

# 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: Dr. Michael Coppedge, Dr. Jaimie Bleck, Dr. Scott Mainwaring, Dr. 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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- Michael Coppedge, Benjamin Denison, Paul Friesen, Lucia Tiscornia, and Yang Xu. “International Influences: The Hidden Dimension” in “Why Democracies Develop and Decline.” *Cambridge University Press*. (Forthcoming).
- 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 (2018): 140-160.

## Research Reports

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- Michael Coppedge, Benjamin Denison, Paul Friesen, Lucia Tiscornia and Yang Xu. “International Influences: The Hidden Dimension.” *Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 119*, (2021).
- Paul Friesen, Rachel Gagnon, Shadwa Ibrahim, William Kakenmaster and Maggie Shum. “The Presidential Transition Index: Contemporaneous Assessments of the Trump-Biden Transition.” *Notre Dame: Keough School of Global Affairs*, (2021).
- Paul Friesen, Ilana Rothkopf, Luis Schenoni, Maggie Shum, and Romelia Solano. “American Democracy at Risk: A Global Comparative Perspective.” *Notre Dame: Keough School of Global Affairs*, (2020).
- Paul Friesen. “Linking Democracy Aid to Public Opinion Research: Findings from Sixteen Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Georgetown University: Democracy and Society* 12:2 (2015).

## Research In-Progress

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- Paul Friesen. “The Partisan Consequences of Liberation Mentality: Deconstructing Ruling Party Support in Zimbabwe using Spatial and Temporal Variation.” Under review at *Party Politics*.

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Paul Friesen. “The Logic of Group Voting: A Global Examination of Social Identities in Political Institutions.” Under review at *Comparative Political Studies*.

- Winner of the *John Sullivan Award* for best graduate student paper in EPOVB: APSA

Mary Shiraef, Paul Friesen, Mark Weiss and Lukas Feddern. “Did Border Closures Slow Covid-19?” Under review at *Scientific Reports*.

Paul Friesen, Jaimie Bleck, and Kevin Fridy. “Stress Testing the Link Between Personality and Political Behavior in a Collectivist Setting: Evidence from Northern Ghana.” Under review at *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*

Darren Davis and Paul Friesen “Whites’ Sensitivity to the Projected Majority-Minority Population Shift and Its Consequences.” Working Paper.

Jaimie Bleck, Kevin Fridy and Paul Friesen. “Politics of Youth and Elders in Africa: Evidence from a Large-N Survey in Northern Ghana.” Working Paper.

Paul Friesen. “Inaugural Party Regime Survival in Post-Colonial Africa: Pathways to Dominant Party Systems.” Working Paper.

## Media Publications

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“Global experts are more likely to be worried about electoral violence in the presidential election than their US counterparts.” — *LSE: United States Politics and Policy*. October 30, 2020. (with Ilana Rothkopf, Luis Schenoni, Maggie Shum, and Romelia Solana)

“Four out of Five Electoral Experts are Concerned about a Peaceful Transfer of Power.” — *Mischiefs of Faction*. October 27, 2020. (with Ilana Rothkopf, Luis Schenoni, Maggie Shum, and Romelia Solana)

“Years of Political and Economic Decay in Countries like Zimbabwe Promise COVID-19 Devastation.” — *Mischiefs of Faction*. April 10, 2020. (with Chipso Dendere)

“Coronavirus versus Democracy: 5 Countries where Emergency Powers Risk Abuse: Zimbabwe.” — *The Conversation*. April 6, 2020. (with Chipso 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 & Awards

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Dissertation Year Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies (\$12,000)	2021-2022
Sixth Year Fellowship, College of Arts and Letters (\$12,000)	2021-2022
PhD Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies (\$25,000)	2016-2021
Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence	2020
John Sullivan Award, Best Paper at an EPOVB-sponsored panel (APSA 2019)	2019
Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (\$3,350)	2019
Doctoral Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies (\$3,300)	2019
Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (\$3,000)	2019
Doctoral Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies (\$3,935)	2018
Co-Principal Investigator, Catholic Relief Services - Program Evaluation of Peace Building in Northern Ghana (\$140,000)	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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Co-Principal Investigator, Presidential Transition Index (Keough School/Notre Dame).	2020
Co-Principal Investigator, Comparative Assessment of Electoral Risks (Keough School/Notre Dame)	2020
Research Assistant, Dr. Michael Coppedge (Varieties of Democracy/Notre Dame)	2018
Co-Principal Investigator, Initiative for Global Development (Notre Dame)	2018
Graduate Statistical Consultant, Center for Social Research (Notre Dame)	2018
Data Coder, Pelke-Friesen Democratization Articles Dataset (Harvard Dataverse)	2017
Country Expert: Zambia, Global Leadership Project (University of Texas-Austin)	2017
Research Assistant, Dr. Michael Bratton (Afrobarometer/Michigan State University)	2013

## Presentations & Workshops

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American Political Science Association	September 2021
Midwest Political Science Association	April 2021
Kellogg Institute for International Affairs: Board Meeting (Notre Dame)	November 2020
African Studies Association	November 2020
Keough School of Global Affairs: Expert Panel (Notre Dame)	October 2020
Comparative Politics Workshop (Notre Dame)	October 2020
American Political Science Association	August 2020

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University of Botswana: Political and Administration Studies Department Seminar	December 2019
American Political Science Association	August 2019
Midwest Political Science Association	April 2019
Perspectives on World Politics Masterclass (Notre Dame with Dr. Steve Levitsky)	March 2019
Comparative Politics Workshop (Notre Dame)	February 2019
Southern Political Science Association	January 2019
Midwest Political Science Association	April 2018
Perspectives on World Politics Masterclass (Notre Dame with Dr. Jeremy Weinstein)	March 2018
Comparative Politics Workshop (Notre Dame)	November 2017
Concordia-McGill Universities African Studies Conference	October 2017
National Democratic Institute, Washington, D.C.	September 2015

## Teaching Experience

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Instructor, African Politics (Notre Dame)	2021
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics (Dr. Geoffrey Layman - Notre Dame)	2021
Co-Instructor, Field Research Methods (Notre Dame, with Dr. Jaimie Bleck)	2020
Instructor, Introduction to Political Systems (University of Zimbabwe)	2020
Teaching Assistant, Middle-East Politics (Dr. Mike Hoffman - Notre Dame)	2019
Teaching Assistant, World Politics (Dr. Robert Dowd - 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: American Politics (2021), 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

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## Field Work

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Botswana	2018, 2019
Ghana	2018
Zambia	2014, 2018
Zimbabwe	2011, 2018, 2020, 2021

## Software

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R, GIS, Latex, Qualtrics, Stata

## Service

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Comparative Politics Workshop Coordinator (Notre Dame)	2017 – 2018
Comparative Politics Student Representative (Notre Dame)	2017 – 2018
Journal Reviewer: <i>Democratization</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i>	

## Academic References

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