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Academic Appointments

- 2018-present Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia
Faculty Fellow, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia
(2020-present)
- 2017-2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Skidmore College

Education

- 2017 Ph.D., Political Science, Brown University
Dissertation: State Responses to Armed Groups and Political (Dis)Order in Nigeria
Committee: Ashutosh Varshney (Chair), Melani Cammett, and Daniel Jordan Smith
Field Certifications: Comparative Politics and Political Theory

National Science Foundation-IGERT Doctoral Fellow, Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Development
- 2008 M.A., with distinction (*cum laude*), Political Science, Leiden University
- 2007 B.A., with distinction (*summa cum laude*), Political Science, University at Albany

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2020/21 “Elite Competition, Social Movements, and Election Violence in Nigeria,”
International Security, 45 (3): 40-78, doi.org/10.1162/isec_a_00401
- 2018 “When Militias Provide Welfare: Lessons from Pakistan and Nigeria,” with Yelena
Biberman. *Political Science Quarterly*, 133 (4): 695-727, doi.org/10.1002/polq.12832

Works-in-Progress

- “When Do Armed Groups Refuse to Carry Out Election Violence?” (Revised and resubmitted)
- “When Governments Tolerate or Repress Armed Groups: Evidence from Nigeria” (Under review)
- “Who’s to Blame for Election Violence? Civil Society Narratives from Nigeria and Kenya” (Writing in progress)
- “Can Americans Depolarize? Assessing the Effects of a Red/Blue Workshop Experiment,” with Hannah Baron, Robert A. Blair, Donghyun Danny Choi, Laura Gamboa, Jessica Gottlieb, Amanda Lea Robinson, Steven C. Rosenzweig, and Emily A. West (Writing in progress)

“Election Violence and Vote Choice in Nigeria” (Planning in progress)

Political Order and the Joint Organization of Election Violence in Nigeria (Book manuscript, in preparation)

Invited Talks & Publications

- 2020 “Nigerians and Americans Are Protesting Police Violence, But They Have Different Demands. Here’s Why.” *Political Violence at Glance*, November 16, at <https://politicalviolenceatglance.org/2020/11/16/nigerians-and-americans-are-protesting-police-violence-but-they-have-different-demands-heres-why/>
- 2020 “Gangs, Governors, and Godfathers: The Subnational Politics of Election Violence in Nigeria,” The African Studies Program, Johns-Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington D.C., April 8 (canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “Resisting Co-Optation: Political Activism in Nigeria,” Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria, May 21.
- 2018 Book review: Straus, Scott. Making and Unmaking Nations: War, Leadership, and Genocide in Modern Africa. *African Studies Review* 61(1): 264-266, doi.org/10.1017/asr.2018.3
- 2017 “Armed Groups and the Security Situation in the Niger Delta,” European Asylum Support Office Practical Cooperation Meeting on Nigeria, Rome, June 12-13
- 2016 “State Responses to Militias and Political (Dis)Order in Developing Democracies,” The MacMillan Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University, September 19
- 2015 “Boko Haram in Nigeria and the New World (Dis)Order,” Skidmore College, April 1
- 2013 “Explaining State-Militia Relationships in Nigeria,” United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Abuja, Nigeria, November 19

Conference Presentations & Workshops

- 2020 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting (canceled due to COVID-19)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (canceled due to COVID-19)
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual North American Meeting
African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting
Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop, The Pursuit of Peaceful Polling
- 2019 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting
- 2018 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
- 2017 International Studies Association Northeast (ISA-NE) Annual Meeting

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Meeting
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting

- 2016 Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual North American Meeting
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting
- 2015 African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting
International Studies Association Northeast (ISA-NE) Annual Meeting
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Meeting
- 2014 African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting
International Security and Arms Control Section of the American Political Science Association and the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association (ISAC-ISSS) Joint Annual Meeting

Grants & Fellowships

- 2019-20 Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia, Seed Grant: Protesting Election Violence
- 2013-14 Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship
- 2011-12 Graduate Program in Development, Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs, Brown University, Summer Fieldwork Grant
- Department of Political Science, Brown University, Methods Training Fellowship to attend Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University
- 2008 Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science, Huygens Scholarship

Teaching Experience

University of Georgia

Introduction to Comparative Politics, undergraduate (2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021)
African Politics, undergraduate (Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
Democratic Erosion, undergraduate (Fall 2020); graduate (Spring 2021)

Skidmore College

Introduction to Comparative Politics & International Relations (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
Africa's Rise in a Changing World (Fall 2017)
States, Markets, and Politics in Developing Countries (Fall 2017)
Democratic Erosion (Spring 2018)
International Interventions and Post-Conflict Politics (Spring 2018)

Pedagogical Training

- 2015-16 Teaching Certificate III: Professional Development Seminar, The Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

2014-15 Teaching Certificate I: Reflective Teaching, The Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

In-Country Research

Nigeria July 2011, July-August 2012, September-December 2013, March-May 2014, May 2019

Kenya June-July 2019

Professional Activities and Service

2020- Co-organizer, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia

2019-20 Co-organizer, Diversity and Inclusion Discussion Group, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia

2018 Expert reviewer on Nigeria, European Asylum Support Office

2014-17 Managing Editor, Studies in Comparative International Development

References available upon request.