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**ACADEMIC** 

Associate Professor, London School of Economics

**POSITIONS** and Political Science 2020-present

Department of Government

Assistant Professor, London School of Economics

and Political Science 2013-2020

Department of Government

Visiting Scholar, University of Washington 2018-19

Department of Political Science

University of California, San Diego **EDUCATION** 

2013

2008

Ph.D., Political Science

Dissertation: The Effect of Electoral Politics on Foreign Aid Spending

Committee: Stephan Haggard, Lawrence Broz, Clark Gibson, Craig McIntosh, Megumi

University of California, San Diego

M.A., Political Science

**Seattle Pacific University** 2004

B.A., Political Science

**CITIZENSHIP** US and Canadian citizen. Permanent visa in UK (ILR).

**BOOKS** Jablonski, R. Dependency Politics: How Foreign Aid Shapes Electoral Behavior. Forthcom-

ing, Cambridge University Press.

Ahlbäck, J., Jablonski, R. Forthcoming. "How to distinguish human error from election fraud: Evidence from the 2019 Malawi election" British Journal of Political Science.

> Jablonski, R., B. Seim. 2023. "What politicians don't know can hurt you: The effects of information on politicians' spending decisions." American Political Science Review.

> Buntaine, M., P. Pickering, R. Jablonski, D. Nielson. 2021. "Individualized Text Messages about Public Services Fail to Sway Voters: Evidence from a Field Experiment on Ugandan Elections." Journal of Experimental Political Science. 1-13.

> Seim, B., R. Jablonski, J. Ahlback. 2020. "How Information about Foreign Aid Affects Public Spending: A Field Experiment in Malawi." Journal of Development Economics 146.

> Dunning, T. et al. 2019. "Voter Information Campaigns and Political Accountability: Cumulative Findings from a Pre-Registered Meta-Analysis of Coordinated Trials." Science Advances 5(7).

> Buntaine, M., P. Pickering, R. Jablonski, D. Nielson. 2018. "SMS Texts on Corruption Help Ugandan Voters Hold Elected Councillors Accountable at the Polls." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 115(26):6668-6673.

> Hafner-Burton, E., S. Hyde, R. Jablonski. 2018. "Surviving Elections: Election Violence, Incumbent Victory and Post-Election Repercussions." British Journal of Political Science 48(2):459-488.

> Oliver, S., R. Jablonski, J. Hastings. 2017. "The Tortuga Disease: The Perverse Effects of Illicit Foreign Capital." International Studies Quarterly 61(2):312-327.

> Gibson, C., B. Hoffman, R. Jablonski. 2015. "Did Aid Promote Democracy in Africa? The Role of Technical Assistance in Africa's Transitions." World Development. 68:323-335.

> Jablonski, R. 2014. "How Aid Targets Votes: The Impact of Electoral Incentives on Aid Distribution." World Politics. 66(2):293-330.

> Hafner-Burton, E., S. Hyde, R. Jablonski. 2014. "When Do Governments Resort to Election Violence." British Journal of Political Science 44(1): 149-179.

**ARTICLES** 

Jablonski, R., S. Oliver. 2013. "The Political Economy of Plunder: Economic Opportunity and Modern Piracy." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(4): 682-708.

### **CHAPTERS**

Buntaine, M., S. Bush, P. Pickering, R. Jablonski, D. Nielson. 2019. "Budgets, SMS Texts, and Votes in Uganda." In *Information, Accountability, and Cumulative Learning: Lessons from Metaketa I.* Cambridge University Press.

Awarded the 2020 Best Book Award by the APSA Experimental Research Section.

### **UNDER REVIEW**

Jablonski, R., B. Seim, M. Carvalho, C. Gibson."Examining the Causes and Consequences of Medicine Theft Using Remote Tracking Technologies." Under revision, *Nature Communications*.

Jablonski, R., J. Ahlback, B. Seim. "Foreign aid is neither a curse nor a blessing: Explaining the effects of foreign aid on voting behavior and accountability."

# OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Jablonski, R. 2014. Review of *Democratic Trajectories in Africa: Unravelling the Impact of Foreign Aid* ed. Danielle Resnick and Nicolas van de Walle, in *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 52(2):329-330.

# GRANTS & AWARDS

LSE-Georgetown University Research Seed Fund for "How the United StatesâĂŹ exit from international development affects the governance delivery of social services" (£20,000), 2025

LSE Urgency Grant for "Understanding the immediate health and governance impacts of cuts to foreign aid" (£19,750), 2025

LSE Research Infrastructure Seed Fund for "Building voter confidence in election results: a conjoint choice experiment in Malawi" (£19,940), 2024

British Academy for "Distributing Development: The Politics of Who Benefits from Foreign Aid and Why" (£10,000), 2022

DFID/Global Integrity Grant for "Identifying and Deterring the Theft and Diversion of Medicinal Drugs in Malawi" (\$382,155), 2018.

World Bank Strategic Impact Evaluation for "Identifying and Deterring the Theft and Diversion of Medicinal Drugs in Malawi" (\$131,931), 2018.

The Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines for "Strategies of Election Fraud across the Electoral Cycle" (\$6,700), 2017.

National Science Foundation for "Transparency, Accountability, and Corruption Displacement", (\$200,000), 2017

LSE Student Union Teaching Excellence Award Nominee, 2016

USAID AidData Center for Development Policy for "Information, Transparency, and Credit Claiming in Aid Allocation and Support." (\$204,000), 2016.

Evidence in Governance and Politics Network (EGAP) Metaketa Initiative for "Repairing Information Underload: The Effects on Vote Choice of Information Regarding Politician Performance and Public Goods in Uganda" (\$250,000), 2015.

LSE Research Infrastructure and Investment Seed Fund for "Information, Transparency, and Credit Claiming in Aid Allocation and Support" (\$18,600), 2015.

The Suntory and Toyota International Centre for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD) for "Information, Transparency, and Credit Claiming in Aid Allocation and Support" (\$12,700), 2015.

USAID AidData Center for Development Policy for "Information, Transparency, and Credit Claiming in Aid Allocation and Support, Phase I" (\$35,000), 2015.

AidData Center for Development Policy Kick Start Grant (\$2,450), 2014.

Earl Warren Graduate Fellowship, UC San Diego, 2006

Roy Swanstrom Distinguished Graduate (highest achievement in political science), Seattle Pacific University, 2004

## INVITED TALKS

Global Network for Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability in Health (GNACTA), 2023

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Accountability in Action Project, 2022

Kings College London, 2022 University College London, 2022

Oxford, Political Behaviour Workshop, 2022

FCDO/Global Integrity Workshop, 2020, 2022

Boise State University, 2019

University of Nottingham, 2019

Duke University, 2019 UNC Chapel Hill, 2019

Brigham Young University, 2019

University of Washington, 2018

University of Amsterdam, 2018

University of Sheffield, 2018

USAID/AidData Development Workshop, 2017

Oxford University, Department of Politics, 2016

Oxford University, Department of Economics, 2016

UC Berkeley Metaketa Workshop, 2016

London School of Economics, Workshop on State

Violence, 2016

University of Durham, 2015

Kings College London, 2015

School of Oriental and African Studies, 2014

University of Sheffield, 2014

USAID, Washington, D.C., 2014

Aid Data, Williamsburg, VA, 2013

World Bank, Nairobi, Kenya, 2012

World Bank Economists' Forum, 2012

World Bank, Washington, D.C., 2012

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

American Political Science Conference 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022, 2025

Centre for the Study of African Economies 2014, 2022

Economists' Forum, World Bank 2012

European Political Science Association 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020 (cancelled), 2023

European Working Group on Empirical Political Science (EuroWEPS), 2021

Experimental Approaches to Political Institutions and Elite Behavior 2016, 2019

International Political Economy Society 2013, 2023

International Studies Association 2010, 2012

Midwest Political Science Conference 2010, 2013, 2019 Political Economy of International Organizations 2020

The Political Economy of Aid and Development Society (PEADS) 2025

Southern Political Science Association, 2016

UN University Aid Effectiveness Conference, 2023

Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) (USA), 2011

Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) (Europe), 2015, 2016 Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) (Abu Dhabi), 2017

## ORGANIZED CONFERENCES

New Research on Corruption, London, 2022

European Working Group on African Political Economy, London, 2016, 2018 Workshop on Civil Society, Accountability, and Development, London, 2017

The Political Economy of Aid and Development Society 2025 (Conference Committee)

### **TEACHING**

#### Graduate:

The Politics of Globalization (LSE)
Political Science and Public Policy (LSE)
Public Policy Applysis (LSE)

Public Policy Analysis (LSE) Dissertations Methods (LSE)

### **Undergraduate:**

Voting and Elections in Developing Democracies (LSE)

Introduction to Political Science (LSE)

International Political Economy (UC San Diego) The Politics of Money, Finance and Trade (LSE)

#### **Guest Lectures:**

The Politics of Aid (Univ. of Indiana)

Does foreign aid make recipient countries less democratic? (Dartmouth Univ.)

# OTHER WORK & CONSULTING

World Bank, Public Sector Governance Group, Washington, D.C., 2011-2012 UCSD Laboratory on International Law and Regulation, 2010-11 UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, 2009-10 Microsoft, Redmond, Washington, 2003-2007

### ACADEMIC SERVICE

**Editorial Boards:** International Studies Quarterly (2020-25), LSE Undergraduate Political Review (2018-25)

Article/Book Reviews: African Affairs, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Electoral Studies, Economics and Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Princeton University Press, Public Choice, World Development, World Politics, World Bank Economics Review

Grant Reviews: Economic and Social Research Council, National Science Foundation

**Faculty Service:** Convener, LSE Global Politics MSc (2020-21), Chair of LSE Student Engagement Committee (2021-23), LSE Research Committee (2019-21), LSE Equality and Diversity Committee (2018-19), LSE Faculty Search Committee (2014, 2015,2021, 2025), Convener, LSE African Political Economy Group (2015, 2016, 2018, 2020), LSE Political Science and Political Economy Group (PSPE) (2020-25)

PhD Supervision: Alexander Yeandle (2021), Tarsha Vashu (2023)