

# SHELBY GROSSMAN

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Stanford University, Stanford Internet Observatory</b> Research Scholar	July 2019-
<b>University of Memphis, Department of Political Science</b> Assistant Professor	Aug. 2017-June 2019
<b>Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law</b> Postdoctoral Fellow	2016-2017

## EDUCATION

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<b>Harvard University</b> Ph.D. in Government	2016
Dissertation committee: Robert Bates (chair), Jeffry Frieden, James Robinson, Catherine Duggan Dissertation: "The Politics of Order in Informal Markets: Evidence from Lagos"	
<b>Emory University</b> B.A., Political Science <i>Summa cum laude</i> Thesis: "Explaining Government Policies Toward the Lebanese in Liberia"	2006

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

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*The Politics of Order in Informal Markets*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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"The Politics of Order in Informal Markets: Evidence from Lagos" [pdf](#) (*forthcoming at World Politics*)  
-Winner of the African Politics Conference Group-African Affairs Best Graduate Student Paper 2015/16

"Teaching Trump: Why Comparative Politics Makes Students More Optimistic About US Democracy." [pdf](#)  
(with Hannah Baron and Robert A. Blair). 2018. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52.2: 347-352.

- [Inside Higher Ed write up](#)

"Opportunistic Accountability: State-Society Bargaining Over Shared Interests" [pdf](#) (with Jonathan Phillips and Leah Rosenzweig). 2018. *Comparative Political Studies* 51.8: 979-1011.

- [Monkey Cage/Washington Post write up](#)

"Evidence from Lagos on Discrimination across Ethnic and Class Identities in Informal Trade" [pdf](#) (with Dan Honig). 2017. *World Development* 96: 520-528.

## WORKING PAPERS

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"The Collusion Dilemma: Theory with Evidence from Informal Markets in Lagos, Nigeria." (with Alisha Holland) (*under review*)

"Trust and Envy: The Political Economy of Business Groups in Developing Countries." [pdf](#) (with Nathaniel Leff and Jeff Frieden) (*under review*)

## EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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- Centre for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) - Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) (with Meredith Startz), 2018 (£19,959)
- Economic Development and Institutions (with Morgan Hardy and Meredith Startz), 2018 (£35,000)
- International Growth Centre Research Grant (with Meredith Startz), 2015 (£120,000)
- CEPR - PEDL Major Research Grant (with Meredith Startz), 2015 (£120,000)
- Innovations for Poverty Action - Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Initiative, Competitive Research Fund on Entrepreneurship and SME Growth (with Meredith Startz), 2015 (\$24,350) [project overview](#)
- CEPR - PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (with Meredith Startz), 2014 (\$56,110)
- CEPR - PEDL Exploratory Research Grant, 2012 (\$30,644)
- Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Overseas Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2012 (\$15,000)

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

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### Graduate:

- Democratic Erosion (fall 2017)

### Undergraduate:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (fall 2018, spring 2018)
- Political Statistics (fall 2018)
- Democratic Erosion (spring 2018, spring 2019)
- Politics of Developing Countries (fall 2017, spring 2019)

### Awards and other experience:

- Awarded Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, based on student evaluations (Spring 2012, Spring 2014)
- Departmental Teaching Fellow (developed pedagogy course for first-time teaching assistants), Department of Government (2015-2016)
- Thesis advisor for a University of Memphis master's student (2018-2019)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- Referee, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *The Journal of Politics*, *World Development*

## INVITED TALKS

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- University of Washington (Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics), 2018
- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (Research in Implementation Seminar), 2017
- Santa Clara University (Civil Society Institute Seminar), 2017
- University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies (Africa Colloquium), 2017

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Freedom House**  
*Analyst*

Fall 2012, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017  
*Equatorial Guinea*

**USAID/Social Impact**  
*Country Expert*

May 2012 - June 2012  
*Liberia*

## LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages** Hausa (basic), Spanish (intermediate)  
**Technical Skills** R, ArcGIS, Survey CTO, Quantum GIS,  $\text{\LaTeX}$