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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Associate Professor, University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs	2021 – present
	Associate Professor, Texas A&M University International Affairs, Bush School of Government & Public Service	2020 – 2021
	Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University International Affairs, Bush School of Government & Public Service	2013 - 2020
	Visiting Researcher, University of California, Los Angeles Department of Political Science	2017
EDUCATION	Stanford University Stanford, CA Ph.D., Political Science M.A., Economics	2013 2011
	Yale University New Haven, CT B.A., Political Science & International Studies, <i>cum laude</i>	2004
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p>[21] Ankori-Karlinsky, Lee-Or, Robert A. Blair, Jessica Gottlieb and Samantha Moore-Berg. Forthcoming. “Content that’s as Good as Contact? Vicarious Intergroup Contact and the Promise of Depolarization at Scale.” <i>Political Science Research Methods</i>.</p> <p>[20] Blair, Robert A., Jessica Gottlieb, Marie Schenk, and Christopher Woods. 2025. “Depolarization and Its Discontents: Experimental Evidence on Affective Polarization and Willingness to Confront Racism and Misinformation from Two Online Workshops.” <i>Political Psychology</i>.</p> <p>[19] Gottlieb, Jessica, Adrienne LeBas, and Janica Magat. 2025. “Taxation and Social Intermediaries: Experimental Evidence from Lagos, Nigeria.” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 55: e99. Part of EGAP’s Metaketa II: Taxation.</p> <p>[18] Blair, Robert A., Jessica Gottlieb, Marie Schenk, and Christopher Woods. 2025. “Depolarizing Within the Comfort of Your Party: Experimental Evidence from Online Workshops.” <i>Political Communication</i>. Honorable Mention: APSA Political Psychology Best Paper Award 2024.</p> <p>[17] Baron, Hannah, Robert Blair, Danny Choi, Laura Gamboa, Jessica Gottlieb, Amanda Robinson, Steven Rosenzweig, Megan Turnbull, and Emily</p>	

- West. 2025. “Can Americans Depolarize? Assessing the Effects of Reciprocal Group Reflection on Partisan Polarization.” *Political Behavior*.
- [16] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2024. “How Economic Informality Constrains Demand for Programmatic Policy.” *American Journal of Political Science* 68(1): 271-288.
- [15] Blair, Robert A., Jessica Gottlieb, Brendan Nyhan, Laura Paler, Pablo Argote and Charlene Stainfield. 2024. “Interventions to Counter Misinformation: Lessons from the Global North and Applications to the Global South.” *Current Opinion in Psychology* 55:101732.
- [14] Baron, Hannah, Robert A. Blair, Jessica Gottlieb, Laura Paler. 2023. “An Events-Based Approach to Understanding Democratic Erosion.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.
- [13] Robinson, Amanda and Jessica Gottlieb. 2021. “How to Close the Gender Gap in Political Participation: Lessons from Matrilineal Societies in Africa.” *British Journal of Political Science* 51(1): 68-92. Winner of the APCG Best Article Award.
- [12] Gottlieb, Jessica and Horacio Larreguy. 2020. “An Informational Theory of Electoral Targeting in Young Clientelistic Democracies: Evidence from Senegal.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 15(1): 73-104.
- [11] Adida, Claire, Jessica Gottlieb, Eric Kramon and Gwyneth McClendon. 2020. “When Does Information Influence Voters? The Joint Importance of Salience and Coordination.” *Comparative Political Studies* 53(6): 851-891.
- [10] Gottlieb, Jessica and Katrina Kosec. 2019. “The Countervailing Effects of Competition on Public Goods Provision: When Bargaining Failures Lead to Bad Outcomes.” *American Political Science Review* 113(1): 88-107.
- [9] Adida, Claire, Jessica Gottlieb, Eric Kramon and Gwyneth McClendon. 2019. “Response Bias in Survey Measures of Voter Behavior: Implications for Measurement and Inference.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 6(3): 192-198.
- [8] Dunning, Thad et al. 2019. “Voter information campaigns and political accountability: Cumulative findings from a pre-registered meta-analysis of coordinated trials.” *Science Advances* 5(7): eaaw2612.
- [7] Gottlieb, Jessica, Guy Grossman, Horacio Larreguy and Benjamin Marx. 2019. “The Effect of Administrative Unit Creation on Electoral Behavior: Evidence from Senegal.” *Journal of Politics* 81(2): 631-647.
- [6] Gottlieb, Jessica, Guy Grossman and Amanda Robinson. 2018. “Do Men and Women Have Different Policy Preferences in Africa? Determinants and Implications of Gender Gaps in Policy Prioritization.” *British Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 611-636.

- [5] Adida, Claire, Jessica Gottlieb, Eric Kramon and Gwyneth McClendon. 2017. “Reducing or Reinforcing Coethnic Preferences? An Experiment on Information and Coethnic Voting.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 12(4): 437-477. Winner of the APCG Best Article Award.
- [4] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2017. “Explaining Variation in Broker Strategies: A Lab-in-the-Field Experiment in Senegal.” *Comparative Political Studies* 50(11): 1556-1592.
- [3] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2016. “Greater Expectations? A Field Experiment to Improve Accountability in Mali.” *American Journal of Political Science* 60(1): 143-157.
- [2] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2016. “Why Might Information Exacerbate the Gender Gap in Civic Participation? Evidence from Mali.” *World Development* 86: 95-110.
- [1] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2015. “The Logic of Party Collusion in a Democracy: Evidence from Mali.” *World Politics* 67(1): 1-36.

BOOK PROJECTS

- [2] Gottlieb, Jessica. *Keeping the State Weak: Economic Informality and the Weak-State Trap in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Under Contract at Cambridge University Press.
- [1] Gottlieb, Jessica and Adrienne Lebas. *Can Social Intermediaries Build the State? Taxation and Informal Governance in Lagos, Nigeria*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [2] Adida, Claire, Jessica Gottlieb, Eric Kramon and Gwyneth McClendon. 2019. “Under What Conditions Does Performance Information Influence Voting Behavior? Lessons from Benin.” In *Information, Accountability and Cumulative Learning: Lessons from Metaketa I*. Dunning, T., G. Grossman, M. Humphreys, S. Hyde, and C. McIntosh (editors). Cambridge University Press. (see EGAP Metaketa I).
- [1] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2016. “Common Knowledge and Voter Coordination: Experimental Evidence from Mali.” In *Voting Experiments*, ed. Andr Blais, Jean-Francois Laslier, and Karine Van der Straeten. New York: Springer Press.

WORKING PAPERS

- [6] Gottlieb, Jessica, Hannah Baron, Robert Blair, Laura Paler, Julie Weaver, and Benjamin Yoel. “The Democratic Erosion Event Dataset (DEED).” *R²R at Nature Scientific Data*.
- [5] Bleck, Jaimie, Jessica Gottlieb and Katrina Kosec. 2024. “When Will Civil Society Monitor the State? Evidence from Mali.” *Under Review*.

- [4] Bhandari, Abhit, Jessica Gottlieb, and Lucas Borba. 2024. "Private-Sector Support for Programmatic Candidates: Evidence from a Senegalese Election." *Under Review*.
- [3] Blair, Robert A., Jessica Gottlieb, Marie Schenk, and Christopher Woods. 2023. "Persuading Americans to Depolarize Experimental Evidence from 5 Million Voters." *Under Review*.
- [2] Gottlieb, Jessica, Claire Adida, and Richard Moussa. 2024. "Strategies for Reducing Misinformation Uptake in a Polarized Context: Experimental Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire." *Under Review*.
- [1] Gottlieb, Jessica, Florian M. Hollenbach, and Thiago Moreira. 2022. "Fiscal Capacity, Distributional Consequences, and Preferences over Taxation."

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

- [12] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2024. Review of "The Scarce State: Inequality and Political Power in the Hinterland," by Noah Nathan. *Journal of Development Studies*.
- [11] Bleck, Jaimie, Lucia Carillo, Jessica Gottlieb, Katrina Kosec, Jordan Kyle, and Moumouni Soumano. 2024. "Unlocking locally-led resilience amid conflict and climate stress views from community leaders in Mali on development priorities, aid distribution, and anticipatory action." *IFPRI Discussion Paper 2272*. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- [10] Blair, Robert A., Jessica Gottlieb, Brendan Nyhan, Laura Paler, Pablo Argote, and Charlene J. Stainfield. "Interventions to Counter Misinformation: Lessons from the Global North and Applications to the Global South." USAID DRG Learning, Evaluation and Research Activity II. July 2023.
- [9] Gottlieb, Jessica, Adrienne LeBas, Samad Karimov, Janica Magat, Maria P Perez Argelles, Daniel Steiman and Augustin Vallejo. "Taxing the Informal Sector: Market Vendors and Tax Appeals in Lagos State." Report to the Lagos Internal Revenue Service. March 2022.
- [8] Bleck, Jaimie, Jessica Gottlieb, Katrina Kosec, and Lindsey Boss. 2021. "Women's Voices in Civil Society Organizations: Evidence from a Civil Society Mapping Project in Mali." *IFPRI Issue Brief*. International Food Policy Research Institute. April 2021.
- [7] Gottlieb, Jessica and Adrienne Lebas. 2020. "How the coronavirus pandemic is fueling ethnic hatred." *The Washington Post*. September 18, 2020.
- [6] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2020. "Identity, Resilience, and Risk in the Informal Sector Differential Effects of COVID-19 in Lagos, Nigeria." *The Takeaway* ©Mosbacher Institute 10(11).

- [5] Baron, Hannah, Robert A. Blair, Jessica Gottlieb and Shelby Grossman. 2019. “Democratic Erosion in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from a Multi-University Consortium.” *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 29(1): 77-84.
- [4] Gottlieb, Jessica and Katrina Kosec. 2019. “Competitive elections are good for democracy just not every democracy.” *The Conversation*. January 3, 2019.
- [3] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2017. “Measuring and Interpreting the Gender Gap in Political Participation.” *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 27(1): 1-109.
- [2] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2013. “Civic and Political Behavior in Mali: Constraints and Possibilities.” *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development* 2(2): 19, pp. 1-5.
- [1] Gottlieb, Jessica. 2012. “Why Mali is making headlines (and why we should care).” *The Monkey Cage*. June 6, 2012.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Local Governance and Resiliency in Mali.
(with Jaimie Bleck, Katrina Kosec, and Jordan Kyle).

Vulnerability, Narratives, and Political Behavior.
(with Eric Dickson).

DATASETS

- [1] Gottlieb, Jessica, Hannah Baron, Robert A. Blair, Laura Paler, and Julie Anne Weaver. 2024. “Democratic Erosion Event Dataset v.6.” *Democratic Erosion Consortium: A Cross-University Collaboration*. Honorable Mention: Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Best Dataset Award 2025.

RESEARCH GRANTS

CGIAR and Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation,	\$138,000	2023
U.S. Department of State,	\$1,738,301	2022
T3: Texas A&M Triads for Transformation,	\$30,000	2021
J-PAL Jobs & Opportunity Initiative,	\$32,748	2020
Scowcroft Institute for Int’l Affairs, Texas A&M University,	\$10,000	2020
Dean’s Excellence Fund, Bush School, TAMU,	\$5,000	2019
J-PAL Governance Initiative,	\$4,978	2019
UK Department for International Development (DFID),	\$219,539.17	2017
Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs, Texas A&M University,	\$2,500	2017
Conflict and Development Center, Texas A&M University,	\$40,000	2015
Bush School, College of Liberal Arts and Law School Deans grant,	\$30,000	2015
World Bank, Impact Evaluation Preparation Grant,	\$25,000	2015
IPA Peace & Recovery Program Seed Grant,	\$7,500	2015

	PESCA, Texas A&M University, \$9,990	2015
	Conflict and Development Center, Texas A&M University, \$10,000	2015
	UK Department for International Development & EGAP, \$217,851	2014
	Conflict and Development Center, Texas A&M University, \$30,400	2014
	Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs, Texas A&M University, \$2,500	2014
	PESCA, Texas A&M University, \$10,000	2013
	Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley, \$5,000	2012
	Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity, Stanford University, \$4,975	2011
	International Growth Centre & UK DFID, \$36,978	2010
	Global Underdevelopment Action Fund, Stanford University, \$40,000	2010
	NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$12,000	2010
	Graduate Research Opportunity Fund, Stanford University, \$4,999	2010
AWARDS		
	Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Best Dataset Honorable Mention	2025
	African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Best Article Award	2020
	African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Best Article Award	2017
FELLOWSHIPS		
	Pre-doctoral Fellow, CDDRL, Stanford University	2012 - 2013
	Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University	2010 - 2013
TEACHING EXPERIENCE		
	Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston	
	◦ Policy Research Methods: Statistics & Regression Analysis, 2023 - present	
	◦ Institutions and Development, 2023	
	Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University	
	◦ Institutions and Development, 2014 - 2020	
	◦ Political Economy of Development in Africa, 2014 - 2021	
	◦ Field Research Methods, 2014 - 2021	
	◦ International Affairs Capstone, 2015 - 2021	
INVITED TALKS		
	University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop	2025
	Université de Montréal, Democratic Erosion Summer School	2024
	Vanderbilt University, Comparative Politics Workshop	2024
	Texas A&M University, New Directions in African Studies	2024
	Washington University, Comparative Politics Annual Conference	2023
	University of Michigan, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies	2022
	Lagos Internal Revenue Service, Lagos, Nigeria	2022
	Nuffield College, Oxford University, Political Science Seminar	2022
	King's College London, Quantitative Political Economy	2022
	Harvard University, Political Economy Seminar	2021
	Stanford University, Department of Political Science	2020
	University of Gothenburg, Varieties of Democracy Institute	2019
	University of British Columbia, Vancouver School of Economics	2019

Emory University, Department of Political Science	2019
Ohio State University, Department of Political Science	2019
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science	2019
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science	2019
McGill University, Department of Political Science	2018
University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science	2017
Columbia University, Department of Political Science	2016
World Bank, Development Impact Evaluation (DIME)	2015
Washington University, Department of Political Science	2015
London School of Economics and Political Science	2015
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Political Science	2014
World Bank's Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics	2012
International Growth Centres Political Economy Workshop	2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Evidence in Government and Politics (EGAP)

- Board of Directors 2019 -
- Co-Chair, Steering Committee for Democracy, Conflict & Polarization 2022 -
- Member 2013 -

Democratic Erosion Consortium

- Co-Director 2022 -
- Dataset Coordinator 2018 -
- Founding Member 2017 -

Referee

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Women, Politics and Policy, Political Behavior, Research & Politics, TESS: Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, World Development, World Politics

Award Committees

- Chair, Best Article Award, African Politics Conference Group, 2021
- Africa Research Development Group at APSA, 2018
- Sage Paper Prize committee, APSA Comparative Politics section, 2018
- Best Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Experiments Section, 2017

FIELD WORK

Lagos, Nigeria, 2022	Cotonou, Benin, 2015
Bamako, Mali, 2019	Dakar, Senegal, 2014
Dakar, Senegal, 2018	Mbake, Senegal, 2012
Lagos, Nigeria, 2018	Bamako, Mali, 2011
Dakar, Senegal, 2017	Segou & Koulikoro, Mali, 2010
Bamako, Mali, 2015	Voinjama & Zorzor, Liberia, 2008
Conakry, Guinea, 2015	Tombouctou & Mopti, Mali, 2008