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Education

Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

Department of Political Science, Ph.D. candidate

Subfields: Comparative Politics, Public Policy

Dissertation: *Pathways to Accountability: Ethnicity and Allocation in Kenya's Constituency Development Fund*

Whitworth University – Spokane, WA

B.A. International Studies, *summa cum laude* (2006)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Bread and Freedom: Linking Democracy and Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa.” 2015. *African Studies Quarterly*. 15, no. 1: 13-35.

Additional Publications and Conference Presentations

“Ethnicity and Allocation: The Saliency of Ethnicity and Kenya's Constituency Development Fund.” 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. September 3rd, 2015.

“Civic Participation in Public Goods Provision: The Efficacy of Institutional Reforms in Kenya's Constituency Development Fund.” 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 18, 2015.

“Ethnicity and Allocation: the Saliency of Ethnicity and Kenya's Constituency Development Fund.” 2014 African Studies Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN. November 16, 2014.

“Energy and Climate Change in Africa: Adaptation, not Mitigation.” 2014. *Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group*. 10, no. 2: 8-9.

“Does Ethnicity Matter, and why? Lessons From Kenya's Constitutional Referenda.” 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 5, 2014.

“Review, *The Root Causes of Sudan's Civil Wars: Peace or Truce*, 5th ed., Douglas H. Johnson.” 2012. *Africa Today*. 58, no. 3: 102-105. (with Jonathan Henriques)

“Intersecting Narratives: Faith, Food, and Human Rights.” draft paper, 2009 Human Rights Seminar Series, Center for International Human Rights, City University of New York (CUNY), October 8, 2009.

“Reconciliation: Transforming People, Transforming Conflict.” 2008. *The Global Citizen*. 4:83-91.

Research Support (grants & fellowships)

- *Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG)*, National Science Foundation
 - August 2014 – July 2015: \$13,925
- *Graduate Student Research Award*, The Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University
 - March 2014: \$4,980
 - April 2015: \$4,730
- *Foreign Language / Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship*, African Studies Program, Indiana University – Academic Year 2012-2013
- *FLAS Award*, African Studies Program, Indiana University – Summer 2012, Kiswahili language study at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya
- *FLAS Fellowship*, African Studies Program, Indiana University – Academic Year 2011-2012
- *FLAS Award*, African Studies Program, Indiana University – Summer 2011
- *Workshop Fellowship, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis*, Indiana University – Fall 2010
- *Service and Leadership Development Grant*, Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship
 - August 2006: \$1,000

Professional Development and Academic Service

- Public Policy Subfield Representative, IU Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA): Fall 2012 – Spring 2013
- *Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research (IQMR)*, Syracuse, NY (Summer 2013) – two weeks advanced methodological training in the social sciences
- *APSA Africa Workshop*, Gaborone, Botswana (Summer 2012) – two week workshop featuring 31 social scientists from Africa and the United States – selected as one of four US-based participants

Teaching Experience

- Instructor of Record, “Public Policy in the United States” (Y303), Indiana University-Bloomington
 - Summer 2014
 - Fall 2015
- Associate Instructor, “Introduction to American Politics” (Y103), Indiana University-Bloomington, Fall 2013
- Associate Instructor, “American Political Controversies” (Y100), Spring 2011

Additional Work Experience

Sudan Council of Churches (Khartoum), Interim Communications Associate, Jan. 2010 – July 2010

- Assigned to Sudan Council of Churches by Mennonite Central Committee: coordinated organization’s communication with international donors and supporters, developed grant applications, documented public consultation workshops for SCC peace programs

Mennonite Central Committee United Nations Liaison Office (New York City), Program Associate, Jan. 2008 – 2010

- Responsible for coordinating MCC’s advocacy at the UN on behalf of its international programs and partners, accountable to office’s director

- Researched advocacy issues by reading policy briefs and UN reports, collaborating with NGO and UN staff, and regularly corresponding with MCC international programs

Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (Nairobi), Intern, Aug. 2006 – July 2007

- Wrote and edited journal articles, newsletters, and reports
- Observed and reported on PROCMURA's HIV/AIDS workshops for Christian and Muslim youth in Tanzania, Sierra Leone, and Liberia