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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UC BERKELEY 2021-
Assistant Professor, Business and Public Policy Group

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS 2018-2021
Assistant Professor, Department of International Development

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY 2012-2018
Ph.D., Political Economy and Government

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 2009-2010
One-year tripos, Political theory (Pembroke College)

HARVARD COLLEGE 2005-2009
B.A., Social Studies (Magna Cum Laude)

AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) 2022-

Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL) 2021-

Visiting Fellow, Department of International Development, LSE 2021-

Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) 2020-

Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics Network (EGAP) 2020-

Affiliate, Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) 2018-

Founding Director, ODEKA (Organisation des Etudes Economiques sur le Kasai) 2015-

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Balan P, Bergeron A, Tourek G, Weigel JL. 2022. “Local Elites as State Capacity: How Local Information Increases Tax Compliance in the D.R. Congo.” *American Economic Review* 112(3): 136.

Weigel JL. 2020. “The Participation Dividend of Taxation: How Citizens in Congo Engage More with the State when It Tries to Tax Them.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 135(4): 1849-1903.

Kapepula GT, Konshi MM, Weigel JL. Forthcoming. “Prosociality and Pentecostalism in the D.R. Congo.” *Religion, Brain, and Behavior*.

Lang M et al. 2019. “Moralizing Gods, Extended Prosociality, and Religious Parochialism Across 15 Societies.” *Proceedings of the Royal Academy B* 286: 20190202.

van Dorp et al. 2019. “The Genetic Legacy of State Centralization in the Kuba Kingdom of the Democratic Republic of Congo.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 116(2):593-598.

Lowes S, Nunn N, Robinson JA, and Weigel JL. 2017. “The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom.” *Econometrica* 85(4):1065-1091.

Ivers LC et al. 2013. "Use of Oral Cholera Vaccine in Haiti: A Rural Demonstration Project." *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 89(4): 617-624.

Farmer P et al. 2013. "Reduced Premature Mortality in Rwanda: Lessons from Success." *British Medical Journal* 346:f65.

WORKING PAPERS

Bergeron A, Tourek G, and Weigel JL. "The State Capacity Ceiling on Tax Rates: Evidence from Randomized Tax Abatements in the D.R. Congo."

Bergeron A, Bessone P, Kabeya Kabeya J, Tourek G, Weigel JL. "Optimal Assignment of Bureaucrats: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Tax Collectors in the DRC."

Ngindu EK, Weigel JL. "The Taxman Cometh: A Virtuous Cycle of Compliance and State Legitimacy in the D.R. Congo."

de la O A et al. "Making Citizens Legible to the State: A Six-country Randomized Experiment to Increase Formalization by Reducing Transaction Costs."

Reid O, Kabasubabu JF, Weigel JL. "The Supply of Bribes: Evidence from Roadway Tolls in the D.R. Congo."

Balan P, Bergeron A, Tourek G, Weigel JL. "Land Formalization in Weak States: Evidence from an Urban Land Titling RCT in Congo."

ONGOING PROJECTS

Bergeron A, Ngindu EK, Tourek G, Weigel JL. "Informal Elites as Local Bureaucrats: Why Working as a Tax Collector Increases the Local Accountability of City Chiefs in Congo." [*fieldwork complete*]

Bergeron A, Paler L, Tourek G, Weigel JL. "The Effects of Decentralized Tax Collection on Citizen Engagement." [*fieldwork complete*]

Bergeron A, Lowes S, Nunn N, Reid O, Robinson J, Weigel JL. "The Political Economy of Ethnicity in the D.R. Congo." [*fieldwork complete*]

Lowes S, Nunn N, Robinson J, Weigel JL. "The Dynamic Effects of Conflict on Prosociality: Evidence from the Kamuina Nsapu Insurgency." [*fieldwork complete*]

Ngoma M, Nunn N, Sievert C, Weigel JL. "Urban Networks and Economic Growth: Evidence from Congo." [*fieldwork ongoing*]

Barteska P, Robinson JA, Weigel JL. "Social Norms, Patronage, and Bureaucratic Performance in Haiti." [*fieldwork ongoing*]

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Naritomi J, Sequeira S, Weigel JL, Weinhold D. 2019. "RCTs as an opportunity to promote interdisciplinary, inclusive, and diverse quantitative development research." *World Development* 127:104832.

Lowes S, Nunn N, Robinson JA, and Weigel JL. 2015. "Understanding Ethnic Identity in Africa: Evidence from the Implicit Association Test (IAT)." *American Economic Review: P&P* 105(5):1-8.

Kerry V, Binagwaho A, Weigel JL, Farmer P. 2014. "From Aid to Accompaniment: Rules of the Road for Development Assistance." In *The Handbook of Global Health Policy*, ed. Yamey G. New York: Wiley-Blackwell.

Weigel JL et al. 2013. "Taking Stock of Foreign Aid", "Health For All? Competing Theories and Geopolitics", "The Unique Challenges of Mental Health and MDR-TB: Critical Perspectives on the

Metrics of Disease.” In *Reimagining Global Health: An Introduction*, ed. Farmer P, Kim JY, Kleinman A, Basilio M. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Ellner A, Pace C, Lee S, Weigel JL, Farmer P. 2013. “Embracing Complexity: Towards Platforms for Integrated Health and Social Service Delivery.” In *Structural Approaches in Public Health*, eds. Sommer M and Parker R. London, UK: Routledge Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2021: Yale Development, Exeter/TARC

2020: IFS-STICERD Public, UCL School of Public Policy, WZB

2019: ASSA (Atlanta), ICTD Annual Conference (Kigali), University of Zurich (Micro), WZB Berlin (WGAPE), TICTeC (Paris), University of British Columbia (Dev/PE), Toulouse (Micro/PE), APSA (DC), CEPR Development (Dublin), World Bank (AFRCE), NTA (Tampa)

2018: University of Zurich (Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries), TaxCapDev (Oslo), African Property Tax Initiative (Dakar), APSA (Boston), Global Poverty Research Lab Development Economics “Rookiefest” (Northwestern), FAIR Seminar (NHH), MPSA (Chicago)

2017: Berkeley (WGAPE 2017), Columbia (NEWEPS-8)

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Scholarship, Democratic Republic of Congo 2016

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard 2015

William Shirley Scholarship, Harvard-Cambridge Scholarships 2009-2010

TEACHING

DV431: Development Management (LSE) 2018-2021
Master’s-level introduction to the political economy of development.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for: *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Econometrica*, *Economica*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics & Statistics*, *World Politics*

Research Advisory Group, International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD) 2019-

Program Co-Director, MSc in Development Management (LSE) 2019-2021

Board member, Harvard-Cambridge Scholarships 2014-

VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Dr. Paul Farmer (Co-founder, Partners In Health) 2010-2012

SKILLS

Computing: Stata, R, ArcGIS, Python (basic)

Languages: French (professionally fluent), English (native)