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Academic Appointments	University of Michigan	
	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science	2021–
	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2016–2021
	Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies	2016–
	Faculty Associate, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies	2020–
	Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS)	
	Fellow	2019–2020
Education	PhD in Government , Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	2016
	AM in Government , Harvard University, Cambridge, MA	2012
	AB in Government , Harvard College, Cambridge, MA • <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	2009
Books	Noah Nathan, <i>Electoral Politics and Africa's Urban Transition: Class and Ethnicity in Ghana</i> , New York: Cambridge University Press. Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics.	2019
Journal Articles	Sarah Brierley and Noah Nathan, "Motivating the Machine: Which Brokers Do Parties Pay?," conditionally accepted, <i>Journal of Politics</i> .	2021
	Sarah Brierley and Noah Nathan, "The Connections of Party Brokers: Which Brokers Do Parties Select?," forthcoming, <i>Journal of Politics</i> .	2021
	Paul Atwell and Noah Nathan, "Channels of Influence or Maps of Behavior? A Field Experiment on Social Networks and Cooperation," forthcoming, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> .	2021
	Nahomi Ichino and Noah Nathan, "Democratizing the Party: The Effects of Primary Election Reforms in Ghana," forthcoming, <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> .	2021
	Allen Hicken and Noah Nathan, "Clientelism's Red Herrings: Dead Ends and New Directions in the Study of Non-Programmatic Politics," <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 23(1): 277-294.	2020
	Noah Nathan, "Electoral Consequences of Colonial Invention: Chiefs, Brokers, and Distribution in Northern Ghana." <i>World Politics</i> 71(3): 417-456.	2019
	Noah Nathan, "Does Participation Reinforce Patronage? Policy Preferences, Turnout, and Class in Urban Ghana," <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 49(1): 229-255	2019

	Noah Nathan, "Local Ethnic Geography, Expectations of Favoritism, and Voting in Urban Ghana," <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 49 (14): 1896-1929	2016
	Ariel White, Noah Nathan, and Julie Faller, "What Do I Need to Vote? Bureaucratic Discretion and Information Provision by Local Election Officials," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 109(1): 129-142	2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner of APSA's Heinz I. Eulau Award for "best article published in the American Political Science Review in the calendar year" 	
	Nahomi Ichino and Noah Nathan, "Crossing the Line: Local Ethnic Geography and Voting in Ghana," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 107(2): 344-61	2013
	Nahomi Ichino and Noah Nathan, "Do Primaries Improve Electoral Performance? Clientelism and Intra-Party Conflict in Ghana," <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 57(3): 428-41	2013
	Nahomi Ichino and Noah Nathan, "Primaries on Demand? Intra-Party Politics and Nominations in Ghana," <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , 42(4): 769-91	2012
Chapters in Edited Volumes	Noah Nathan and Ariel White, "Experiments on and with Street-Level Bureaucrats," forthcoming in <i>Advances in Experimental Political Science</i> , (Cambridge University Press), ed. James Druckman and Donald Green.	2020
	Nahomi Ichino and Noah Nathan, "Primary Elections in New Democracies," in the <i>Routledge Handbook of Primary Elections</i> , ed. Robert G. Boatright (New York: Routledge Press)	2018
Work in Progress	Book project: <i>The Scarce State: Inequality and Political Power in the Hinterland</i>	
	"Colonial Invention, Intra-Ethnic Inequality, and the Modern Political Elite"	
	"Context and Contact in the Developing World," with Melissa Sands, commissioned by the <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i>	
Other Writing	Noah Nathan, "South Africa votes Wednesday. Its urban voters probably won't turn out the ANC," <i>Washington Post: The Monkey Cage</i> , May 6.	2019
	Ariel White, Noah Nathan, and Julie Faller, "New evidence shows election officials are biased against Latino voters," <i>Washington Post: The Monkey Cage</i> , February 18.	2015
	"Institutional Change, Ethnic Identity, and Conflict in Northern Ghana," Senior Thesis, Harvard College	2009
Fellowships and Grants	LSA Social Science Research Award , University of Michigan (\$27,232), with Edgar Franco-Vivanco	2021
	Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) Stanford University, 2019-2020 Fellowship	2019-2020

	National Science Foundation (NSF) , RAPID Grant, with Nahomi Ichino (\$100,584)	2017
	Faculty Research Grant , African Studies Center, University of Michigan	2017
	International Growth Centre (UK) , with Nahomi Ichino (£89,000)	2016
	University of Michigan Office of Research (UMOR) , with Nahomi Ichino (\$15,000)	2016
	Oppenheimer Dissertation Completion Fellowship , Dept. of Government, Harvard University	2015-2016
	National Science Foundation (NSF) , Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP)	2012-2015
	Graduate Student Research Grant , Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University	2014, 2015
	Samuel P. Huntington Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship , Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University	2013
	Samuels Family Pre-Dissertation Grant , Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University	2012
	Rupert Emerson Fellowship , Dept. of Government, Harvard University	2010-2012
	Rogers Family Fellowship , Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University	2008
Awards	Samuel Eldersveld Prize , awarded by the Department of Political Science, University of Michigan	2020
	Extraordinary Reviewer Award , from the Editors of Comparative Political Studies	2020
	Heinz I. Eulau Award , with Julie Faller and Ariel White, awarded by the American Political Science Association for “best article published in the American Political Science Review in the calendar year”	2016
	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching , awarded by the Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvard, for undergraduate teaching in Fall 2012	2013
	Thomas T. Hoopes Prize , for the Senior Honors Thesis, Harvard College	2009
	Gerda Richards Crosby Prize , for excellence in the Government concentration, Harvard College	2009
	Phi Beta Kappa , Alpha Iota Chapter, Harvard College	2008
Selected Presentations	2021 : APSA, Political Parties in Africa Conference (University of Cape Town), UCLA (Sociology)	

2020: Duke University (2x), ISA (scheduled/cancelled), University of California-Berkeley (scheduled/cancelled), University of California-Riverside (WGAPE)

2019: APSA, CASBS (Stanford), Harvard University (Weatherhead Center conference), MPSA, Stanford University, University of California-Berkeley (2x), Vanderbilt University

2018: APSA, ASA, Columbia University, University of Michigan (MWEPS I), MIT (GOVLAB conference), MPSA, Nuffield College Oxford, Washington University St. Louis (MWEPS II)

2017: APSA, MPSA, Northwestern University (MGAPE)

2016: APSA, ASA, Duke University (Urban Poverty Workshop), MPSA, NYU-Abu Dhabi (WGAPE)

Teaching and Advising

POLISCI 688, “Dissertation Development in Comparative Politics,” University of Michigan (graduate) 2021

POLISCI 688, “Comparative Political Behavior,” University of Michigan (graduate) 2017, 2018

POLISCI 489, “Electoral Politics in the Developing World,” University of Michigan (undergraduate) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

POLISCI 497, “Experimental Approaches to the Political Economy of Development,” University of Michigan (undergraduate) 2017, 2019

Dissertation Committees:

Paul Atwell (co-chair)
Peter Carroll
Hilary Izatt
Jane Kitaevich
Eitan Paul
Rebecca Wai
Deanna Kolberg (2021, Freedom House)

Undergraduate Thesis Adviser:

Sophie Voltz (Michigan, 2018-2019)
Anna-Kay Richards (Harvard, 2012-2013)

Teaching Fellow (TF) for Gov 20, “Foundations of Comparative Politics,” Harvard University, Prof. Steven Levitsky 2012, 2014

Service

Disciplinary:

Reviewer for *African Affairs*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Economics & Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Ghana Studies*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, *Journal of Law and Economic Organization*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Quarterly Jour-*

nal of Political Science, Research and Politics, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Politics

Co-founder and board member: Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS) 2018–

Section co-head: MPSA African Politics Section 2018

Award committee: Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (QMMR) Sage Best Paper Award 2018

Award committee: APCG Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2020

Mentor: Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN) 2020

Department:

Admissions director: University of Michigan 2021–

PhD admissions committee: University of Michigan 2019, 2021

Faculty co-coordinator: Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Michigan 2017-2019, 2020–

Steering Committee: African Social Research Initiative, African Studies Center, University of Michigan 2017–2019

Selection committee: UMAPS Scholars, African Social Research Initiative, University of Michigan 2017–2018

Organizing committee: “Emerging Scholars Conference,” University of Michigan 2017

Selection committee: Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (WCED) post-doctoral fellowships, University of Michigan 2017

Co-founder: Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Harvard University 2013

Student coordinator: Comparative Politics Workshop, Harvard 2011-2012

Field Research Ghana (repeated trips) 2008-2019

Zambia 2011

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