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LAUREN GILBERT

education

M.A., Political Science, UC San Diego, 2020.

Subfields: political methodology and comparative politics

Committee: Claire Adida, Gareth Nellis, Agustina Paglayan, Jasper Cooper, Sara Lowes

Advanced to candidacy Dec 2021

M.S., Physics, UC San Diego, 2018.

San Diego Fellow, Sloan Minority PhD Scholar

B.S., Physics, California Institute of Technology, 2016.

Thesis: *Resonant Production of Sterile Neutrinos in the Early Universe*

experience

Research Fellow, Open Philanthropy, 2022 -

Researched potential cause areas for future Open Philanthropy investment

Grantmaker in global health and well-being

Author of published investigations on [telecommunications](#) and [preventing civil conflict](#)

Elf (Researcher), Quite Interesting, 2016 -

Wrote @qikipedia Twitter feed two days per week (1.3 million followers, 25 million views/week).

Wrote QI Facebook content (400,000 followers, 3.5 million views/week).

Contributed to *222 QI Answers to Your Quite Ingenious Questions*

Contributions have been commented on by the BBC, the Guardian, as well as public figures such as Neil Gaiman and Mark Hamill

Appeared on BBC Radio 2's The Breakfast Show With Zoe Ball (6/3/20, 12/16/20, 3/3/21, 5/12/21, 7/7/21, 9/22/21, 10/6/21, 12/1/21, 2/9/22, 3/2/22, 5/18/22, 6/8/22, 10/5/22, 3/29/23, 7/26/23)

Country risk analyst, GeoQuant, 2019 -

Geopolitical risk analyst for Egypt (2019-), Libya (2020-), Iraq (2019-), Kazakhstan (2021-2023), Uzbekistan (2021-2023), Zambia (2023-), Ghana (2023-)

Academic reviewer, Safegraph, 2021

Reviewed and provided comments on academic papers using SafeGraph data

Research Fellow Intern, Open Philanthropy, 2021

Researching potential causes for Open Philanthropy investments

Graduate Researcher, Ericsson, 2020 - 2021

Worked on the use of AI to support accessibility and privacy in VR/AR.

Two patents filed: [WO2022139636A1](#) and [WO2022233405A1](#)

public writings

[Every generator is a policy failure](#), Works in Progress

[If Fire Saga really wanted to win Eurovision, this is what they needed to know](#),

The Washington Post's Monkey Cage

	Ukraine's Eurovision victory was political. So is Eurovision itself, The Washington Post's Monkey Cage
work under review	Power, Parity, Projection: How Distance and Uncertainty Condition the Balance of Power. With Erik Gartzke, Alex Braithwaite, and Michael Hulme. Revise and resubmit at <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> . The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on treatment for domestic violence injuries: evidence from medical claims. With Susan Parker and Lauren Schechter.
grants, honors, & awards	Tarbell Fellowship for early career journalists. Part-time, 2023. COVID-19 Research Accelerator Grant Program / Gates Foundation (with Susan Parker and Lauren Schechter). 2021. \$33,000. University of Michigan COVID-19 Small Rapid Grant (with Susan Parker and Lauren Schechter). 2020. \$10,000. International Institute Research and Travel Grant. 2020. \$2,000. Sanford Lakoff Fellowship. 2020. \$1,250. San Diego Fellowship. 2016. \$40,000. Sloan Minority PhD Scholar. 2016. \$20,000. Physics Achievement Award. 2016. \$3,200. George W. Housner Student Discovery Award. 2016. RE Springer Memorial Scholarship. 2015. Boeing Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship. 2014.
conference presentations	2023: EAGxWarsaw (Warsaw, Poland) 2022: APPAM 2021 (Austin, TX), ITAM (Mexico City, MX) 2021: ISA 2021 (virtual), MPSA 2021 (virtual), APSA 2021 (virtual) 2020: PolNet 2020 (virtual), APSA 2020 (virtual), USC (Los Angeles, CA). Additional talk at ISA 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. 2016: Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (Fullerton, CA), American Astronomical Society 228 (San Diego, CA), Future Physicist International Summer Camp (Hefei, China), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai, China) 2015: American Physical Society Division of Nuclear Physics (Santa Fe, NM) 2014: National Collegiate Research Conference (Boston, MA), Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (Berkeley, CA), Theoretical Physics in Southern California (La Jolla, CA)
programming and software	Advanced: R Proficient: Python, Stan, C++, Java, Fortran 90, Stata Beginner: Fortran 77, MATLAB
teaching	TA: POLI 273 (Causal Inference, PhD-level), POLI 204B (Quantitative Methods, PhD-level)