

# Paul Friesen

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## Education

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PhD in Political Science – University of Notre Dame	(Expected 2022)
Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics, Methodology	
Advisors: Michael Coppedge (co-chair), Jaimie Bleck (co-chair), Scott Mainwaring, Robert Dowd	
MA in Political Science – University of Notre Dame	2017
Master of Public Policy – Michigan State University	2014
BA in International Studies – Taylor University	2011

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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- Paul Friesen. “Strategic Ballot Removal: An Unexplored Form of Electoral Manipulation in Hybrid Regimes.” *Democratization* 26:4 (2019): 709-729.
- Lars Pelke and Paul Friesen. “Democratization Articles Dataset: An Introduction.” *Democratization* 26:1 (2019): 140-160.
- Paul Friesen. “Linking Democracy Aid to Public Opinion Research: Findings from Sixteen Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Democracy and Society* 12:2 (2015): 14-17.

## Research In-Progress

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- Under Review. “Stress Testing the Link Between Personality and Political Behavior in a Collectivist Setting: Evidence from Northern Ghana.” (with Jaimie Bleck and Kevin Fridy).
- Under Review. “Whites’ Sensitivity to the Projected Majority-Minority Population Shift and Its Consequences.” (with Darren Davis).
- Under Review. “International Factors.” (with Michael Coppedge, Benjamin Denison, and Lucia Tiscornia). Book Chapter in “Why Democracies Develop and Decline.”
- Working Paper. “The Logic of Group Voting: A Global Examination of Social Identities in Political Institutions.”
- Working Paper. “Inaugural Party Regime Survival in Post-Colonial Africa: Pathways to Dominant Party Systems.”
- Working Paper. “Politics of Youth and Elders in Africa: Evidence from a Large-N Survey in Northern Ghana.” (with Jaimie Bleck and Kevin Fridy).

## Media Publications

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- “Years of Political and Economic Decay in Countries like Zimbabwe Promise COVID-19 Devastation.” — *Mischiefs of Faction*. April 10, 2020. (with Chipó Dendere)
- “Coronavirus versus Democracy: 5 Countries where Emergency Powers Risk Abuse: Zimbabwe.” — *The Conversation*. April 6, 2020. (with Chipó Dendere)
- “Botswana’s ruling party won again. This makes 12 consecutive victories.” — *The Washington Post: Monkey Cage*. November 6, 2019.
- “Poorer Countries Admire Leaders’ Strength, Wealthier Countries Admire Their Ideals” — *The Huffington Post*. May 29, 2016.
- “The Cost of Climate Change: Food Security for the World’s Poor” — *The Huffington Post*. April 6, 2016.
- “How Fracking and Dodd-Frank are Reshaping Petro-Politics Around the World” — *The Huffington Post*. March 5, 2016.
- “Six Critical African Elections To Watch in 2016” — *DemocracyWorks: National Democratic Institute*. February 18, 2016.

## Grants, Fellowships and Awards

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PhD Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies	2016-2021
John Sullivan Award for best graduate student paper, EPOVB Division – APSA	2020
Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts	Fall 2019
Doctoral Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies	2019
Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts	Spring 2019
Doctoral Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies	2018
Graduate Research Fellowships Program (Honorable Mention), National Science Foundation	2017
Sustainable Development Fellowship, Young Professionals in Foreign Policy	2016

## Research Positions & Consultancies

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Research Assistant, Michael Coppedge (Varieties of Democracy/University of Notre Dame)	2018
Research Coordinator, Initiative for Global Development (University of Notre Dame)	2018
Graduate Statistical Consultant, Center for Social Research (University of Notre Dame)	2018
Data Coder, Pelke-Friesen Democratization Articles Data Set (Harvard Dataverse)	2017
Country Expert: Zambia, Global Leadership Project (University of Texas-Austin)	2017
Research Assistant, Michael Bratton (Afrobarometer/Michigan State University)	2013

## Presentations

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University of Botswana: Political and Administration Studies Department Seminar. December 9, 2019.  
American Political Science Association. August 30, 2019.  
Midwest Political Science Association. April 7, 2019.  
University of Notre Dame: Perspectives on World Politics Masterclass. March 22, 2019.  
University of Notre Dame: Comparative Politics Workshop. February 8, 2019.  
Southern Political Science Association. January 17, 2019.  
Midwest Political Science Association. April 7, 2018.  
University of Notre Dame: Perspectives on World Politics Masterclass. March 20, 2018.  
University of Notre Dame: Comparative Politics Workshop. November 17, 2017.  
Concordia-McGill Universities African Studies Conference. October 6, 2017.  
National Democratic Institute, Washington, D.C. September 2015.

## Teaching Experience

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Co-Instructor, Field Research Methods (University of Notre Dame, with Jaimie Bleck)	2020
Instructor, Introduction to Political Systems (University of Zimbabwe)	2020
Teaching Assistant, Middle-East Politics (Mike Hoffman - University of Notre Dame)	2019
Teaching Assistant, World Politics (Robert Dowd - University of Notre Dame)	2017
Training, Effective and Exciting Teaching in Social Sciences (University of Notre Dame)	2017
Co-Facilitator and Coordinator, Sustainable Development Module (Young Professionals in Foreign Policy - Washington, D.C.)	2016
Guest Lectures: African Elections Seminar (2019), Middle-East Politics (2019), Visualizing Politics (2018), Data and Politics (2018), World Politics (2017), African Elections Seminar (2016)	
Teaching Interests: Africa Politics, World Politics, Research Methods, Democratization, Political Behavior, Identity Politics, International Development	

## Related Professional Experience

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Program Assistant: Southern and East Africa National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (Washington, D.C.)	2014 – 2016
Research Assistant: Conflict and Early Warning Assessment The Fund for Peace (Washington, D.C.)	2014
Research Intern: Food Security and Livelihoods World Vision USA (Washington, D.C.)	2014
Research Intern Joint Aid Management (Washington, D.C.)	2010

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## Field Work

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Botswana	2018, 2019
Ghana	2018
Zambia	2014, 2018
Zimbabwe	2011, 2018, 2020