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## Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science, UCLA, 2016–.

Pre/Post-Doctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics & Earth Institute, Columbia University, 2014–16.

## Education

Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, 2016.

A.M., Politics, Princeton University, 2010.

B.A., Political Science, Reed College, 2006.

## Awards

Leamer-Rosenthal Prize for Open Social Science, Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, 2016.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship (two years), Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown (declined), 2014.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper, Midwest Political Science Association, with Kosuke Imai and Jason Lyall, 2013.

Graduate Fellow, Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton, 2013.

Graduate Fellow, Program on Quantitative and Analytical Political Science, Princeton, 2012 – 2013.

Prize Fellow (university-wide), Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton, 2011.

President's Academic Commendation, Reed College, 2006.

## Affiliations

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action, 2017–.

Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics, 2016–.

Faculty Affiliate, African Studies Program, UCLA, 2016–.

Faculty Affiliate, California Center for Population Research, UCLA, 2016–.

Researcher, International Growth Centre, 2012–.

## Research

### *Book manuscripts*

*Crude Interruption: How the Proximity of Assets and People Shapes Political Conflict*

### *Journal articles*

6. Robin Gomila, Rebecca Littman, Graeme Blair, and Elizabeth Levy Paluck. In press. "The Audio Check: A Method for Improving Data Quality and Detecting Data Fabrication." *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.
5. Graeme Blair, Kosuke Imai, and Yang-Yang Zhou. 2015. "Statistical Analysis of the Randomized Response Technique." *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 110(511): 1304-1319.
4. Graeme Blair, Kosuke Imai, and Jason Lyall. 2014. "Comparing and Combining List and Endorsement Experiments: Evidence from Afghanistan." *American Journal of Political Science* 58(4): 1043-1063.
3. Jason Lyall, Graeme Blair, and Kosuke Imai. 2013. "Explaining Support for Combatants during Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan." *American Political Science Review* 107(4): 679-705.
2. Graeme Blair, C. Christine Fair, Neil Malhotra, and Jacob N. Shapiro. 2013. "Poverty and Support for Militant Politics: Survey Evidence from Pakistan." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(1): 30-48.
1. Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai. 2012. "Statistical Analysis of List Experiments." *Political Analysis* 20: 47-77.

### *Invited contributions*

1. Graeme Blair. 2015. "Survey Methods for Sensitive Topics." *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter* 24(1).

### *Working papers*

1. Graeme Blair, Rebecca Littman, and Elizabeth Levy Paluck. 2016. "Motivating the Adoption of New Community-Minded Behaviors: An Empirical Test in Nigeria."
2. Graeme Blair, Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys. 2016. "Declaring and Diagnosing Research Designs"

### Selected extramural grants

Development Innovation Lab/USAID grant, \$5,000, 2017. With Darin Christensen and Renard Sexton.

Laura and John Arnold Foundation, \$491,000, 2016-2018. Lead PI (\$322,839 award to UCLA). With Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys. For "Declaring and Diagnosing Research Designs."

Evidence in Governance and Politics and U.K. Department for International Development, \$1,300,000 (total for multiple coordinated studies), 2016-2018. Chair and lead author. For "Metaketa Initiative on Building Trusted and Effective Security Services."

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1226228), \$17,640, 2012.

International Growth Centre, LSE, \$116,000, co-PI with Kosuke Imai, 2010.

### Field research

Nigeria: July 2017; September 2016; March 2016; February, July 2015; November 2012 - February 2013; January, May, July 2012; July - August 2011; July - August 2010; August 2009. Mexico: March & April 2012. Equatorial Guinea: January 2012. Ghana: June 2010; June 2009. Liberia: July 2009.

## Software

DeclareDesign, R statistical package for diagnosing and improving research designs – with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys

fabricatr, R statistical package for simulating social science data before it is collected to improve analysis – with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys

estimatr, R statistical package for fast, simple estimation of causal effects – with Jasper Cooper, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys

rr, R statistical package for analysis of randomized response technique survey items designed to elicit truthful answers to sensitive questions – with Yang-Yang Zhou and Kosuke Imai

list, R statistical package for analysis of survey “list experiments” designed to elicit truthful answers to sensitive questions – with Kosuke Imai

## Teaching

### UCLA

PS 50. Comparative politics (undergraduate). Winter 2017; Winter 2018.

PS 200F. Experimental design (graduate). Fall 2016 (PS 209); Winter 2018.

PS 240A-B. Comparative politics field seminar (graduate). Fall 2016 – Winter 2017.

### Training workshops

Experimental methods, Ministry of Agriculture, Nigeria, 2015.

### Professional service

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Series A)*, *Journal of Peace Research*, National Science Foundation, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, and *World Politics*.

Steering committee, Project on Resources, Governance, and Development, 2017–

Member, post-doctoral fellow selection committee, Evidence in Governance and Politics, 2016.

### University service

Graduate Student Committee, UCLA, 2017–18.

Co-organizer, Comparative Politics Workshop, UCLA, 2016–17, 2017–18.

Faculty leader, Improving Designs in the Social Sciences (weekly graduate workshop), UCLA, 2016–. With Darin Christensen, Erin Hartman, and Chad Hazlett.

Deputy director of graduate placement, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2016–17.

## Non-academic employment

Econsult Corporation, Philadelphia (urban economics statistical analyst), 2007–2008.

Grove Insight, Portland, Oregon (political survey research analyst), 2006.

References available upon request.

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