

OLIVIA WOLDEMIKAEL

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

September 2017 - Present

PhD student in Government

Focus fields in Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods

Columbia University, New York, NY

September 2011 - May 2015

BA, magna cum laude in Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies

minor in Environmental Science

Departmental Honors for Thesis

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Deportation Policy and Access to Justice: Do Deportation Tactics Lead to Under-reporting of Crime Among Latinx Communities? (with Reva Dhingra and Mitchell Kilborn) *Political Behavior*: 1-29. (2021).

Works In Progress

“The Impacts of Venezuelan Migrant Transit Routes in Colombia”

“Can Aid Change Attitudes Toward Refugees? Experimental Evidence from Uganda” (with Travis Baseler, Thomas Ginn, Helidah Ogude, and Robert Hakiza)

“Service Protectiveness: How Access to Public Goods Shapes Relations between Refugees and Host Communities in Developing States” (with Shelby Carvalho, Reva Dhingra)

“The Local Fiscal Impacts of Refugee Resettlement in the United States” (with Reva Dhingra and Mitchell Kilborn)

“Overcoming Barriers to Labor Market Entry for Venezuelan Migrant Women in Colombia” (with Julio Daly, Stephanie Lopez, and Maria Alejandra Uribe)

Refugee Exclusion and Social Boundaries: Refugees as Semi-Citizens in Uganda

Policy Analysis

“Biden has resettled the fewest refugees in the history of the U.S. program. What could change that?” (with Mitchell Kilborn and Reva Dhingra) *Washington Post Monkey Cage*. (2021)

“Does Refugee Resettlement Impact State and Local Finances? The Fiscal Effects of the Refugee Resettlement Program.” (with Mitchell Kilborn and Reva Dhingra) *US Immigration Policy Center, University of California San Diego*. (2021).

“When local police cooperate with ICE, Latino communities under-report crime. Here’s the data.” (With Mitchell Kilborn and Reva Dhingra). *Washington Post Monkey Cage*. (2021).

“Ethiopia: Beyond ethnic federalism”, *African Arguments*. (2019).

“The Promise and Pitfalls of New Peace for Eritrea” *Horn of Africa Bulletin* 30 (3). (2018).

“The Ghetto President of Uganda”, *Africa is a Country*. (2018).

SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022-2023: Fulbright-Hays Fellowship–Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad
2021-2022: Frederick Sheldon Fund Traveling Fellowships, Harvard University
2021-2022: Peace Scholar Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace
2021: Joint Harvard CID/Malcolm Wiener Center Award, (with Shelby Carvalho and Reva Dhingra)
2021: Center for African Studies Graduate Research Grant (with Shelby Carvalho and Olivia Woldemikael)
2020-2021: Weatherhead Center Graduate Research Associate
2020: Weatherhead Comparative Inequality and Inclusion Grant
2020-2021: Immigration Initiative Fellowship
2019: Innovations for Poverty Action’s Peace and Recovery Fund
2019: The Foundations of Human Behavior, Mind Brain Behavior Graduate Student Award
2019: Harvard Program on Negotiation Next Generation Grant
2015-2016: Princeton in Africa Fellowship

WORK EXPERIENCE

Short-term Consultant, The World Bank, Uganda/remote *2019*
CO-PI of an evaluation of cash grants and mentorship to facilitate integration of refugees in Uganda

Junior Programme Office, World Food Programme, Uganda *2015-2017*
Assist coordination of resilience-building programs and data collection in refugee settlements

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Conference *2020, 2021*
US Immigration Policy Center Congressional Briefing on Climate Displaced Persons *2021*
2nd Research Conference on Forced Displacement *2022*
Midwest Political Science Association *2021*
Open Borders Conference *2019*
International Conference of Eritrean Studies, Asmara, Eritrea *2016*

SKILLS

Software Microsoft Office, STATA, R
Language French (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Turkish (advanced beginner), Swahili (advanced beginner)

SERVICE, RESEARCH, AND TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Comparative Politics *September 2020 - December 2020*
The Politics of Immigration *January 2019 - May 2020*
Survey Methods *September 2019-December 2020*

Service

Comparative Politics Speakers Series Coordinator *September 2018-June 2019*
Migration Workshop Coordinator *September 2019-June 2020*
Social Science Committee on Graduate Students of Color and Female Graduate Students *2020*
Co-founder Graduate Student’s Association in the Government Department *2018*
Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee *2019-2020*

Research Assistance

Research Assistant for Prof. Alisha Holland *2019-2020*
Research Assistant for Prof. Nathan Fiala *2018*