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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

Associate Professor of Government & Politics, 2017 – present
Assistant Professor of Government & Politics, 2011 – 2017
Research Associate, Center for International Development & Conflict Management

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Belfer Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, 2010 - 2011
International Security Program – Initiative on Religion in International Affairs

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Ph.D., Political Science, 2010
Dissertation: Religious and Ethnic Conflict in Africa (Daniel N. Posner, Chair)

YALE UNIVERSITY

M.A., International Relations

COLLEGE of WILLIAM & MARY

B.A., *cum laude*, Economics

PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2017. *The Logic of Ethnic and Religious Conflict in Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

2017 (with Daniel N. Posner). “The Political Sources of Religious Identification: A Study on the Burkina Faso-Côte d’Ivoire Border.” *British Journal of Political Science*.
doi:10.1017/S0007123416000594.

2017. “Disaggregating Identities to Study Ethnic Conflict.” *Ethnopolitics* 16, 1: 12-20.
- 2015 (with Daniel N. Posner). “African Borders as Sources of Natural Experiments: Promise and Pitfalls.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 3, 2: 409-418.
2014. “The Political Mobilization of Ethnicity and Religion in Africa.” *American Political Science Review* 108, 4: 801-816.
2014. “Pentecostalism as an Informal Political Institution: Experimental Evidence from Ghana.” *Politics & Religion* 7, 4: 761-787.
2014. “Measuring and Reducing Religious Bias in Post-Conflict Zones: Evidence from Côte d’Ivoire.” *Political Psychology* 35, 2 (April): 267-289.
2013. “Economic Development Strategies and Conflict in Africa: The Cases of Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana.” *Comparative Political Studies* 46, 2 (Feb): 182-211.
2013. “Africa’s New Big Man Rule? Pentecostalism and Patronage in Ghana.” *African Affairs* 112, 446 (Jan): 1-21.
2009. “Religious Faith and Democracy: Evidence from the Afrobarometer Surveys.” Afrobarometer Working Paper No. 113 (with E. Gyimah-Boadi).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

2017. “Disaggregating Identities to Study Ethnic Conflict.” In Erika Forsberg, Jóhanna K. Birnir, and Christian Davenport, eds., *Ethnic Politics and Conflict/Violence*. New York: Routledge. Ch. 3.
2015. “Pentecostals and Politics: Redefining Big Man Rule in Africa.” In Martin Lindhardt, ed., *Pentecostalism in Africa: Presence and Impact of Pneumatic Christianity in Postcolonial Societies*. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Publishers. Ch 13: 322-344.
2013. “Economic Development and Conflict Outcomes: Fifty Years of Evidence from West Africa.” In William Ascher and Natalia Mirovitskaya, eds., *Economic Development Strategies and Inter-Group Violence*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. Ch. 6: 141-166.

WORKING PAPERS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Ethnicity and Religion as Sources of Political Division in Africa.”
- “Informal Institutions in Response to Crisis: Evidence from Ghana’s Flood Zone.”
- “Contextual Violence and Support for Violent Extremism: Evidence from the Sahel” (with Steven Finkel).

“Social Desirability Bias and Support for Violent Extremism in Africa” (with Steven Finkel).

“Institutional Strategies to Avert Subsistence Crises in the Sahel.”

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Research and Scholarship Award (RASA), University of Maryland, 2017
Dean’s Research Initiative Level 1 Seed Grant, University of Maryland, 2014
Excellence in Teaching Award, UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2013
Research and Scholarship Award (RASA), University of Maryland, 2013
Templeton Foundation *Pentecostal & Charismatic Research Initiative* grant, 2010-2012
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2009
The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Research Fellowship, 2007-2008, 2009-2010
Distinguished Teaching Award & Fellowship, UCLA, 2008-2009
Academic Year Research Mentorship Award, UCLA, 2007-2008
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA, Summer 2007
Mortar Board Honor Society Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, Spring 2007
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA, Summer 2006
Distinction Notation, UCLA Qualifying Field Paper, Spring 2006
Travel Research Grant, Globalization Research Center-Africa, UCLA, Summer 2005
U.S. Dept. of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 2003-2004
Coca-Cola World Fund Fellowship, Summer 2003
Yale University International Relations Travel Research Grant, Summer 2003
Frazier Jelke Yale University Fellowship, 2002-2003

RESEARCH

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethnic and religious politics; sub-Saharan Africa; inter-group cooperation and violence; informal institutions; political and economic development; experiments in social science; borders and cultural boundaries

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Evaluation Specialist, USAID Sahel Resilience Learning initiative (2014-present)
Senior Field Specialist, USAID Peace through Development II initiative (2013-2017)
Expert Witness, Political Asylum from Ghana, Somalia; U.S. Immigration Court (2011, 2016)
Election Observer, Ghana Presidential Election (2008)
Visiting Researcher, Ghana Center for Democratic Development, Accra, Ghana (2008-2009)

FIELDWORK: Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, Niger, Nigeria

TEACHING

COURSES

Field Methods in Political Science: Experiments, Surveys, and Analysis (GVPT 884, grad)
Analysis of African Politics (GVPT 888, grad)
African Politics (GVPT 484, undergrad)
Honors Seminar in African Politics (GVPT 484H, undergrad)
Politics of the Developing World (GVPT 282, undergrad)
I-Series: Religions, Beliefs, and World Affairs (GVPT 289L, undergrad)

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, *Brigham Young University*, 2007

African Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics

Teaching Associate, *University of California, Los Angeles*, 2004 - 2008

Comparative Politics, Political Economy of Development, International Relations,
Political Communication

Teaching Fellow, *Yale University*, 2003 - 2004

International Ideas and Institutions, Economic Analysis

PROFESSIONAL TALKS & INVITED PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“Social Desirability Bias and Violent Extremism in the Sahel.” American University, 2017.
“Why Are Africa’s Conflicts Sometimes Ethnic and Sometimes Religious?” JHU SAIS, 2017.
“Disaggregating Identities to Study Ethnic Conflict.” Roundtable, ISA, 2017.
“Ethnicity and Religion as Sources of Division in Côte d’Ivoire.” U. of Alabama, 2017.
“Ethnic and Religious Violence in Africa.” U. of Florida, 2016.
“Contextual Factors and Support for Violent Extremism in the Sahel.” APSA, 2016.
“The Political Divisiveness of Ethnicity and Religion in Africa.” UC-Berkeley, 2016.
“The Politics of Changing Identities: Evidence from Burkina and Côte d’Ivoire.” ASA 2015.
“Political Conflict and the Salience of Religion in Côte d’Ivoire.” UMD, 2015.
“The Political Sources of Identity Salience: a Border Study.” APSA, 2014.
“Pentecostalism as an Informal Political Institution: Experiments from Ghana.” MPSA, 2014.
“Pentecostal Big Man Rule.” ASA, 2013.
“The Political Mobilization of Religion and Ethnicity.” ISA, 2013.
“Pentecostals, Patronage, and Informal Politics in Africa.” U. of Jos, Nigeria, 2012.
“Land and Religious Conflict: Evidence from Africa and the Middle East.” MPSA, 2012.
“Religious Violence along Civilizational Faultlines.” Kennedy School, Harvard, 2011.
“Côte d’Ivoire’s Violence, Ghana’s Peace.” University of Ghana, 2011.
“Distinguishing Religious and Ethnic Conflict in Côte d’Ivoire.” Harvard University, 2011.
“Religious Tension in Post-Conflict Zones: Experimental Evidence.” APSA, 2010.
“Religious and Ethnic Politics in Côte d’Ivoire.” U.S. Department of State, 2010.

“Political Preferences of ‘Extremist’ Group Members in Africa.” MPSA, 2010.
“Strategies to Reduce Inter-Religious Bias in Côte d’Ivoire.” SSSR, 2009.
“The Political Implications of Religion in Africa: a Field Experiment.” APSA, 2009.
“What’s Unique about Religious Identity in Ghanaian Politics?” CDD-Ghana, 2009.
“Social Insurance during Crises: Evidence from Ghana.” APSA, 2008.
“Clientelism in Times of Crisis: When Big Men Aren’t Big Enough.” MPSA, 2008.
“African Borders as Sources of Natural Experiments.” WGAPE, 2007.
“When Does Religion Become Politically Salient in Africa?” MPSA, 2007.
“Political Unrest and the Salience of Religion: Evidence from Côte d’Ivoire.” MPSA, 2006.
“The Political Determinants of Self-Identity in Africa.” African Studies Association, 2005.
“Culture and Corruption: Obstacles to Development in sub-Saharan Africa?” Yale CPW, 2004.
“U.S. Foreign Policy and the Threat of Terrorism.” State Capital, Hartford, CT, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
International Studies Association
African Studies Association
Working Group on African Political Economy

UNIVERSITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

REVIEWER: *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Security, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, World Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Peace Research, Political Studies, Political Psychology, African Affairs, Journal of Modern African Studies, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, African Journal of Political Science and International Relations.*

Chair and Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017
Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015
Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2014
Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2013
Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2012
Discussant, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2010
Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2010

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Banneker/Key Scholarship Selection Committee, 2018
I-Series Faculty Board Committee, 2017-2018
Dean’s Committee, Excellence in Teaching, 2014

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Comparative Politics Field Chair, 2016-present
Director of GVPT Honors Program, 2018-present
Department Executive Committee, 2014-2015, 2016-2018
Graduate Studies Committee, 2012-2013, 2016-2017
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2010-2011, 2011-2012

GRADUATE ADVISING

Chair – Trey Billing, GVPT, Expected Completion Spring 2019

Member – Allison Patch, GVPT, expected 2018
Member – Stephen Arves, GVPT, expected 2018
Member – James Gachau, Public Policy, expected 2018
Member – Jacob Lewis, GVPT, expected 2019
Member – Jose Saldana, GVPT, expected 2019
Member – Chris Meserole, GVPT, 2017 (Brookings)
Member – Borjan Zic, GVPT, 2017
Member – Anne Frugé, GVPT, 2017
Member – Juan Pablo Gusman Martinez, Public Policy, 2017
Member – Daniel Owens, GVPT, 2017
Member – Brandon Behlendorf, START/Criminology, 2016 (SUNY-Albany)
Member – Daniel Creed, GVPT, 2016
Member – Jacqueline Ignatov, GVPT, 2015 (Appalachian State)
Member – Darragh McNally, GVPT, 2014 (University of Maryland University College)
Member – Roudabeh Kishi, GVPT, 2014 (ACLEd)
Member – Allison Berland-Kaul, GVPT, 2013
Member – David Garcia, GVPT, 2013

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

GVPT Honors Theses

Chair – Daniela Naga, expected 2018
Chair – Melin Sotiriou, expected 2018
Chair – Nolan Quinn, 2017
Chair – Thomas Matthews, 2017
Chair – Christopher Walkup, 2017
Chair – Jacob Magid, 2016
Chair – Yael Nagar, 2015
Chair – Josef Danczuk, 2014
Chair – Molly Brune, 2013

Other

Advisor – Susan Price, Individual Studies Program, 2017
Advisor – Saarah Javed, Individual Studies Program, 2017
Advisor – Tatios Kebrab, McNair Scholars Program, 2014

Advisor – Fikir Abraha, McNair Scholars Program, 2013
Advisor – Richard Asong, Individual Studies Program, 2012