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Curriculum Vitae

North Carolina State University
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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL-USA

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

Dissertation committee: William Reno (Chair)

Members: James Mahoney, Rachel Riedl, and Ato Kwamena Onoma

- 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:

- Assistant Professor of Political Science (with a joint appointment in Africana Studies), North Carolina State University.
- Research Associate, Centre for Basic Research, Kampala-Uganda.

Past:

- 2016-2017: Lecturer 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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Revisiting the Civil-Military Conundrum in Africa” (with Christopher Dar and William Reno), *Civil Wars*, Vol 22, No.2-3 (2020): 156-173.

“Reconceptualizing Civil-Military Relations in Africa” (with Christopher Day), *Civil Wars*, Vol 22, No. 2-3 (2020): 174-197.

“Politicization and Professionalization: The Progress and Perils of Civil-Military Transformation in Museveni’s Uganda,” *Civil Wars*, Vol 22, No.2-3 (2020): 289-312.

“Whose Africa is Rising?” *Review of African Political Economy*, Vol 46, No.160 (2019): 304-316.

“Shrinking Democratic Space? Crisis of Consensus and Contentious Politics in Uganda,” *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol 57, No.3 (2019): 343-362.

“Politics of Exclusion and Institutional Transformation in Ethiopia,” *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (2019): 542-557.

“Managing Elite Defection in Museveni’s Uganda: The 2016 Elections in Perspective,” the *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (2016): 729-748.

“Political Uncertainty and Its Impact on Service Delivery in Uganda,” *Africa Development*, Vol. 40, No.2 (2015):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, (2014): 35-51

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

Book Chapters

“Inclusive Cooptation and Political Corruption in Uganda,” in Amundsen, I. ed., 2019. *Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation*. Cheltenham/UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

“Political Corruption and the Limits of Anti-Corruption Activism in Ghana,” in Amundsen, I. ed., 2019. *Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation*. Cheltenham/UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

“Beyond Electoral Reforms in Understanding Opposition Under-Performance in Uganda,” (with Sebastiano Rwengabo), in Oloka-Onyango, J. and Ahikire J., ed. (2017) *Controlling Consent: The 2016 Elections in Uganda*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press.

Book Reviews

“Legislative Development in Africa: Politics and Postcolonial Legacies,” *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol 58, No. 4 (2020): 527-530.

“Understanding the Dynamics of Violent Conflict in Contemporary Africa,” *Africa Review of Books*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (2018): 5-7.

“The Great Lakes Region and Southern African in Historical and Contemporary Perspective,” *Africa Review of Books*, Vol 11, No. 1 (2015): 10-12.

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

“Hegemonic Regime Survival and Legitimation in Uganda: A Review Essay,” *Africa Review of Books, Volume 7, No. 1* (2011): 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

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. *Paths from Personalist Rule: Institutional Transformation in Contemporary Africa*, book manuscript.
2. *Political Settlements and Revenue Bargains in Africa*, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) funded project, 2017-2021, with Anne

Mette Kjaer, PI (Aarhus University, Denmark) David Justin Bakibinga (Makerere University, Uganda) and colleagues other from Tanzania and Uganda.

Working papers

- Mapping the Revenue Terrain in Uganda (with David Bakibinga).
- Recent Revenue Bargains in Uganda: Policies, Politics, and the Law (with David Bakibinga and Dan Ngabirano).
- Demand and Supply of Campaign Finance in Tanzania and Uganda (with Jamal Msami and Ole Therkildsen).
- The Politics of Tax Exemptions in Tanzania and Uganda.
- Campaign Financing and the Politics of Revenue Bargaining in Tanzania and Uganda (with Jamal Msami and Ole Therkildsen).

3. *Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa*, with William Reno and Christopher Day.

- Edited Volume (with Chris Day) under contract with Lynne Rienner Publishers, planned for publication in late 2020
- Special Issue of *Civil Wars* journal (with Chris and Will Reno as Guest Editors), published June 2020.

4. *Africa's New Global Politics: Regional Internationalism in Deeply Plural World*, book project under contract with Lynne Reinner Publishers, planned for publication early 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate courses

Politics of the World Economy, fall 2020.

Introduction to International Relations, winter 2016, winter 2017, and fall 2018.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, fall 2016, winter 2017, fall 2019, and spring 2020.

Introduction to the African Diaspora, fall 2018, spring 2018, fall 2018, spring 2019, fall 2019, spring 2020, and fall 2020.

The African Diaspora and Liberation Struggles, fall 2017

The Politics of Global Inequality, winter 2017.

The Political Economy of Africa's Development, spring 2013

Democratization in Africa, spring 2013

The Politics of International Economics, spring, 2010.

Graduate courses

Contemporary African Politics, fall 2017 and spring 2019

The History of Public Policy, fall 2009

Theories of Development (guest lecturer) – University of Ghana, Legon, September 2014

I 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.

Globalization (with Professor Stephen Nelson), spring 2014.

Introduction to International Relations (twice with Professor Michael Louriaux), 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 (with Professor Jeff Rice), fall 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, South Africa, research fellowship, 2021 (differed to 2022 due to the covid-19 pandemic).
- 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

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- A \$3,000 Junior Faculty Development Award by NC State University's Office for Research and Engagement.
- A \$2,500 travel grant by NC State University's Office for Global Engagement.
- Recognized as an outstanding graduate student in the department of political science, Northwestern University, 2015/2016 with a prize award.
- A \$50,000 seed grant (with William Reno and Christopher Day) from Northwestern University, 2017.
- 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 KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

- Africa's Regional Security Complex: Pushing Up from the Bottom Tier, African Studies Association annual conference, virtual, November 2020.
- Uganda's Role in the Great Lakes Region, roundtable at the US State Department, July 2019.
- Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa, African Studies Association annual conference, Boston, November 2019.
- Campaign Financing and Revenue Bargains in Tanzania and Uganda, African Studies Association annual conference, Boston, November 2019.
- The Pan-African Agenda and African International Relations, International Studies Association annual conference, Toronto, March 27-30, 2019.
- Militarism and the Challenge of Decolonizing Knowledge in Uganda, African Studies Association annual conference, Atlanta, November 29-December 1, 2018.
- Revisiting the Pan-African Agenda: The African Diaspora, Liberation Struggles and Contemporary Betrayal, 15th General Assembly of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, Dakar, December 17-21, 2018.
- Shrinking Democratic Space in Uganda? Keynote presentation at a national symposium, Kampala, June 7, 2018.
- Politics of Inclusive Coalition in Ghana and Uganda, African Studies Association, Chicago, November 2017.
- Bridging the Gap between Political Parties and Parliamentary Caucuses in Uganda, Keynote Presentation at the meeting of the Inter-Party Organization for Dialogue Council and Parliament of Uganda, Kampala, April 27, 2017.
- The Role of the Youth in Shaping National Politics in Uganda, Keynote Address at a post-election dialogue by the Uganda Youth Network (UYONET), Kampala, December 19, 2016.
- Elite Defection and the 2016 Ugandan Elections, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford, April 22, 2016.

- Coalition Politics and Institutional Transformation: Ethiopia and Rwanda in Comparative Perspective, African Studies Association, November 2015, San Diego
- Political Uncertainty and Service Delivery in Uganda, International Conference on Governance and Services Delivery in Developing Countries, August 2015, Kampala
- Mutual Partnership or Strategic Paternalism: Chinese FDI to Africa, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013 and 2014, Chicago
- Challenges to Policy Implementation in Uganda, keynote presentation at a national public policy dialogue, Uganda Management Institute, March 2014, Kampala
- Embedding Neoliberalism in Uganda: The Role of Cooperatives, presentation at a dissemination workshop on Reviving the Cooperative Movement in Uganda, Kampala, December 18, 2013
- Political Networks and Authoritarian Regime Survival, African Studies Association, November 2013, Philadelphia

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), 2017-Present.
- International Studies Association, 2016-Present.
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2012-2014.
- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2014-2017.
- African Studies Association (ASA), 2012-Present.

UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Weekly OpEd columnist for Uganda's *Daily Monitor* newspaper.
- Member of the Executive Committee, School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University
- Graduate School Associate, North Carolina State University.
- Patron for the African Student Union, 2018-Todate, North Carolina State University.
- Member of the Advisory Board and Assessment Committee, Africana Studies Program, 2017-Todate, North Carolina State University.
- Department representative to the library, North Carolina State University
- PhD external examiner for Politics and Government, Edith Cowan University, Perth Australia.
- PhD external Examiner for the department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- Secretary for Society for Justice and National Unity, think-tank based in Kampala, 2015-Todate
- Board Member and Committee Chair, Child Restoration Support Organization (CROSO), a nonprofit, Chicago-IL, 2017-2019
- Board President, North American Masaba Cultural Association, a Ugandan diaspora organization, 2018-2019
- Book manuscript reviewer for Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, CO, 2018-todate
- Book manuscript reviewer for Zed Books Publishers, London, 2017-todate
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *African Studies Review* 2020-todate
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *African Affairs*, 2018-todate
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, 2018-todate

- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Review of African Political Economy*, 2018-todate
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 2019-todate
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 2019-todate
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 2020.

Editorial Board Membership

- Journal of *Civil Wars*
- Journal of *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*
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REFERENCES

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