

RESEARCH

Dissertation Project

The Psychology of Political Risk in Repressive Regimes: Evidence from Zimbabwe

Abstract: Why does state repression lead to obedience in some cases and protest in others? Does exposure to violence change the way citizens process information and make decisions? I theorize that violent threats arouse emotions—most commonly, anger and fear—that have a causal effect on how citizens perceive and process political risk. These psychological processes also contribute to the heterogeneous effects of electoral violence. I test this theory using a combination of historical and experimental studies in Zimbabwe and Romania.

Working Papers

Isabela Mares and Lauren E. Young. *Conditionality as coercion: Strategies of electoral mobilization in Hungary*. Oct 2014.

Suresh Naidu, James A. Robinson, and Lauren E. Young. *Social Origins of Dictatorships: Elite Networks and Political Transitions in Haiti*. Sep 2014.

Grant M. Gordon and Lauren E. Young. Sep 2014. *Supply without Demand? Haitian Experiences of UN Peacekeeping*. Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Peace Research*.

Policy Reports

Freedom in the World Report: Zimbabwe. 2015. Freedom House.

[*World Humanitarian Data and Trends*](#). 2013. United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

[*Humanitarianism in the Network Age*](#). 2012. United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Todd Moss and Lauren Young. [*Saving Ghana from Its Oil: The Case for Direct Cash Distribution*](#). 2009. CGD Working Paper #186.

Selected Presentations

2014 NYU – Abu Dhabi
2014 World Bank
2014 Center for Global Development
2013 Warwick University
2013 British Academy
2013 Northeast Workshop on Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS)
2012 Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar
2012 Midwest Political Science Association

SERVICE

- Referee, *African Affairs*
- Co-coordinator, Seminar on Sustainable Development Strategies, 2013-2014
- Co-coordinator, Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar, Fall 2011
- Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Council, 2011-2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-	UNFPA , <i>Evaluation Consultant</i>	New York, NY
2012-14	UN OCHA , <i>Research Consultant</i>	New York, NY
2013	Social Impact , <i>Evaluation Consultant</i>	Manicaland, Zimbabwe
2011-12	Columbia University , <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	New York, NY
2011	Architecture for Humanity , <i>Evaluation Consultant</i>	Port-au-Prince, Haiti
2008-09	Innovations for Poverty Action , <i>Evaluation Consultant</i>	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
2009-10	Center for Global Development , <i>Special / Research Assistant</i>	Washington, DC
2008-09	American Refugee Committee , <i>Grants & Information Manager</i>	Monrovia, Liberia
2005-14	FACE AIDS , <i>Co-Founder, Associate Director, Board Member</i>	Stanford, CA

SKILLS

- French – *fluent*, English – *native language*
- ArcGIS, STATA, R, LaTeX, Python, Salesforce, Pendragon, basic html