

Lauren E. Young

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Davis

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2017-

Stanford University Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law

Postdoctoral Scholar, 2016-2017

Center for Global Development

Non-Resident Postdoctoral Fellow, 2016-2017

EDUCATION

Columbia University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2016

- Dissertation: Emotions and the Projection of Coercive Power in Autocracies (Distinction)

M.Phil., Political Science, 2014

M.A., Political Science, 2011

Stanford University

B.A., International Relations, 2008 (Honors in International Security Studies)

AFFILIATIONS

Evidence in Government and Politics

Academic Member

Center for Effective Global Action

Faculty Affiliate

Institute for Replication

Editorial Board Member

RESEARCH

Books

Isabela Mares and Lauren E. Young. 2019. *Conditionality and Coercion: Electoral clientelism in Eastern Europe*. Oxford University Press.

- Winner, APSA Political Economy Section William H. Riker Book Award 2020
- Honorable Mention, APSA Comparative Politics Section Gregory Luebbert Book Award 2020
- Winner, APSA European Politics and Society Section Book Award 2021
- Reviews: [Perspectives on Politics](#), [Europe-Asia Studies](#), [Czech Sociological Review](#)

Articles

11. Omar Garcia-Ponce, Lauren E. Young, and Thomas Zeitzoff. "Anger and support for punitive justice in Mexico's drug war." 2022. *Journal of Peace Research*.
 - Brief: [Political Violence at a Glance](#)
10. Hannah Baron and Lauren E. Young. "From principles to practice: Methods for increasing the transparency of research ethics in violent contexts." 2021. *Political Science Research & Methods*: 1-8.

- Brief: [EGAP Standards Discussion: Transparency in research ethics](#)
- 9. Suresh Naidu, James A. Robinson, and Lauren E. Young. "Social origins of dictatorships: Elite networks and political transitions in Haiti." 2021. *American Political Science Review* 115(3): 900-916.
- 8. Lauren E. Young. 2021. "Mobilization under threat: An experimental test of opposition party strategies in a repressive regime." *Political Behavior*: 1-16.
- 7. Lauren E. Young. 2020. "Who dissents? Self-efficacy and opposition action after state-sponsored election violence." *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1): 62-76.
- 6. Lauren E. Young. 2019. "The psychology of political risk in autocracy: Fear and dissent decisions in Zimbabwe." *American Political Science Review* 113(1): 140-155.
- Brief: [WaPo Monkey Cage](#)
- 5. Abraham Aldama, Mateo Vasquez, and Lauren E. Young. 2019. "Fear and citizen coordination against dictatorship." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 31(1): 103-125.
- 4. Isabela Mares and Lauren E. Young. 2018. "Varieties of clientelism in Hungarian elections." *Comparative Politics* 51(3): 449-480.
- 3. Isabela Mares and Lauren E. Young. 2018. "The core voter's curse: Clientelistic threats and promises in Hungarian elections." *Comparative Political Studies* 51(11): 1441-1471.
- 2. Grant M. Gordon and Lauren E. Young. January 2017. "Cooperation, information, and keeping the peace: Civilian engagement with peacekeepers in Haiti." *Journal of Peace Research* 54(1): 64-79.
- Brief: [IPI Global Observatory](#)
- 1. Isabela Mares and Lauren E. Young. 2016. "Buying, stealing, and expropriating votes." *Annual Review of Political Science* 19: 267-288.

Working Papers

5. Adrienne LeBas and Lauren E. Young. "Repression and dissent around a potential critical juncture: Panel data evidence from Zimbabwe." September 2022. Revision resubmitted at the *American Political Science Review*.
4. Abraham Aldama, Deshawn Sambrano, Mateo Vasquez, and Lauren E. Young. "An experimental test of the effects of fear in a coordination game." September 2020. Revision resubmitted at the *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
3. Hannah Baron, Omar García-Ponce, Jorge Olmos Camarillo, Lauren E. Young, and Thomas Zeitzoff. "Moral reasoning and support for punitive violence: A multi-methods analysis." December 2021.
2. Hannah Baron, Omar García-Ponce, Lauren E. Young, and Thomas Zeitzoff. "The limits of deliberation: A field experiment on criminal justice preferences in Michoacán, Mexico." September 2020.
1. Lauren Young. "Preying on the poor: The impact of repressive violence on citizen behavior." May 2022.

Policy Reports

9. Lead researcher. October 2019. *Citizen Engagement and Public Service Delivery in Zimbabwe*. Prepared for the World Bank Zimbabwe.
8. Coauthor with Nicolas Cheeseman and Eldred Masunungure. September 2019. *Zimbabwean Political Parties and the Promotion of Democracy in Zimbabwe*. Prepared for USAID Zimbabwe.

7. Coauthor with Adrienne LeBas and Alexander Noyes. November 2018. *The Impact of Crisis Events on Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes: Tracking Citizen Response in Zimbabwe*. Prepared for the International Republican Institute.
6. Coauthor with D. Alex Hughes and Derek Stafford. *Evidence Review: Youth Violence and Crime Reduction*. March 2016. Prepared for USAID.
5. Country Analyst. Zimbabwe country report. [Freedom in the World Report](#). 2016. Freedom House.
4. Country Analyst. Zimbabwe country report. [Freedom in the World Report](#). 2015. Freedom House.
3. Lead researcher. [World Humanitarian Data and Trends](#). 2013. United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.
2. Researcher. [Humanitarianism in the Network Age](#). 2012. United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.
1. Todd Moss and Lauren Young. [Saving Ghana from Its Oil: The Case for Direct Cash Distribution](#). 2009. CGD Working Paper #186.

Presentations

- 2022 NYU, Dartmouth
- 2021 University of Michigan, Higher School of Economics, WGAPE, Leiden University, UC Berkeley HSVT
- 2020 UCSD, LSE, Oxford, UCL, EUI, Princeton ESOC, APSA
- 2019 Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Stanford CDDRL, APSA, MPSA, WPSA
- 2018 Stanford CDDRL, Stanford CLAS, EGAP, Facebook, APSA, WPSA
- 2017 Berkeley Center for Africa Studies, Stanford Center for Africa Studies, Duke, EPSA
- 2016 NYU Abu Dhabi, Temple University, Stanford CDDRL, Columbia, APSA, Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), Northeast Workshop on Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), Center for Global Development, CUNY Politics and Protest Workshop
- 2015 Yale Institute for Social & Policy Studies (ISPS), Columbia Comparative Politics Seminar, Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), MPSA, EPSA, APSA, Columbia Political Economy, African Studies Association, Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), U.S. Institute of Peace, U.S. Department of State
- 2014 World Bank, Center for Global Development, NYU-Abu Dhabi

GRANTS & AWARDS

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- 2022 National Science Foundation Ethical and Responsible Research (ER2) – Co-PI **(\$400,000)**
- 2022 Innovations for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery Infrastructure Grant – Principal Investigator **(\$130,000)**
- 2021 Hellman Fellowship **(\$18,000)**
- 2020 UC Mexus-CONACYT Collaborative Grant – Co-Principal Investigator **(\$25,000)**
- 2018 National Science Foundation Law & Social Sciences – Principal Investigator **(\$249,021)**
- 2017 IFREE Small Grants – Principal Investigator **(\$9,948)**
- 2016 Columbia Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience Seed Funding **(\$30,000)**
- 2016 Columbia Center for Experimental Laboratory for the Social Sciences Grant **(\$1,000)**
- 2015 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant **(\$17,500)**
- 2015 USIP Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship **(\$20,000)**
- 2015 Columbia Mellon Interdisciplinary Fellowship
- 2014 International Peace Research Association Foundation Grant **(\$5,000)**
- 2014 Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Travel Grant **(\$13,000)**

- 2013 Earth Institute AC4 Fellowship (\$3,000)
 2012 Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries Exploratory Grant (\$38,000)
 2011 Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Seed Funding (\$8,000)

TEACHING

POL 179 – Experiments in Social Change (UG)
 POL 146A – Contemporary African Politics (UG)
 POL 2 – Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG)
 POL 290F – Political Behavior in the Developing World (Grad)

SERVICE

- **Departmental:** Placement Director (2021-), CP Subfield Chair (2022-)
- **Award Committees:** 2019 APCG Best Dissertation Award, 2020 APSA Democracy & Autocracy Best Fieldwork Award, 2021 Riker Best Book Award, 2022 European Politics & Society Best Book Award
- **Conference Organization:** Steering Committee Member, EGAP Crime and Policing Working Group; Co-coordinator California Workshop on Empirical Political Science (CaliWEPS) 2018-, Western Political Science Association (WPSA) pre-conference on Non-Democratic Politics 2019
- **Referee:** *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Conflict Research*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; *Political Psychology*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; and *African Affairs*

POLICY

- **Zimbabwe governance and politics:** National Democratic Institute (2020-), USAID (2019-2020), World Bank (2016-), Freedom House (2014-16)
- **Evaluation methodology:** NORC at the University of Chicago (2016), Evidence in Governance and Policy (2014-16), UNFPA (2013-16), Architecture for Humanity (2011 - Haiti), Innovations for Poverty Action (2010 - Cote d'Ivoire)
- **Humanitarian policy:** UN OCHA (2012-14), Center for Global Development (2009-10), American Refugee Committee Liberia (2008-09), Pact Tanzania (2007), FACE AIDS (2005-14), FORGE Zambia (2005)

SKILLS

- French – *fluent*, English – *native*
- R, STATA, LaTeX, ODK, ArcGIS, zTree, Python, html