**Opening for a Research Assistant**
with Prof. Sara Lowes (UCSD), Prof Nathan Nunn (Harvard), Jacob Moscona (Harvard), and Awa Ambra Seck (Harvard)

The Research Assistant would be working on a project to collect new and detailed data on pre-colonial political, social, and cultural organization in sub-Saharan Africa. The tasks performed by the Research Assistant may include reading ethnographies and anthropological accounts of pre-colonial societies, building data sets from these qualitative accounts, and (in some cases) developing text parsing tools to extract information about individual ethnic groups from long-form texts.

The ideal candidate should have an undergraduate degree (or more) in Economics, History, Anthropology, or a related field. Individuals with other educational backgrounds are also welcome to apply. Candidates should be comfortable reading substantial amounts of text, interested in African history and culture, and proficient at Microsoft Excel. Familiarity with Python and knowledge of French are both a plus.

Employment can begin immediately. The Research Assistant must be able to commit at least 20 hours per week over at least 3 months. The exact arrangement of hours worked is flexible, as is the location of the work. An extension of employment beyond 3 months is possible.

The pay that we provide to RA's is very competitive and depends on previous experience and skills.

If interested, please send your Resume or CV to Jacob Moscona (moscona@fas.harvard.edu) and Awa Ambra Seck (aseck@g.harvard.edu).