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EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor Department of Afroamerican & African Studies Department of Political Science, University of Michigan	2022-
	Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Afroamerican & African Studies, University of Michigan	2020-2022
	UC President's Post-Doctoral Fellow Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego	2020
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. Political Science M.A. Political Science <i>Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Behavior, and African Politics</i>	2020 2017
	American University of Paris M.A. International Affairs, Conflict Resolution and Civil Society Development	2012
	La Sorbonne-Paris I Masters II Sciences Politiques	2012
	Elon University B.A. International Studies African Concentration; Political Science and Geography	2008
	BOOK PROJECT	No Neutral Ground: NGOs & Democracy Promotion in Post-Conflict Africa (Under review) <i>Best Dissertation Award, Western Political Science Association, 2020</i>
JOURNAL ARTICLES	Davis, J.M., Wilfahrt, M. 2025. Understanding the Sensitivity of Party Identification Questions in Polarized African Contexts. <i>Political Behavior</i> .	
	Davis, J. M., & Wilfahrt, M. 2024. "Enumerator Experiences in Violent Research Environments". <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , 57(4), 675-709. <i>APCG Best Article Award, 2024</i>	
	Davis, J.M., 2024. "Parochial Altruism in Civil Society Leaders: Legacies of Contested Governance." <i>The Journal of Politics</i> , 86(3): 819-834. <i>APCG Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2018</i>	

Davis, J. and Turnbull, M., 2024. "Nigerian youth engagement in violent electoral environments: Political apathy or 'Constrained Optimism'?" *African Affairs*, 123 (491): 133–164.

Arriola, L.R., Choi, D.D., **Davis, J.M.**, Phillips, M.L. and Rakner, L., 2024. "Policymakers' Abortion Preferences: Understanding the Intersection of Gender and Wealth". *Comparative Political Studies*, 58(1), 78-121.

Davis, Justine and Kristin Michelitch. 2022. "Introduction to Field Experiments: Thinking Through Identity and Positionality." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 55(4): 735-740.

Arriola, Leonardo, Danny Choi, **Justine Davis**, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner. 2021. "Paying to Party: Candidate Resources and Party Switching in New Democracies". *Party Politics*, 28(3), 507-520.

Davis, Justine M. 2020. "Manipulating Africa? Perspectives on the experimental method in the study of African politics", *African Affairs*, 119(476), 452–467.

Frontani, Heidi G. and **Davis, Justine M**, 2008. "Ideologies of Land and Place: Memories from Zimbabwe's War of Liberation," *South African Geographical Journal*, 90 (1), 54-63.

UNDER REVIEW

Seeing What Citizens Miss: How Monitors Improve Election Violence Reporting (with Leonardo Arriola, Arsène Brice Bado, Allison Grossman, and Aila M. Matanock)

WORKING PAPERS

Can Violence Narratives Shape Political Participation?: Evidence from Nigeria (with Megan Turnbull)

Disaggregating Trauma: A Systematic Review of the Impact of Political Violence (with Biz Herman)

Competing Frames and Policymakers' Preferences for LGBT+ Protection: Experimental Evidence from Zambia (with Leonardo Arriola, Danny Choi, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner)

Partisan Response to Term Limit Subversion and Democratic Backsliding: Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire (with Irene Morse)

Partisanship, Gender, and the Structure of Politician Networks in Zambia (with Leonardo Arriola, Danny Choi, Melanie Phillips, and Lise Rakner)

Consider the Source: Individual Variation in Reporting Electoral Violence (with Leonardo Arriola, Arsène Brice Bado, Allison Grossman, and Aila M. Matanock)

Get Out the Vote with Violence: Opposition Mobilization in Violent Elections (with Irene Morse)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Horace Gninafon and **Justine Davis**. 2023. [Guide de rédaction et de publication d'articles pour les chercheurs francophones](#). *EGAP Learning Tools*.

Davis, Justine. 2022. "Introduction: Virtual Issue: Elections." *African Affairs*. doi.org/10.1093

Justine Davis, Jay-Miguel Fonticella, Hasan Abdel-Nabi, & Siwaar Abouhala. 2021. "[Psychopolitical Implications of Forced Migration and Violence on Human Behavior](#)". *Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) Newsletter*.

Davis, Justine. 2021. "Facilitating Transitions? Civil society organizations in post-conflict democratization in sub-Saharan Africa" *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*.

Ségorbah K. Silwé, Joseph Koné, et **Justine Davis**. 2017. "Les Ivoiriens révèlent un sentiment d'insécurité mêlé d'un défaut de confiance: Afrobaromètre" *Afrobarometer Dispatch*.

Davis, Justine and Carrie Reiling. March 15, 2016. "[Monkey Cage: Six things you need to know about Côte d'Ivoire in the wake of Sunday's attacks](#)."

Davis, Justine. 2008. "Selling Wares on the Streets of Accra: A Case Study of Street Hawkers in Ghana's Capital," *Focus on Geography*.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

African Politics Conference Group Best Paper Award, 2024

Metrick Family Creativity and Collaboration in Curriculum Award, Political Science Department, University of Michigan, 2023

Inaugural Class for The Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Summer Institute on Diversity Science, Stanford University, 2023

Best Dissertation Award, Western Political Science Association, 2020

Ralph Bunche Best Graduate Student Paper in 2018 Award, from the African Politics Conference Group

IGCC Academic Conference Grantee, 2019-2020, with *Biz Herman and Cecilia Mo*

Carnegie Foundation Research Grant, 2018-2022, with *Leonardo Arriola, Arsene Brice Bado, Aila Matanock, and Manuela Travaglianti*

Simpson Memorial Research Fellow, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley, 2017-2018

Rocca Dissertation Fellowship Award, Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley, 2017-2018

UC Berkeley Mentored Research Fellowship Award, 2017-2018

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2017

APSA Minority Fellowship Program Annual Meeting Grant, 2016

Society for Political Methodology Garcia Award, 2016

Elon University Top 10 under 10 Alumni Award, 2016

Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2015-2020

NSF Rapid Grant, 2015-2019, with *Leonardo Arriola, Aila Matanock, and Manuela Travaglianti*

West African Research Association Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2015

UC Human Rights Fellowship, UC Human Rights Center, 2015

Royal Air Morocco-ASA Student Travel Award, 2014

Student Opportunity Fund Travel Award, UC Berkeley, 2014

Catherine & Leonard Unger Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2014-2021

American Political Science Association Diversity Fellowship, 2014-2016

J. William Fulbright - Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellowship, 2013-2014

PRESENTATIONS

** = Invited*

2025: SPSA; Workshop: Empirical Evidence to Improve Informed Consent*; University of Pennsylvania CP series* [Rescheduled]; APSA; Yale's Political Violence and Its Legacies Workshop*; University of California, Berkeley's Comparative Politics Colloquium*

2024: SPSA; Center for African Studies at the University of Florida*; Princeton University International Relations Colloquium*; Peace Science Annual Conference

2023: Seoul National University; University of California, Riverside*; Brown University*; University of Pittsburgh*; William & Mary*; University of Wisconsin*; ISA; MPSA; Washington University St. Louis*; Michigan State University*

2022: Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Annual Meeting; Political Violence and Electoral Politics Workshop; University of Wisconsin*; University of California, Davis*; Columbia University*; CUNY Grad Center Comparative Politics Workshop*; MPSA; APSA

2021: MWEPS; University of Colorado, Boulder*; University of Maryland*; APSA; ASA; 11th Annual Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data; Elections, Violence, and Parties Workshop; Washington University St. Louis IR Workshop*

2020: APSA; Peace Science Society Workshop on Elections and Violence*; ASA; University of Michigan, Conflict, Peace, Research & Development (CPRD) Workshop; Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop: The Pursuit of Peaceful Polling*

2019: APSA; ASA; University of San Francisco*; University of Louisville*; MIT*; Harvard University*; Princeton University*; Boston University*; Temple University*; University of Pennsylvania*; Bentley University*; Cornell Institute for African Development Symposium*; Africa Colloquium, UC Berkeley*

2015-2018: APSA; ASA; MPSA; West Coast Working Group on African Political Economy; Results Dissemination Workshop, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; Berkeley-Uppsala Graduate Student Workshop; UC Human Rights Center; Conference on Citizenship Studies

TEACHING & MENTORING

University of Michigan

Political Violence in Africa (Undergraduate): Winter 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Winter 2026

Politics of International Aid (Undergraduate): Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Designing Fieldwork in Political Science (Graduate): Winter 2025

Graduate Students:

- Mostafa El Sharkawy (2nd year advisor)
- Hilary Izatt: Assistant Professor, SUNY Binghamton (dissertation committee member)
- Katelyn Knapp (1st/2nd year advisor)
- Esmeralda López (1st/2nd year advisor)
- Jieun Oh (1st/2nd year advisor)
- Irene Morse (Current dissertation committee member)
- Rebecca Rose (2nd year advisor)
- Rebecca Wai (Current dissertation committee member)

Mentor, University of Michigan African Presidential Scholars Program, 2022-2023

Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, 2020-2022

Masters Thesis Advisor, Masters in International and Regional Studies, 2021-2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Michigan

Prelim Exam Committees: Comparative Politics (2023), World Politics (2025), Methods (2025)

Committee Member: Political Science PhD Admissions, 2023, 2025

Co-coordinator: Africa Workshop, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, 2022-2023

Co-convener: Conflict & Peace, Research & Development Group, University of Michigan, 2021-2022

Associate: African Studies Center, University of Michigan

Faculty Associate: Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan

Reviewer: University of Michigan African Presidential Scholars Program, 2020

Discipline

Committee Member: Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research Section Nominating Committee, 2025

Committee Member: Empirical Studies of Conflict ad hoc committee on ethics, 2023-present

Scientific Committee Member: *Colloque: Vingt ans après la guerre en Côte d'Ivoire - penser la crise en temps de la paix*, Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, 2022

Co-coordinator: Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2022-Present

Member: APCG Online Colloquium Planning Committee, 2020-2024

Editorial Board Member: African Affairs, 2021-Present

Member: Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), 2021-Present

Mentor: APSA Mentorship Program, 2020-2021

Member: American Political Science Association; African Politics Conference Group; African Studies Association; Conflict Research Society; West Africa Research Association

Reviewer: *African Affairs, African Studies Review, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, California Journal of Politics and Policy, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Economics & Politics, International Peacekeeping, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Opinion Quarterly*

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Languages English (Native), French (Native fluency)

Software ArcGIS, \LaTeX , Github, Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata, SurveyToGo

Additional Training

- ICPSR Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2016
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2017
- Women of Color in Political Science Workshop, 2017, 2019

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