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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Government, School of Public Affairs, American University. August 2008 – present.  
Research associate, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford. October 2008 – present.  
Assistant Professor of Political Science and African Studies, Michigan State University. August 2005 – August 2008.  
Post-doctoral Prize Research Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford. September 2005 – July 2009.

## EDUCATION

Columbia University. Ph.D., M.Phil., M.A. Political Science. 2006.  
Committee: Charles Tilly, Jack Snyder, Mahmood Mamdani

University of Florida. B.A. in Political Science and Economics with Honors, 12/1997.

## BOOK

From Protest to Parties: Party-Building and Democratization in Africa. Oxford University Press. 2011.

- Reviews: *Comparative Political Studies*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Mobilization*
- Recognized by the Social Sciences Research Council as a “New Voice in the Social Sciences”, May 2012.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Polarization as Craft: Party Formation and State Violence in Zimbabwe,” *Comparative Politics* 38:4 (July 2006). Honorable mention (sole), African Politics Conference Group Best Article Award, 2007.

“The Politics of Institutional Subversion: Organized Labour and Resistance in Zambia,” in John Chalcraft and Yaseen Noorani, eds., *Counterhegemony in the Colony and Postcolony* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).

“Une alliance qui se délite? Contrôle partisan et dynamiques internes dans le Zanu-PF,” *Politique Africaine* 93 (March 2004).

## SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“Violence, State Strategy, and Urban Order in Nairobi, Kenya, and Lagos, Nigeria.”

“Authoritarian Legacies and Opposition Outcomes: How Labor Policy Shaped Democratization in Anglophone Africa.”

With Cristina Bodea (MSU). “Building the Social Contract: Attitudes toward Taxation in Urban Nigeria.”

“Ethnicity and the Willingness to Sanction Violent Politicians: Evidence from Kenya,” Afrobarometer Working Paper No. 125, December 2010. Available at [www.afrobarometer.org](http://www.afrobarometer.org).

## RESEARCH GRANTS

Team co-leader (Nigeria). Improving Institutions for Growth (iiG) project grant, Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), University of Oxford. 2009-2012. £2.8 million grant from DfID for producing research and building research capacity in selected countries. Nigeria component entails more than £120,000 in funding to support research, travel and capacity-building. I had the lead role in survey design and implementation.

- Research in Nigeria in 2010: pilot survey in Lagos (600 respondents, July 2010), urban survey in eleven cities (2750 respondents, December 2010). Survey work organized in modules, in collaboration with Etannibi Alemika (University of Jos) and Nic Cheeseman (Oxford U).
- Individual work on ethnicity, urban violence, and taxation.
- Capacity-building programs with CLEEN, a Nigerian NGO dedicated to justice sector reform and oversight. Ongoing.

American University International Travel Grant. \$3000. Summer 2012.

Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University. Small grant for survey ‘Political Competition and Violence in Kenya.’ May 2009. £2500.

John Fell Research Fund, Small Award. Grant for “Electoral Competition and the Organization of Violence in Kenya,” 2008-2009. £5000.

Faculty Research Initiative Award, College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University. Grant for research on violence in Kenya, 2007-2008. \$6000.

Smith Richardson Travel Grant, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University. Summer 2003. \$2500.

## NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, Prospects for Non-Violent Change in Zimbabwe, *United States Institute of Peace Special Report*, no. 109. August 2003. Available at [www.usip.org](http://www.usip.org).
- Under a Shadow: Civil and Political Rights in Zimbabwe, Human Rights Watch Briefing Paper, June 6, 2003. Available at [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org).
- Review article of Philip Kilbride, Collette Suda, and Enos Njeru, Street Children in Kenya: Voices of Children in Search of a Childhood, and of a special issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. *Journal of International Affairs* 55:1 (Fall 2001), 217-222.

## RECENT CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “The Persistence of Political Violence in Electoral Regimes.” Presented at conference “Elections, Accountability and Democratic Government in Africa” (invited), Cornell University, April 20-21, 2012.
- Invited participant, Workshop on the findings and policy recommendations of the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy & Security. Yale University. March 2, 2011.
- “Taxation and Trust in Urban Nigeria.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 19, 2011, and at the George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop, January 13, 2012.
- “The Persistence of Political Violence in Kenya: Organizations and Attitudes,” invited lecture to the Yale University Council on African Studies. November 29, 2011.
- “Traditional Security Threats in Africa: Domestic Politics as a Source of Instability,” invited presentation to the Africa Security Issues Workshop, National Defense University. September 7, 2011. An earlier version was presented to the Africa Security Issues Workshop of April 20, 2011.
- “Violence and Community Order in Nairobi and Lagos,” presented at conference “Violent Cities: Challenges of Democracy and Governance in the Urban Global South” (invited), Brown University, April 27-29, 2011.
- “The Arab Spring: Lessons from Africa,” invited presentation as part of a panel entitled “Uprisings in the Middle East: A Social Movement and Comparative Perspective,” American University, March 25, 2011.
- “Ethnicity and the Willingness to Sanction Violent Politicians,” presented at “Workshop on Ethnic Politics” (invited), George Washington University, October 15-16, 2010. Paper also presented at 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- Panel participant, “The Perils of Power-sharing in Africa,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom. Oxford, UK. September 14-17, 2010.
- “Party Organization and the Evolution of Party Systems in Africa,” presented at “Political Parties in the Developing World” conference. Princeton University. April 30 – May 1, 2010. Paper also presented at 2010 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association.
- American Political Science Association (APSA) presenter: 2004, 2005 (awarded graduate travel grant), 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012. Discussant: 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012.

African Studies Association (ASA) presenter: 2001, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012.  
 European Political Science Association (EPSA) presenter: 2012.  
 International Political Science Association (IPSA) presenter: 2003 (awarded travel grant)  
 International Studies Association (ISA) presenter & discussant: 2012.  
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) presenter: 2007.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Selected as a "New Voice in the Social Sciences," Social Sciences Research Council. May 2012.  
 African Politics Conference Group, 2006 Best Article Honorable Mention for "Polarization as Craft: Party Formation and State Violence in Zimbabwe."  
 Dissertation nominated for the Juan Linz Prize of the American Political Science Association (Comparative Democratization Section), March 2007.  
 Graduate fellow of the Institute for Social and Economic Policy Research (ISERP), Columbia University. 2004-2005.  
 Alternate, Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace. 2004-2005 academic year.  
 Cordier Fellow (declined), SIPA, Columbia University. 2004-2005 academic years.  
 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University. 2002-2003.  
 Mellon Fellow of the Sawyer Seminar on Democracy and Inequality, Institute for Historical Social Science, Columbia University. 2001-2002.  
 Young Africanist Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Washington, D.C. Summer 2001.  
 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) award in Swahili to attend the 2000 Summer Cooperative Language Institute (SCALI). Madison, Wisconsin.  
 Presidential Fellow, GSAS, Columbia University, 1999-2005 academic years.  
 University of Florida CLAS 1996-97 Undergraduate Research Award; National Merit Scholar at University of Florida 1993-1997; Florida Undergraduate Scholar 1993-1997.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Invited speaker, U.S. State Department-sponsored briefing on Zimbabwe for Ambassador Bruce Wharton, September 7, 2012.  
 Invited speaker, "Kenya: Toward another Brink?" U.S. State Department-sponsored conference. December 1, 2011.  
 Consultant on Africa (southern, east and central), Oxford Analytica. Appointment to write briefing papers and provide general guidance. March 2007 to 2010.  
 "Zimbabwe's Latest Crackdown: Responses and Consequences," roundtable sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace. April 23, 2007.  
 "The Durability of State Control in Zimbabwe," paper presented at special seminar for Ambassador Christopher Dell, US Department of State and the National Intelligence Council. Washington, DC. August 10, 2004.

Consultant and Writer, Human Rights Watch. New York. Appointment to coordinate and conduct research, write reports, and provide general guidance on conditions in Zimbabwe. March to November 2003.

Participant, Early Warning Experts Meeting co-sponsored by the Office for Coordinated Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA) and the International Peace Academy. New York, NY. November 17, 2003.

“Changes in Opposition and State Strategies in Zimbabwe, 1998 to 2002,” solicited by and presented to the U.S. Department of State and the Systems Planning Corporation. Washington, DC. January 7, 2003.

## **TEACHING**

### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to Comparative Politics (American University 2011, 2012)

Dynamics of Political Change (American University 2010, 2011)

Political Violence and Civil Wars (American University 2011, 2012)

Honors Seminar: Power and Protest (American University 2010)

Contemporary African Politics (500-level: American University 2009, 2011; 400-level: MSU 2007, Lehigh 2005)

International Relations of Africa (Lehigh University 2005)

### *Graduate*

Social and Political Movements (American University 2010, 2012)

Political Violence in Comparative Perspective (American University 2010)

Contemporary African Politics (500 / MA-level: American 2009, 2011)

Problems in the Study of Democratization (MSU 2006)

Comparative Qualitative Research Methods (contributing lecturer, Oxford 2006)

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

APSA Task Force on Political Violence Workshop on Datasets, APSA 2006.

Introduction to Social Network Analysis, two-day course taught by James Moody (OSU) at Columbia University. November 4-5, 2004.

Measurement Issues in Human Rights Analysis, full-day Short Course, APSA 2004.

Training Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, CQRM. January 3-13, 2002.

Ford Foundation Workshop on Research and Research Methods in the Developing World, Columbia University. 1998-1999.

International Colloquium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. The Hague, The Netherlands. June through August 1996.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Memberships: American Political Science Association, African Studies Association (ASA), African Politics Conference Group (APCG), Oxford Research Network on Governance in Africa (OReNGA).

Committee memberships: AU Department of Government By-Laws Revision Committee 2010-11, APCG Best Article Committee 2010, APSA Comparative Democratization Best Article Committee 2008, APCG ASA Panel Committee 2006, APCG Best Book Award Committee 2007, MSU Comparative Politics Field Committee, Nuffield College Strategy & Resources Committee 2007-2008, Nuffield College Governing Body 2007-2009, Nuffield College Art Committee 2005-2009, American University Student Conduct Council Member.

Discussant / chair: Discussant, Harvard University conference "Party-Building (and Non-Building) in Latin America," November 2012. Discussant, Yale University conference on Ato Onoma's *The Politics of Encounters*, May 2010. Discussant, 2009 Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford). Discussant, 2008 Mine Watch Zambia Conference (Oxford). Discussant, 2007 Afrobarometer conference "The Micro-Foundations of Mass Politics in Africa" (East Lansing, MI).

Reviewer for: *African Affairs*, *Africa Today*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Feminist Review*, *Journal of East African Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Peace-building and Development*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Theory and Society*, and *World Politics*. Presses: *Continuum*, *Oxford University Press*.

## FIELDWORK

Fieldwork of greater than 1 month: Zimbabwe (1999, 2002-2006, 2008), Kenya (2006-2010), Zambia (2002-2004), Nigeria (2010). Less than one month: Kenya (2012), Nigeria (2012), Zimbabwe (2012).

References available upon request.