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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2024 - **New York University**  
Assistant Professor, Wilf Family Department of Politics
- 2022 - 2023 **Washington University in St. Louis**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
- 2020-2022 **University of California, Berkeley**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics

## EDUCATION

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- 2021 **Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University**  
*Dissertation: Essays on the Politics of Maintaining Order with distinction*
- 2014 **MRes, Political Economy, University of Essex, United Kingdom**  
*with distinction*
- 2011 **B.A., Political Science and Economics, Universität Mannheim, Germany**  
*with distinction*

## RESEARCH

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### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2026 Cyrus Samii and Anna M. Wilke. “Why Research Design Diversity Can Be Valuable for Aggregating Evidence.” Forthcoming. *PS: Political Science and Politics symposium on ‘Data Harmonization in Political Science and Related Fields: Innovations, Challenges, and Visions for the Future.’*
- 2026 Anna M. Wilke. “How the State Discourages Vigilantism – Evidence from a Field Experiment in South Africa.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 70(1): 396-413.
- 2026 Anna M. Wilke, Georgiy Syunyaev and Michael Ting. “Decentralization and Ideology.” *Political Science Research and Methods*, 14(1): 231-239.
- 2023 Anna M. Wilke. “Gender Gaps in Support for Vigilante Violence.” *Comparative Politics*, 55(2): 263-285.
- 2022 Anna M. Wilke, Donald P. Green, and Benjamin Tan. “Encouraging Community Action Against Teacher Absenteeism: A Mass Media Experiment in Rural Uganda.” *Journal of Development Studies*, 58(5): 915-930.

- 2021 Graeme Blair, Jeremy M. Weinstein, Fotini Christia, Eric Arias, Emile Badran, Robert A. Blair, Ali Cheema, Ahsan Farooqui, Thiemo Fetzer, Guy Grossman, Dotan Haim, Zulfiqar Hameed, Rebecca Hanson, Ali Hasanain, Dorothy Kronick, Benjamin S. Morse, Robert Muggah, Fatiq Nadeem, Lily Tsai, Matthew Nanes, Tara Slough, Nico Ravanilla, Jacob N. Shapiro, Barbara Silva, Pedro C. L. Souza, and Anna M. Wilke. “Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South.” *Science*, 374(6571): eabd3446.
- 2020 Donald P. Green, Anna M. Wilke, and Jasper Cooper. “Countering Violence Against Women by Encouraging Disclosure: A Mass Media Experiment in Rural Uganda.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(14): 2283-2320.
- 2020 Anna M. Wilke, Jasper Cooper, and Donald P. Green. “A Placebo Design to Detect Spillovers from an Education-Entertainment Experiment in Uganda.” *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A.*, 183(3): 1075-1096, 2020.

#### EDITOR-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Robert A. Blair, Guy Grossman, and Anna M. Wilke. “Restoring Police-Community Relations in Uganda” In: Graeme Blair, Fotini Christia, Jeremy M. Weinstein (eds). *Crime, Insecurity, and Community Policing: Experiments on Building Trust*: 439 - 470.
- 2020 Anna M. Wilke and Macartan Humphreys. “Field Experiments, Theory, and External Validity” In: Luigi Curini, Robert Franzese (eds). *The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations, Volume 2*: 1007 - 1035.
- 2020 Jasper Cooper, Anna M. Wilke, and Donald P. Green. “Reducing Violence against Women in Uganda through Video Dramas: A Survey Experiment to Illuminate Causal Mechanisms.” *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 110: 615-619, 2020.

#### WORKING PAPERS

- 2026 Robert A. Blair, Guy Grossman, and Anna M. Wilke. “Can Community Policing Improve Police-Community Relations in a Low-Income Country Setting?” *R&R at World Development*.
- 2026 Selina Hofstetter , Anna M. Wilke , Tinghua Yu. “Triggering without Deceiving – An Attempt at Designing a Non-Deceptive Male Identity Threat Treatment” *R&R at Survey Research Methods*.
- 2026 Anna M. Wilke and Cyrus Samii. “The Value of Design Diversity for Knowledge Accumulation” *Under review*.
- 2026 Anna M. Wilke. “The Partisan Politics of Law Enforcement.” *Under review*.
- 2026 Anna M. Wilke, Uchechi S. Anaduaka, Selina Hofstetter, and Tinghua Yu. “Empowerment and Restraint – Evidence from Teenage Girls’ Clubs in Kenya” *Under review*.
- 2026 Anna M. Wilke, and Moritz Marbach. “Voice of the Law: Gender, Elite Persuasion, and the Role of Attention in Debates about Constitutional Rights”

#### OTHER WRITINGS

- 2021 Anna M. Wilke. “10 Things to Know About Sampling.” EGAP Methods Guide.

## GRANTS

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2025	Peace & Recovery Program at Innovations for Poverty Action	\$86,179
2023	Weidenbaum Center, Washington University in St. Louis	\$9,672
2023	Weidenbaum Center, Washington University in St. Louis	\$11,000
2022	McDonnell International Scholars Academy and Office of the Provost, Washington University in St. Louis	\$24,810
2022	Weidenbaum Center, Washington University in St. Louis	\$20,000
2022	Co-PI Evaluation of SKY, a multi-media programme focused on teenage girls in Africa, implemented by Good Business Ltd (a grantee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)	\$475,000
2019	Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University	\$1,900
2017	Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University	\$2,400
2017	Proposal Development Grant, J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative	\$4,036
2017	Co-PI, Proposal Development Grant, J-PAL Governance Initiative	\$10,000

## AWARDS

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2022	APSA Experiments Section Best Dissertation Award
2021	Best Graduate Student Paper Award, African Politics Conference Group (APCG), for “How Does the State Replace the Community? Experimental Evidence on Crime Control from South Africa”
2011	ABSOLVENTUM Award for the best overall result in the political science graduating class, Universität Mannheim

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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2025	Political Economy and Political Institutions Conference, Yale University; Empirical Study of Gender Research Network Conference, ITAM; The Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, University of Toronto; Evidence in Governance and Politics 30, ETH Zurich
2024	Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, NYU; Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago; Visions in Methodology Conference 2024; 3rd Rochester Summer Conference in Applied Methods for Political Science (CAMPS); LSE and NYU Conference in Political Science and Political Economy; Berlin Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED)
2023	Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, University of Washington, Seattle; Behavioural Political Economy Workshop, London School of Economics; External Validity Conference, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse; Theory in Methods Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute in New York; Methodological Challenges of Meta Analysis in the Social Sciences, Lisbon School of Economics and Management; IE-Rochester Workshop in Political Economy and International Relations; Empirical Study of Gender Research Network Conference, Cornell University; Methods Workshop, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

- 2022 Political Economy and Political Science Seminar, London School of Economics and Political Science; Political Economy Seminar, Quantitative and Analytical Political Economy Research Centre, University of Warwick; Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit Seminar, University of Cape Town; Evidence-Based Policing South Africa Conference, Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria; PolMeth Annual Meeting XXXIX, Washington University in St. Louis; Quebec Political Economics Webinar Series
- 2021 Boston-Area Working Group in African Political Economy (BWGAPE), MIT; Methods Workshop, UCLA Department of Political Science; Who Delivers Justice? J-PAL Webinar; Social Science Data Lab, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research; Scope Conditions Podcast
- 2020 Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), Columbia University; Emory Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking; NYU CESS Conference on Experimental Political Science; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; 14th Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), Princeton University; Institution for Social and Policy Studies Experiments Workshop, Yale University (*anceled*); Workshop on the Political Science of Lynching in Global Comparative Perspective, Harvard University; Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Annual Meeting; Virtual Formal Theory Workshop's Junior Scholar Symposium; Emeritus Professors in Columbia Group, Columbia University
- 2019 13th Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), Columbia University (*discussant*)
- 2017 Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), NYU; Institution for Social and Policy Studies Experiments Workshop, Yale University; Political Economy of Development Conference, WZB Social Science Center

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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APSA 2025, 2024, 2021, 2020, 2017  
 MPSA 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016  
 SPSA 2019, 2020  
 EPSA 2024

## TEACHING

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### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Gender and Politics (graduate seminar), Spring 2025, 2026  
 Field Experiments (graduate seminar), Fall 2024, 2025  
 Political Economy of Gender (undergraduate seminar), Spring 2024, 2025, 2026

### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Field Experiments in Political Science (graduate seminar), Fall 2022, 2023  
 Theories of Individual and Collective Choice I (graduate formal theory), Fall 2022, 2023

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, Research Topics in Game Theory, Graduate Course, Prof. Michael Ting  
 Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, Senior Honors Seminar Political Science, Undergraduate Course, Prof. John Huber

Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant, Senior Honors Seminar Political Science, Undergraduate Course, Prof. John Huber  
Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant, Senior Honors Seminar Political Science, Undergraduate Course, Prof. Macartan Humphreys  
Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant, Senior Honors Seminar Political Science, Undergraduate Course, Prof. Macartan Humphreys

## AFFILIATIONS

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2025 - present Member of Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)  
2023 - 2026 Invited Researcher J-PAL Africa, Crime and Violence Initiative (CVI), Humanitarian Protection Initiative (HPI), Displaced Livelihoods Initiative (DLI)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### REVIEWER

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Nature Human Behaviour, European Economic Review, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Survey Research Methods*

### CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

March 2026 2026 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, NYU  
April 2025 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) 24, NYU  
March 2025 2025 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, NYU  
Nov 2024 Meeting of the Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN), NYU  
April 2023 Comparative Politics Annual Conference, Washington University in St. Louis  
Sept. 2022 Pre-APSA Workshop on Knowledge Accumulation and External Validity: Implications for Design and Analysis (EGAP & CSDC)

### SEMINAR COORDINATION

2015 & 2017 Columbia University Political Economy Breakfast

### COMMITTEES

2026 APSA Gender, and Politics Research Section Best Dissertation Award Committee  
2025 EGAP Small Innovation Grants Committee (co-chair)  
2025 African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee  
2023 APSA Experimental Research Section Best Dissertation Award Committee

### MENTORSHIP

2024 - 2025 J-PAL mentorship program for young researchers in economics based at universities in Sub-Saharan Africa

## SKILLS

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LANGUAGES: German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (beginner)

COMPUTING: R, Stata, Mathematica, RStan, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Open Data Kit/SurveyCTO

FIELDWORK: Kenya; South Africa; Uganda; Ethiopia