

# STUART RUSSELL

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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** *Cambridge, MA* Aug. 2017 – Present  
PhD Candidate in Political Science.  
Specializations in Comparative Politics and Quantitative Research Methods.  
Dissertation Committee: F. Daniel Hidalgo, Evan Lieberman (chair), Ben Ross Schneider, Lily Tsai.  
Graduate Research Fellow, MIT Governance Lab (MIT GOV/LAB).

**Swarthmore College** *Swarthmore, PA* Aug. 2010 – June 2014  
Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in Political Science and Economics.  
Middlebury College in France program at the Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux (Spring 2013).

## ACADEMIC WORKING PAPERS

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*Who Does the Hiring? Patronage versus Bureaucratic Favoritism in Kenya*  
with Mai Hassan (MIT) and Horacio Larreguy (ITAM)

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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*The Spoils of the State: Public Procurement and Political Finance in Burkina Faso*

*Money in the Bank: The Politics of "Underspending" in Burkina Faso*

*Racial Quotas in the Brazilian Civil Service*  
with F. Daniel Hidalgo (MIT)

*Public Finance and Local Government Budgets in Kenya*  
with Mai Hassan (MIT)

## POLICY RESEARCH

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Russell, Stuart. *Public Procurement and Favoritism Risks in Burkina Faso*. Open Contracting Partnership Report. Washington, DC. December 2021

## GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

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Professor F. Daniel Hidalgo (MIT Political Science) June 2020 – Present  
Professor Pia Raffler (Harvard Government) Feb. 2020 – June 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Political Science Laboratory** Feb. 2021 – May 2021  
*Co-instructor of record with Blair Read*  
MIT Political Science Department. Undergraduate course on applied econometrics and statistics.

**Teaching Practice Certificate** June 2020 – July 2020  
MIT Teaching and Learning Lab

- Quantitative Methods II: Causal Inference** Feb. 2020 – May 2020  
*Teaching assistant for Professor F. Daniel Hidalgo*  
 MIT Political Science Department. PhD-level graduate course on causal inference.
- Democracy in Africa** Feb. 2020 – May 2020  
*Teaching assistant for Professor Evan Lieberman*  
 MITx. Online course on African politics.
- Political Economy and Economic Development** Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019  
*Teaching assistant for Professors Abhijit Banerjee and Ben Olken*  
 MITx MicroMasters Program in Data, Economics, and Development Policy. Online course on the political economy of international development.
- Intermediate Microeconomics** Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2012, Aug. 2013 – Dec. 2013  
*Teaching assistant for Professors Ellen Magenheim and Stephen Golub*  
 Swarthmore College Economics Department. Undergraduate course on microeconomic theory.

## FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Morocco** June 2022 – August 2022  
**Burkina Faso** July 2021, April 2022  
**Kenya** Jan. 2020  
**Senegal** Aug. 2016 – July 2017, June – July 2018, June – July 2019  
**Mali** Jan. 2018

Additional field work travel less than a month in length to Albania, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Liberia.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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- MIT Political Methodology Lab Grant (\$1,000) 2022  
 MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship (\$3,500 each) 2021, 2022  
 West African Research Association Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$3,500) 2021  
 Open Contracting Partnership Action Research Grant (\$3,000) 2021  
 MIT Governance Lab Dissertation Grant (\$15,000) 2020  
 Busara Center and MIT GOV/LAB Behavioral Science in the Field Course (in kind) 2020  
 MIT Governance Lab Seed Grant (\$4,000 each) 2018, 2019  
 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2019  
 Princeton in Africa Fellowship 2016  
 Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College 2014

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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- MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council**  
 MIT Political Science Application Mentorship Program Oct. 2020 – May 2021  
 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group July 2020 – May 2021  
 Graduate Student Orientation Committee Member Aug. 2018 – May 2019
- MIT Political Behavior of Development Conference**  
 Organizing Committee Member April 2019 – Nov. 2019
- MIT Reading Group in African Politics**  
 Co-Organizer Aug. 2018 – May 2019

## LANGUAGE AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	French (Fluent)
<b>Computing and Analysis Software</b>	R, Stata, Python
<b>Data Collection Software</b>	SurveyCTO, Qualtrics, DHIS2
<b>Publishing Software</b>	Git, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Microsoft Office Suite

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>IDinsight</b> <i>Social Scientist Intern</i>	June 2022 – August 2022 <i>Rabat, Morocco</i>
<b>Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), World Bank</b> <i>Data and Evidence for Justice Reform (DE JURE) Consultant</i>	June 2021 – Sept 2021 <i>Somerville, MA (Remote)</i>
<b>Population Services International (PSI)</b> <i>Monitoring and Evaluation Fellow / Princeton in Africa Fellow</i>	Aug. 2016 – July 2017 <i>Dakar, Senegal</i>
<b>Center for International Development at Harvard University</b> <i>Growth Lab Research Assistant</i>	Aug. 2014 – July 2016 <i>Cambridge, MA</i>