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## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

#### *Northwestern University, Evanston/Chicago-USA*

- PhD in Political Science; Subfields: Comparative Politics (Major) and International Relations (Minor), June 2016

**Dissertation: “The Institutional Transformation of Africa’s Personalist Regimes: A Comparative Analysis of Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, and Uganda”**

This comparative study of political development in contemporary Africa analyzed the role of coalition politics in the institutionalization of power and authority. It identified conditions under which personalist regimes transition either to democratic or to authoritarian institutional paths, and develop (or fail to develop) the autonomy of state agencies to undertake transformative projects. The dissertation utilized in-case and cross-case comparisons based on extensive and original research in Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, and Uganda.

**Dissertation committee:** Professors William Reno (Chair) James Mahoney (Co-Chair), Rachel Riedl, and Ato Kwamena Onoma (external member)

- M.A (Political Science), March 2013  
Advisor: Professor William Reno

#### *Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta-India (CSSSC)*

- Pre-PhD Training (MPhil equivalent), June 2009  
Advisor: Professor Partha Chatterjee (CSSSC and Columbia University)

#### *Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda*

- M.A (Human Rights), March 2007
- BA. Political Science major with honors, April 2005.

### EMPLOYMENT

Current Appointment: Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, USA

2011-2016: Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, USA

2009-2010: Part-time Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, and Department of Development Studies, Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda

2007-2008: Program Manager – Alumni and Special Projects, Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program for Uganda, Kampala-Uganda

2006-2007: Coordinator, Postgraduate Training Program, Centre for Basic Research, Kololo-Kampala, Uganda

2009-Todate: Research Associate, Centre for Basic Research, Kampala

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Peer Reviewed Journal Articles***

“Managing Elite Defection in Museveni’s Uganda: The 2016 Elections in Perspective,” the *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, December 2016

“Political Uncertainty and Its Impact on Service Delivery in Uganda,” *Africa Development*, Vol. 40, No.2, November 2015, pp.159-188

“Challenges to Policy Implementation in Uganda: Reflections on Politics and the State,” *The Ugandan Journal of Management and Public Policy Studies*, Vol. 8, No. 1, September 2014, pp.35-51

“The Making of the Informal State in Uganda,” *Africa Development*, Vol. 38, No. 2, 2013, pp.191-226

### ***Book Chapter***

Beyond Electoral Reforms in Understanding Opposition Under-Performance in Uganda (with Sebastiano Rwengabo), in *Controlling Consent: The 2016 Elections in Uganda*, edited by Joe Oloka-Onyango and Josephine Ahikire (Africa World Press, 2016)

### ***Book Reviews***

“The Great Lakes Region and Southern African in Historical and Contemporary Perspective,” *Africa Review of Books*, March 2015, pp. 10-12

“Maneuver Warfare as an ‘African Way of War’?” *Africa Review of Books*, Volume 9, No. 1, March 2013, pp. 9-10

“Hegemonic Regime Survival and Legitimation in Uganda: A Review Essay,” *Africa Review of Books*, Volume 7, No. 1, March 2011, pp. 4-5

### ***Other published scholarly essays***

“The Discourse of ‘Africa’s Turn,’” *Codesria Bulletin* Nos. 3 & 4, 2012, pp. 52-53

“Who will save Africa?” *Codesria Bulletin* Nos. 1 & 2, 2012, pp. 9-10

“Africa’s Democratic Deficit: Beyond the Endogenous/Exogenous Debate,” *Sephis E-Magazine, Volume 5, No. 3, July 2009*, pp.26-29

### ***Unpublished working papers***

The Nexus of Ethnicity, Elections, and Conflict in Uganda, Centre for Basic Research Occasion paper

Voting Patterns in Uganda’s Elections (with Charles Bwana), Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University

Mutual Partnership or Strategic Paternalism? An Empirical Study of Chinese Foreign Direct Investment to Africa (with Dong Zhang), Northwestern University

## **CURRENT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS**

“Political Settlements and Revenue Bargains in Africa,” four year project funded by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA). I am working with Professors Anne Mette Kjaer (Aarhus University, Denmark) and David Justin Bakibinga (Makerere University, Uganda) to produce a series of working papers and published articles

“Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa,” with William Reno and Christopher Day. We plan to co-author several working papers

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### ***Undergraduate courses***

Introduction to International Relations, winter 2017. See [syllabus](#)

The Unequal Global Political Economy, winter 2017. See [syllabus](#)

Introduction to Comparative Politics, fall 2016. See [syllabus](#)

Introduction to Comparative Politics, winter 2016. See [syllabus](#)

Introduction to International Relations, fall 2015. See [syllabus](#)

The Political Economy of Africa's Development, Freshman Seminar, Northwestern University, spring 2013

Democratization, advanced undergraduate seminar, Northwestern University, spring 2013

The Politics of International Economics, Department of Development Studies, Makerere University, 2010

***Master's classes that I have taught***

The History of Public Policy (for MA in Ethics and Public Management), department of Philosophy, Makerere University, 2009

Theories of Development (guest lecturer for MA in African Studies) – University of Ghana, Legon, September 2014

***I have served as a Teaching Assistant at Northwestern University for the following:***

International Political Economy (with Professor Stephen Nelson), spring 2016

Politics of Africa, advanced undergraduate seminar (with Professor Jeff Rice), winter 2016

Introduction to Law in the Political Arena (with Professor Alisa Kaplan), fall 2015. Click [here](#) for my TA-section Guidelines and Requirements

Globalization (with Professor Stephen Nelson), spring 2014

Introduction to International Relations (twice with Professor Michael Loriaux), spring 2012 and spring 2013

Introduction to Comparative Politics (twice with Professor Rachel Riedl), fall 2011 and fall 2012

African Politics, advanced undergraduate seminar (with Professor William Reno), winter 2012

The Politics of Humanitarian Intervention in Africa (with Professor Jeff Rice), fall 2011

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- Five-year Kofi Annan fellowship for PhD study awarded by the Program of African Studies and The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2010-2015
- One-year graduate assistantship awarded by Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2015-2016

- One-year pre-doctoral/Mphil fellowship by the South-South Exchange Program for Research on the History of Development (Sephis), tenable at the Centre for Studies in the Social Sciences, Calcutta-India, 2008-2009
- Three-year undergraduate scholarship by the Government of Uganda, at Makerere University, Kampala, 2001-2004
- Recognized as an outstanding graduate student in the department of political science, Northwestern University, 2014/2015 with a prize award of \$1,000

### **RESEARCH AWARDS**

- A \$5,000 dissertation research grant for fieldwork in Ethiopia and Rwanda by the Buffet Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015
- A \$3,000 Graduate Research Grant for fieldwork in Ghana, by the Graduate School, Northwestern University, March 2014
- A \$2,500 grant by the Equality Development and Globalization Studies program and a \$1,500 grant by the Department of Political Science, Northwestern University both for fieldwork in Rwanda and Ethiopia, May 2014
- Several pre-dissertation exploration and actual dissertation fieldwork grants given by the Buffet Institute for Global Studies and the Panofsky grant of the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University, 2012-2015

### **CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Mutual Partnership or Strategic Paternalism: Chinese FDI to Africa, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013, 2014, Chicago

Challenges to Policy Implementation in Uganda, main presentation at a national public policy dialogue, Uganda Management Institute, March 2014, Kampala

Political Networks and Authoritarian Regime Survival, African Studies Association, November 2013, Philadelphia

Political Uncertainty and Service Delivery in Uganda, International Conference on Governance and Services Delivery in Developing Countries, August 2015, Kampala

Coalition Politics and Institutional Transformation: Ethiopia and Rwanda in Comparative Perspective, African Studies Association, November 2015, San Diego

Elite Defection and the 2016 Ugandan Elections, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford, April 22, 2016

The Role of the Youth in Shaping National Politics in Uganda, Keynote Address  
at a post-election dialogue by the Uganda Youth Network (UYONET)

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2012-2014

American Political Science Association (APSA), Current

African Studies Association (ASA), 2012-2015

### **REFERENCES**

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