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EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley , Berkeley, California PhD Candidate, Political Science <i>Subfields: Comparative Politics and Political Behavior</i>	September 2014- present
	University of California, Berkeley , Berkeley, California M.A., Political Science.	June, 2016
	University of California, San Diego , La Jolla, California B.A., International Studies; Political Science.	June, 2014
RESEARCH INTERESTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Party Politics- Women in Politics- Elections and Electoral Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Field Experiments- Ethnography and Participant Observation- Survey Experiments
PUBLICATIONS	Thompson, Melanie L. (2013) Ghana, A Proposal to Pay and Pray for. <i>Prospect Journal of International Affairs</i> .	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- "Democratization and Gender Politics in Africa" <i>with Martha Johnson</i>- "Persistence and Perseverance: Female Politicians in Zambia" <i>with Leonardo Arriola and Lise Rakner</i>- "Coups and Candidates in Democratic Elections"- "Its a Mans World: The Unique Path Women Must Take on The Road to Candidacy"- "Party Building and Politician Defection in Zambia" <i>with Leonardo Arriola, Danny Choi, Lise Rakner, Ingvild Skage, and Justine Davis</i>- Persistence and Perseverance: Female Politicians in Zambia <i>with Leonardo Arriola and Lise Rakner</i>	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant The Bergen-Berkeley Research Program on Political Parties in the Developing World - Field Research: Interviews and Survey Execution	2016- 2017
	Research Assistant Political Accountability in Patronage Democracies by Jennifer Bussell - Empirical Work: Conjoint Analysis	2016- 2017
	Varieties of Democracy Project, Supercoder - Countries Coded: Colombia, Ghana, The United States, and Togo. Surveys Coded: Elections, Political Parties, and The Executive	October, 2014 - March, 2015
	Honors Thesis "Can Electoral Reform Reduce Violence? A Case Study of Colombia" <i>Awarded Distinction</i>	2014

	McNair Thesis	2013
	"Mental Health: an Analysis of human rights violations in West Africa"	
FIELDWORK	<i>Zambia Interviews</i>	September - December, 2017
	<i>Zambia Interviews and Survey Experiment</i>	March, 2017
	<i>Zambia Interviews and Survey Experiment</i>	January, 2016
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Graduate Student Instructor Gender and International Human Rights	Spring 2018
	Graduate Student Instructor Introduction to Comparative Politics	Spring 2017
	Graduate Student Instructor Gender and International Human Rights	Fall 2016
	<i>Awarded Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor</i>	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Party Building and Politician Defection in Zambia" American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. September, 2017 - "Coups and Candidates in Democratic Elections" African Studies Association, Washington, DC. December, 2016 - "Party Building and Politician Defection in Zambia" American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. September, 2016 - University of California, San Diego Summer Research Symposium. August, 2013 - McNair Berkeley Symposium. August, 2013 - University of California, San Diego Faculty Mentor Symposium. June, 2013 	
TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS	Computer Programming: Python; R; STATA, Applications: Qualtrics; L ^A T _E X; Weebly (Website Builder); Windows	
FELLOWSHIPS	Smart Fellowship	2018
	Rocca Fellowship	2017
	Boren Fellowship (Declined)	2017
	D-Lab Fellowship: Instrumental Variables Analysis and Related Methods	2015
	D-Lab Fellowship: Causal Inference from Observational Data	2015
	Quantitative Training Fellowship: ICPSR	2015
	Regents Fellowship- University of California, Berkeley	2014, 2015
	Department of Political Science Fellowship	2014, 2015
	Florence Staiger Lonn; Education Grant	2014
	McNair Summer Fellowship	2013
ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS	Graduate Student Representative Admissions Committee 2017 -2018 Coordinator Women in Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2016-2017 Member Pi Sigma Alpha; American Political Science Association; African Politics Conference Group; African Studies Association; Women in Politics	
HONORS AND AWARDS	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor	Fall 2016
	University of California, San Diego: Honors in International Studies; Political Science.	June, 2014