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Academic Appointments

2020- Associate Professor of Political Science, UC Riverside
2022-2023 Mellon Dean's Professor, Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside
2018-2020 Assistant Professor of Political Science, UC Riverside
2013-2018 Five College Assistant Professor of Government, Smith College
2010-2013 Assistant Professor of Political Science and Affiliated Faculty in Africana Studies, Texas A&M University

Education

2010 PH.D., Political Science, University of California Los Angeles
2007 M.A., Political Science, University of California Los Angeles
1999 B.A., Political Science (International Relations), University of California Los Angeles

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND AFFILIATIONS

2009 EITM Summer Institute, Washington University in St. Louis
2008-2009 Fulbright Scholar, Chancellor College, University of Malawi
2007-2008 Visiting Student, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University

Research

BOOK

2018 *Doomed Interventions: The Failure of Global Responses to AIDS in Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Reviewed in *Journal of Politics* (80:4), *Africa Today* (66:2), *African Studies Review* (62:2), *Perspectives on Politics* (18:1), *African Journal of AIDS Research* (18:4), and *Research Africa Reviews* (2:3).

ARTICLES

forthcoming Course-Based Research and Mentorship: Results from a Multiterm Research Academy at a Minority-Serving Institution. *PS: Political Science & Politics* [FirstView](#) (with Marissa Brookes and Jennifer Merolla).

2025 Resisting Executive Power Grabs: Lessons from Malawi. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 712(1): 182–194 (with Boniface Dulani).

2024 Why Malawi's Democracy Endures. *Journal of Democracy* 35(2): 122–135.

2023 Undergraduates and Political Science Research: Insights from Research Assistants in an MSI Lab. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 56(4): 493–498 (with Kimberly Aguilar, John Burnett, Jasmine Esmail, Alex Kozak, Owura Kuffuor, Eun-A Park, Naia Pizarro, Harry Stoltz, Fulya Felicity Turkmen, Zabdi R. Velásquez, and Allison Wang).

- 2023 Shifting Ground Beneath our Feet: New Research in the Political Science and Sociology of Global Health and its Significance. *Studies in Comparative International Development* **58(3)**: 309–320 (with Joseph Harris).
- 2022 Teaching Political Science Using Design Thinking: Insights from “African Politics” and “Elections around the World.” *Journal of Political Science Education* **19(1)**: 16–33.
- 2021 Contesting Power Online in a Developing Democracy: Campaigning via Twitter in Kenya’s 2017 Elections. *Africa Today* **68(2)**: 29–56 (with Jennifer De Maio).
- 2020 The Politics of Pandemic Othering: Putting COVID-19 in Global and Historical Context. *International Organization* **74 Supplement**: E213–30 (with Fulya Felicity Turkmen).
- 2020 Ebola, Elections, and Immigration: How Politicizing an Epidemic Can Shape Public Attitudes. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* **8(3)**: 488–514 (with Claire Adida and Melina Platas).
- Awarded the 2021 *Politics, Groups, and Identities* Best Article Award.
- 2017 Women Also Know Stuff: Meta-Level Mentoring to Battle Gender Bias in Political Science. *PS: Political Science & Politics* **50(3)**: 779–783 (with Emily Beaulieu, Amber Boydston, Nadia Brown, Andra Gillespie, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa R. Michelson, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht).
- Reprinted in *Navigating Political Science: Professional Advancement & Success in the Discipline*, edited by Kent Worcester, American Political Science Association, 2018.
- 2016 The Political Effects of Agricultural Subsidies in Africa: Evidence from Malawi. *World Development* **87**: 215–226 (with Jeremy Horowitz).
- 2016 Côte d’Ivoire’s 2015 Presidential Election: A Sign of Democratic Progress? *Journal of African Elections* **15(1)**: 45–67 (with Joseph Koné, Stéphane Koffi, and Tyson Roberts).
- 2015 Commentary: International Political Economy and the 2014 West African Ebola Outbreak. *African Studies Review* **58(1)**: 223–236 (with Adia Benton).
- 2015 Social Networks, Ethnic Diversity, and Cooperative Behavior in Rural Malawi. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* **27(4)**: 522–543.
- 2015 The 2015 Presidential Election in Togo. *Electoral Studies* **39**: 168–173 (with Ekoutiamé Ahlin and Tyson Roberts).
- 2015 The 2015 Presidential By-Election in Zambia. *Electoral Studies* **38**: 130–136 (with Njunga Michael Mulikita).
- 2015 The May 1 Marchers in Los Angeles: Overcoming Conflicting Frames, Bilingual Women Connectors, English-Language Radio, and Newly-Politicized Spanish Speakers. *Urban Affairs Review* **51(4)**: 533–562 (with Michael Chwe, Darin DeWitt, and Michael Stone).
- 2014 The Politics of Local Research Production: Surveying in a Context of Ethnic Competition. *Politics, Groups, and Identities* **2(3)**: 459–480.
- 2014 Presidential, Parliamentary, and Local Government Elections in Malawi, May 2014. *Electoral Studies* **36**: 218–225 (with Boniface Dulani).
- 2013 Democratization and Universal Health Coverage: A Comparison of the Experiences of Ghana, Kenya, and Senegal. *Global Health Governance* **6(2)**: 1–27 (with Karen Grépin). [lead article]
- 2013 Constitutional Provisions and Executive Succession in Contemporary Africa: Malawi’s 2012 Transition in Comparative Perspective. *African Affairs* **112(446)**: 111–137 (with Boniface Dulani).
- 2013 Ethnic Identity, Region, and Attitudes toward Male Circumcision in a High-HIV Prevalence Country. *Global Public Health* **8(5)**: 607–618 (with Michelle Poulin).
- 2013 AIDS Exceptionalism: Another Constituency Heard From. *AIDS and Behavior* **17(3)**: 825–831 (with Patrick Gerland and Susan Watkins). [lead article]
- 2012 Local Demand for a Global Intervention: Policy Preferences in the Time of AIDS. *World Development* **40 (12)**: 2468–2477.

- 2011 The Role of Executive Time Horizons in State Response to AIDS in Africa. *Comparative Political Studies* 44(1): 55–77.
- 2011 An Offer You Can't Refuse? Provider-Initiated HIV Testing at Antenatal Clinics in Rural Malawi. *Health Policy and Planning* 26:307–315 (with Nicole Angotti and Lauren Gaydosh).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2021 Pandemic amid political crisis: Malawi's experience with and response to COVID-19. In *Coronavirus Politics*, University of Michigan Press (with Boniface Dulani and Sara Fischer).
- 2020 African Attitudes toward Same-sex Relationships, 1982-2018. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press (with Boniface Dulani).
- 2016 American Perceptions of Africa During an Ebola Outbreak. In Nicholas G. Evans, Tara C. Smith, and Maimuna S. Majumder (Eds.), *Ebola's Message: Public Health and Medicine in the 21st Century*. Cambridge: MIT Press (with Laura Seay).
- 2016 The Ethics of Exclusion When Experimenting in Impoverished Settings. In Scott Desposato (Ed.), *Ethics and Experiments: Problems and Solutions for Social Scientists and Policy Professionals*. New York: Routledge (with Augustine Harawa and Hastings Honde).

SHORT PIECES AND REVIEWS

- 2020 COVID-19 and the Lessons from Earlier Pandemics in Africa. *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter* 30(1):121-123.
- 2020 Book Review: Whose Agency: The Politics and Practice of Kenya's HIV-Prevention NGOs by Megan Hershey. *Perspectives on Politics* 18(1): 314-315.
- 2018 Book Review: The Riddle of Malnutrition: The Long Arc of Biomedical and Public Health Interventions in Uganda by Jennifer Tappan. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 26(4): 704–705.
- 2016 Good Neighbours? Africans Express High Levels of Tolerance for Many, But Not for All. Afrobarometer Dispatch No. 74 (with Boniface Dulani and Gift Sambo).
- 2015 Book Review: Adia Benton: HIV Exceptionalism: Development through Disease in Sierra Leone. *African Studies Review* 58(2): 257–258.
- 2015 Perceptions about Ebola in America: Othering and the Role of Knowledge about Africa (with Laura Seay). *PS: Political Science & Politics* 48(1): 6–7.
- 2014 Book Review: Johanna Tayloe Crane: Scrambling for Africa: AIDS, Expertise, and the Rise of American Global Health Science. *African Studies Review* 57(1): 218–220.
- 2014 Another Resource Curse? The Impact of Remittances on Political Participation. Afrobarometer Working Paper No. 145 (with Kris Inman and Gabriella Montinola).
- 2014 Recommended Films and Videos Related to HIV/AIDS in Africa. *Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group* 10(1): 3.
- 2010 Book Review: Evan S. Lieberman: Boundaries of Contagion: How Ethnic Politics Have Shaped Government Responses to AIDS. *Journal of Politics* 72(4): 1265–1267.
- 2006 Kanthu Kali Munye: A Lesson in Listening and Learning in Rural Malawi. *Ufahamu* 33(1): 144–163.
- 2004 Book Review: Karen M. Booth: Local Women, Global Science: Fighting AIDS in Kenya. *Ufahamu* 31(1): 122–125.

IN PROGRESS

- 2026 Framing Research as DEI Related Increases Approval of Trump's Cuts to Federal Funding (with Marissa Brookes, Jieun Lee, and Jennifer Merolla). *Under review*.
- 2025 Inequity and Hesitancy: Accounting for [Lack of] COVID-19 Vaccination in Malawi (with

- Karen Ferree, Sara Fischer, and Boniface Dulani). Accepted for publication in an edited volume on COVID Vaccination Politics to be published by University of Michigan Press.
- 2025 *Pandemic Politics in Africa* (book-length manuscript).
- 2025 Repression and Political Participation: Evidence from a Vignette Experiment with College Students (with Minhye Joo, Fulya Felicity Turkmen, Riley Fong, Kashish Rai, Satoru Hiramatsu, Eun-A Park, Chukwufunanya Ikechukwu, Dominion Aiku, Ash Soledad, Naia Pizarro, and Marina Chebly). *Under review*.
- 2025 Gathering, evaluating, and aggregating social scientific models (with Miriam A. Golden, Tara Slough, Haoyu Zhai, Alexandra Scacco, Macartan Humphreys, Eva Vivalt, Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Sampada KC, Eugenia Nazrullaeva, et al.). *Under review*.
- 2025 Electoral Turnover, Trust in Government, and Vaccine Hesitancy in Malawi (with Boniface Dulani, Karen Ferree, Adam Harris, and Weiyi Shi).
- 2025 The Malawian Voter: Determinants of Voting Behavior in a Democratizing Context (with Boniface Dulani and Amanda Edgell).
- 2024 Turnout in Student Government Elections: Exploring the Role of Socioeconomic Status (with Cookie Kim).
- 2023 Crisis and Citizen Evaluations of Government: Evidence from a Southern African Cyclone (with Nicholas Kerr).

DORMANT

- 2020 Gauging the Value of Community Participation: A Conjoint Experiment in Democratic Republic of Congo (with Luis Camacho).
- 2019 Constraints on Women Politicians' Role Model Effects: Evidence from Africa (with Sarah Shan-Jan Liu).
- 2019 Remittances and Political Participation in Africa (with Gabriella Montinola).
- 2018 Risk of Political Violence and Protest Participation: Evidence from Contemporary Malawi (with John Kadzandira and Amanda Robinson).
- 2016 Aid Effectiveness and Allocation: Evidence from Malawi (with Eric Kramon and Tyson Roberts).

OP-EDS AND SELECTED BLOG POSTS

Monkey Cage/Washington Post

- 2021 There's a long, global history to today's anti-Asian bias and violence (with Sarah Hayes and Fulya Felicity Turkmen). [4/19](#)
- 2019 Millions of Malawians go to the polls tomorrow. Will they vote for change? (with Boniface Dulani). [5/21](#)
- 2017 Zimbabwe created a new ministry to monitor social media. But most Zimbabweans don't want government monitoring (with Chipo Dendere). [10/20](#)
- 2016 Malawians are missing their president. The last time that happened, the president was dead. [10/14](#)
- 2015 'Protest is always hopeful': Examining the third wave of popular protest in Africa (with Adam Branch and Zachariah Mampilly). [6/12](#)
- 2014 The long and ugly tradition of treating Africa as a dirty, diseased place (with Laura Seay). [8/25](#)
- 2014 Why West African governments are struggling in response to Ebola. [7/15](#)
- 2014 Will sanctions help sexual minorities in Uganda? Maybe, given what we know from Poland. [6/20](#)
- 2014 One female president won't stop sexual violence (with Jenny Trinitapoli). [3/20](#)

Foreign Affairs

- 2014 Obama's Ebola Failure. [9/15](#) (Reprinted in Japanese in *Foreign Affairs Report*)
Libération
- 2014 Ebola, première cause de décès au Liberia en 2014? (with Stéphane Helleringer, Gilles Pison, and Bruno Masquelier) [9/2](#)
Al Jazeera America
- 2014 Ebola outbreak spotlights the limits of local and international response. [7/30](#)
- 2014 Incumbency and handouts don't guarantee winning an African election (with Boniface Dulani). [5/31](#)
Foreign Policy
- 2014 If You Live in Illinois, Do Not Panic About Ebola. [9/4](#)
Africa is a Country
- 2017 Whose awareness is raised on World AIDS Day? [12/1](#)
- 2014 How *The Atlantic* Can Do Better, Starting with Malawi. [1/25](#)
- 2011 Madonna Chose Malawi. [4/20](#)

Grants

EXTERNAL

- 2024 NEH Humanities Connections Grant for *Building undergraduate degrees in Society, Environment, and Health Equity*. (PI: Dana Simmons; Co-investigators: Catherine Gudis, Jennifer Syvertsen, Bronwyn Leebaw, Chioun Lee, Ellen Reese, Tanya Nieri, Juliann Allison, Chikako Takeshita, Jade Sasser, Analisa Marielena Flores, Ann Cheney, Covadonga Lamar Prieto; \$149,926)
- 2023 National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (Supplemental) *Assessing the Effects of a Publicly Engaged Political Scholarship* (Co-investigators: Marissa Brookes and Jennifer Merolla; \$18,000)
- 2022 National Science Foundation Build and Broaden 3.0 for *Assessing the Effects of a Publicly Engaged Political Scholarship* (Co-investigators: Marissa Brookes and Jennifer Merolla; NSF Award #[2222122](#): \$550,000)
- 2022 Carnegie Corporation of New York for *Ufahamu Africa* podcast (Co-investigator: Rachel Beatty Riedl; \$100,000)
- 2022 NEH Humanities Connections Planning Grant for *Creating Undergraduate Majors in Environment, Sustainability and Health Equity* (PI: Dana Simmons; Co-investigators: Catherine Gudis, Jennifer Syvertsen, Bronwyn Leebaw, Chioun Lee, Ellen Reese, Tanya Nieri, Juliann Allison, Chikako Takeshita, Jade Sasser, Esra Kurum, Ann Cheney; \$34,545)
- 2021 University of California Office of the President for *Advancing Faculty Diversity and Epistemologies in Black Study, Health & Environmental Inequities* (Co-investigators: João Costa Vargas, Marilyn Grell-Brisk, Jennifer Syvertsen, and Melissa Wilcox; \$496,570)
- 2021 Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program Grant to UC Riverside for Boniface Dulani (University of Malawi), International Institute of Education (awarded for 2020, but delayed by pandemic)
- 2020 Carnegie Corporation of New York for *Ufahamu Africa* podcast (Co-investigator: Rachel Beatty Riedl; \$75,000)
- 2019 Democracy Fund for *The "Women Also Know Stuff" Initiative* (PI: Melissa Michelson, Menlo College; \$50,000)
- 2019 National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF REU) Supplemental Award for *The "Women Also Know Stuff" Initiative* (Collaborative Research with Amber Boydston, Samara Klar, and Melissa R. Michelson: \$12,180)

2018 National Science Foundation EAGER for *The “Women Also Know Stuff” Initiative* (Collaborative Research with Amber Boydston, Nadia Brown, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa R. Michelson, Kerri Milita, Layna Mosley, Stella Rouse, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht; NSF Award #1836072: \$269,602)

2018 New Venture Fund for Communications (with John Sides: \$191,131)

2016 Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges (AALAC) Workshop Grant (with co-organizer Zachariah Mampilly: \$18,370)

2014 National Science Foundation RAPID for *Tracking and explaining Americans’ response to the Ebola outbreak* (Collaborative Research with Claire Adida and Melina Platas; NSF Award #SES-1503802: \$63,750)

2011 Grant for *Participation in Political Protest*, anonymous international agency (\$23,000)

2010 Proposal Preparation Grant, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (\$5,000)

2008-2009 Fulbright Grant (Malawi), International Institute of Education

2009 Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association

INTERNAL

2025 UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Research and Travel Award

2024 UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Research and Travel Award

2022-2023 Mellon Dean’s Professorship, UCR Center for Ideas and Society

2023 UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Research and Travel Award

2022 UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Research and Travel Award

2021 UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Research and Travel Award

2020 UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Research and Travel Award

2019 UCR Academic Senate Omnibus Research and Travel Award

2019 Humanities Interdisciplinary Award, UCR Center for Ideas and Society (with Ademide Adelus-Adeluyi and Jody Benjamin)

2018 CFCD Student Research Assistance Grant, Smith College

2017-18 Design Thinking Initiative Curriculum Enhancement Grant, Smith College

2017 CFCD Student Research Assistance Grant, Smith College

2016 E.B. Wiley Fund, Smith College

2016-2017 Design Thinking Initiative Curriculum Enhancement Grant, Smith College

2016 CFCD Student Research Assistance Grant, Smith College

2015 Connections Fund, Smith College

2014 E.B. Wiley Fund, Smith College

2012 College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant, Texas A&M University (\$14,998)

2012 Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, Texas A&M University (Co-PI with Ashley Currier: \$18,000)

2011 International Travel Support, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts

2010 Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, Texas A&M University

2010 Undergraduate Curriculum Enhancement Grant, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts

2010 Honors Curriculum Development Grant, Texas A&M Honors Programs

2010 Travel Grant, UCLA Center for the Study of Women

2010 Program Activity White Paper Proposal Funding, UCLA AIDS Institute

2009 Faculty Mini-Grant, UCLA Office of Instructional Development

2008, 2009 Graduate Student Grant, UCLA California Center for Population Research

2007 Research Grant, UCLA Globalization Research Center-Africa

Fellowships and Awards

- 2022 Professor of the Year, UC Riverside University Honors
- 2021 Best Article Award, *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (award shared with Claire Adida and Melina Platas)
- 2016 Mansbridge Award, National Women's Caucus for Political Science (award shared with Emily Beaulieu, Amber Boydston, Nadia Brown, Andra Gillespie, Samara Klar, Yanna Krupnikov, Melissa R. Michelson, Kathleen Searles, and Christina Wolbrecht)
- 2015 Jean Picker Fellowship, Smith College
- 2011 NSF ADVANCE Scholar, Texas A&M University
- 2010 Best Graduate Student Paper, African Politics Conference Group
- 2010 Collegium of University Teaching Fellows, UCLA Office of Instructional Development
- 2009 Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship, UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations
- 2009 NSF-EITM Summer Institute Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2008 The Sara's Wish Scholarship, Sara's Wish Foundation
- 2007-2010 Political Science Departmental Fellowship, UCLA
- 2007-2008 Charles F. Scott Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division
- 2006-2007 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division
- 2005 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division
- 2004-2005, 2005-2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Swahili, James S. Coleman Center for African Studies at UCLA
- 2000-2001 Riordan Fellow, UCLA Anderson School of Management

Conferences and Invited Presentations

(P=PRESENTATION; O=ORGANIZER; C=CHAIR; D=DISCUSSANT; F=FORUM OR ROUNDTABLE SPEAKER)

- 2026 ASU PRIEC (scheduled: P); UC Irvine (scheduled: P); Midwest Political Science Association (scheduled: P)
- 2025 Cornell University (P); International Studies Association (P, C, F); UC Davis Human Rights Conference (P); PRIEC at UCR (O); USC (P)
- 2024 CAHSSA at UC Santa Barbara (P); University of Tennessee-Knoxville (P); Princeton (P); International Studies Association (P, F); American Political Science Association (P, C); Boston University Global Health Politics Workshop (P); The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (P)
- 2023 Political Parties in Africa (P, D); Midwest Political Science Association (P, C, D); Louisiana State University (P); American Political Science Association (P); African Studies Association (P, C, D)
- 2022 Women of Color in Political Science Workshop at the Western Political Science Association (P); Midwest Political Science Association (O, P, C, D, F); UC Riverside Center for Ideas and Society Inequities in Health/ESHE Brown Bag Series (P); Program on African Social Research Junior Scholars Workshop (D)
- 2021 Albright Institute at Wellesley College (P); Northwestern University (P); UC Riverside Center for Ideas and Society and UCR Palm Desert (P); Purdue University (P); Amherst College (P); Midwest Political Science Association (D); Oxford University China-Africa Network Annual Conference (P); College of the Holy Cross (P); African Studies Association (P, D)
- 2020 UC Africanist Workshop at UC Berkeley (P); WGAPE at UCR (O); Western Political Science Association African Politics Mini-Conference (P, O, C); APCG Virtual Panel on

- COVID-19 (F); SAIS African Studies Online Colloquium on COVID-19 (F); Sudikoff Interdisciplinary Seminar on Genocide Prevention (P); Perry World House/IO Workshop on COVID-19 (P, D); American Political Science Association (P, C); African Politics Conference Group Colloquium (D); Haverford College (P); PRIEC/UC Riverside (P); African Studies Association (R, P)
- 2019 Western Political Science Association (P); UCR Political Behavior Conference (O); Wake Forest University (P); UC Berkeley (P); WGAPE-University of Cape Town (P); Michigan State University (P); African Studies Association (P); College of William and Mary (F)
- 2018 University of Malawi (P); University of Virginia (P); Midwest Political Science Association (P); Five Colleges African Studies Council (P); American Political Science Association (P); African Studies Association (F)
- 2017 University of Texas, Austin (P); Midwest Political Science Association (F); UC Riverside (P); Waseda University (P); AALAC at Smith College (O); Women of Color in Political Science Workshop (F); American Political Science Association (P); African Studies Association (P, D)
- 2016 African Studies Association/American Anthropological Association/Dakar 2016 (P); University of Essex (P); American Political Science Association (F); Johns Hopkins/SAIS (P); PRIEC/UC Riverside (F); Boston University (P); UC Davis (P); African Studies Association (C, D)
- 2015 U.S. Department of State, Washington DC (P); EGAP 13 at UCLA (P); University of Connecticut (P); Yale University (P); Middlebury College (P); Midwest Political Science Association (P, C, D); University of Oregon (P); International Policy Summer Institute (F); American Political Science Association (P); Georgetown University (P); African Studies Association (P, C); Smith College “Global Salon” (P); Air War College (P)
- 2014 AidData Research Consortium Convening (P); UNC-Charlotte (P); Colby College (P); University of Florida (P); American Political Science Association (C, D); Smith College “What’s Happening Around the World” (F); Ohio State University Center for African Studies (P/F); CUNY Graduate Center (P/F); Mount Holyoke (P/F); Five Colleges African Studies Council (P); Williams College (P/F); Johns Hopkins/SAIS (P); African Studies Association (P, C)
- 2013 Penn State University (P); Smith College (P); Western Political Science Association (P, C, D); Research Frontiers in Foreign Aid Conference, Princeton University (P); Ethics in Experiments Conference, UCSD (P, D); Minorities, Politics, and Health Symposium, TAMU (D); American Political Science Association (D); Midwest Group in African Political Economy (P); African Studies Association (P, C, D)
- 2012 UT Dallas (P); University of Houston (P); Midwest Political Science Association (P, C, D); TAMU Borlaug (P); American Political Science Association (scheduled: P, C)
- 2011 Midwest Group in African Political Economy (P, O); Corruption and the Pursuit of Accountability in Africa, Mount Holyoke College (P); Midwest Political Science Association (P, D); UK Department for International Development, Malawi (P); U.S. Department of State, Washington DC (P); American Political Science Association (P); TAMU PRIEC Junior Faculty Workshop (P); African Studies Association (P)
- 2010 Better Governance for Better Health Conference, Stanford University (P); Comparative Responses to AIDS in Africa, UCLA (O); XVIII International AIDS Conference, Vienna Austria (P); American Political Science Association (P)
- 2009 Midwest Political Science Association (P, C, D); Working Group in African Political Economy (P); American Political Science Association (P); Texas A&M University (P); University of Tennessee (P); Trinity College Dublin (P); Sanford School, Duke University (P)
- 2008 U.S. Embassy in Malawi (P); Malawi National AIDS Commission Research Dissemination Conference (P); Princeton AIDS Initiative (P)

- 2007 American Political Science Association (P); Midwest Political Science Association (P); African Studies Association (P, C, D)
- 2005 African Studies Association (P)

Research Experience

- 2023 Movements and the Emergence of New Political Parties, Zomba and Blantyre, Malawi
- 2019 Participant Observer of Malawi Campaign and Elections, Zomba, Chiradzulu, Blantyre, and Chikwawa, Malawi
- 2017 Capacity and Community Building in Health Service Provision, Democratic Republic of Congo
- 2016 Food Insecurity and Food Aid Distribution, Malawi
- 2015 Road Safety and Health, Benin
- 2014 Participant Observer of Malawi Elections, Mangochi, Zomba, Chiradzulu, and Blantyre, Malawi
- 2011 Ethnic Diversity, Social Networks, and Collective Action, Zomba, Malawi
- 2011 Participation in Political Protest, Lilongwe/Zomba/Blantyre, Malawi
- 2011 The Politics of Health in Ghana, Accra, Ghana
- 2011 HIV/AIDS Service Expansion, Babati/Arusha/Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 2011 Participant Observer of Southern Sudan Referendum, Dallas, TX
- 2010 Graduate Research Associate, *Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)*, Mchinji, Malawi
- 2008-2009 Fulbright Scholar conducting dissertation field research, Malawi
- 2008 Qualitative Research Field Director, *Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)*, Balaka/Mchinji/Rumphu, Malawi
- 2006 Graduate Research Associate, *Malawi Diffusion and Ideational Change Project (MDICP)*, Balaka/Mchinji, Malawi
- 2006 Co-Investigator with Michael Chwe on *SI SE PUEDE!*, Los Angeles, CA

Teaching Experience

UC RIVERSIDE

- Undergrad Politics of the Global South; Theory and Methodology of Political Science Laboratory; Ethnic Politics in Comparative Perspective; African Politics; Political Consequences of Electoral Institutions; Pandemic Politics
- Grad Comparative Politics Core Seminar; New Books in Comparative Politics; African Politics

FIVE COLLEGES: SMITH COLLEGE, AMHERST COLLEGE, MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

- Undergrad Contemporary African Politics; African Politics; Elections around the World; Comparative Responses to AIDS in Africa; Same-Sex Politics in Africa; Critical Reading Seminar; Political Science Research in the Field; Comparative Ethnic Politics; The Politics of Intervention in Africa

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

- Undergrad African Politics; Comparative Responses to AIDS in Africa; Comparative Ethnic Politics
- Grad Comparative Ethnic Politics

SHORT COURSES

- 2015 Afrobarometer/African School of Economics Summer School: Instructor, “Elections in Democratizing Contexts” and “Identity Politics”
- 2014 Chancellor College, University of Malawi: Guest Lecturer, “Research Design”
- 2013 Afrobarometer/IERPE/Princeton Summer School in Benin: Instructor, “Ethnic Politics” and “Special Topics”
- 2008 Chancellor College, University of Malawi: Lecturer, “Quantitative Methods in Social Science,” an intensive sub-course of *Research Methods* for M.A. students in Political Science, Development Studies, and Sociology (Instructor of record: Dr. Asiyati Chiweza)

ADVISING

- in progress* Eun-A Park (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Chair
- in progress* Satoru Hiramatsu (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Chair
- in progress* Jieun Lee (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Committee Member
- 2025– Francisca Baffour Addo (Ph.D. UCR), Faculty Mentor
- 2024– Kashish Rai (BA UCR), Honors Thesis Advisor
- 2024– Marina Chebly (Ph.D. UCR), Faculty Mentor
- 2024– Karina Apalyeva (Ph.D. UCR), Faculty Mentor
- 2025 Fulya Felicity Turkmen (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Chair
- 2025 Minhye Joo (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Committee Member
- 2025 Devyn Escalanti (Ph.D. University of Central Florida), Dissertation Committee Member
- 2025 Satoru Hiramatsu (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Prospectus Committee Chair
- 2025 Jieun Lee (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Prospectus Committee Member
- 2024 John Burnett (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Chair (Placement: Assistant Professor, University of Hawai‘i-Hilo)
- 2024 Owura Kuffuor (Ph.D. Purdue University), Dissertation Co-Chair (Placement: Survey Methods and Measurement Lead, Purdue University)
- 2024 Linda Castro (BA UCR), California Medicine Scholars Program Faculty Mentor
- 2023–2025 Sarah Siddique (Ph.D. UCR), Faculty Mentor
- 2021 Stephanie DeMora (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Prospectus Committee Member
- 2019–2021 Ayano Yukimoto (BA UCR), Honors Thesis Advisor
- 2019 Gabriel Pimenta (Ph.D. UCR), Dissertation Prospectus Committee Member
- 2018 Aminata Diallo (BA Smith), Emerging Scholars Conference at University of Michigan, Faculty Mentor
- 2016–2017 Eliza Cummings (BA Smith), Honors Senior Thesis Advisor (awarded Highest Honors, winner of Dawes Prize)
- 2015–2016 Pamela Larkin (BA Smith), STRIDE Fellowship Advisor
- 2014–2016 Gretchen Walch (BA Smith), STRIDE Fellowship Advisor
- 2015–2016 Jemimah Kamau (BA Mount Holyoke), Honors Senior Thesis Advisor (awarded High Honors)
- 2014–2015 Emily Hamilton (BA Smith), STRIDE Fellowship Advisor
- 2014 Mark Daku (Ph.D. McGill), External Dissertation Reviewer
- 2013–2014 K. Paulson-Smith (BA Smith), Honors Senior Thesis Advisor (awarded Highest Honors)
- 2013 Leslie-Anne Fitzpatrick (Ph.D. UC Davis), Qualifying Exam Committee Member
- 2012–2013 Ashley Hubbard (BA TAMU), Honors Senior Thesis Advisor
- 2012 Jacob Olivo (BA TAMU), Senior Thesis Advisor
- 2012–2013 Jungin Choe (Ph.D. TAMU), Temporary Advising Committee Member
- 2011–2013 Amanda Rutherford (Ph.D. TAMU), Temporary Advising Committee Member
- 2011 Amy Polglase (BA TAMU), Senior Thesis Advisor

2011 Brittany Simington (BA TAMU), Undergraduate Research Award Advisor
2010-2012 Cameron Wimpy (Ph.D. TAMU), Temporary Advising Committee Member

Service, Activities, and Affiliations

PROFESSION

Reviewer for *Africa Spectrum*; *Africa Today*; *African Affairs*; *African Studies Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Journal of Public Health*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*; Cambridge University Press; *Canadian Journal of African Studies*; *Comparative Political Studies*; Cornell University Press; *Critical African Studies*; *Culture, Health and Sexuality*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Globalization and Health*; *Global Public Health*; *Health Policy and Planning*; *International Organization*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Development Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of Globalization and Development*; *Journal of the International AIDS Society*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Southern African Studies*; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*; *Malawi Journal of Social Science*; National Science Foundation; Oxford University Press; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics and Gender*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; Research and Innovation Support and Advancement, National Research Foundation (South Africa); Oxford University Press; *Review of International Organizations*, *Risk Analysis*; *Social Science & Medicine*; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; *Studies in Comparative International Development*; The Ohio State University Behavioral and Social Sciences Institutional Review Board; University of Michigan Press; University of Pennsylvania Institutional Review Board; *World Development*; *World Politics*; and Zed Books.

External letter writer for tenure and promotion: 2025 (2); 2024 (1); 2022 (1); 2021 (3); 2020 (1).

2025- Editor, [Good Authority](#)
2024- Steering Committee Member, Boston University Global Health Politics Workshop
2024- Co-Editor, Cambridge University Press Elements Series on African Politics and Society
2023-2025 Editor-in-Chief, [Good Authority](#)
2023 Member, Heinz I. Eulau Award Committee (*Perspectives on Politics*), APSA
2022 Member, Best Book Award Committee, APSA Race and Ethnic Politics Section
2022 Program Co-Chair, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting
2021 Member, *Politics, Groups, and Identities* Editor Selection Committee
2021- Board Member, Program on African Social Research
2021- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action ([CEGA](#))
2021-2023 Chair, First Generation Scholars Committee, Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
2020-2021 Fellow Selection Committee Member, Pan-African Scientific Research Council
2020- Editorial Board Member, *Africa Spectrum*
2020- Board Member, People of Color Also Know Stuff
2018-2023 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*
2016- Non-Resident Faculty Affiliate, [Innovations for Peace and Development \(IPD\)](#), University of Texas-Austin
2016-2020 Founding Member of Executive Committee, [#WomenAlsoKnowStuff](#)
2017-2019 Book Reviews Editor, *Journal of Modern African Studies*

2016 Politics and Governance Section Co-Chair, African Studies Association Annual Meeting
 2015-2016 Member, Journal Oversight Committee and Editor Selection Committee, APSA Experimental Methods Section
 2014-2022 Editor, [The Monkey Cage](#) at *The Washington Post*
 2013- Research Affiliate, Institute of Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREEP, Benin)
 2013-2023 External Examiner, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Chancellor College, University of Malawi
 2013- Member, [AidData Research Consortium](#) (ARC)
 2013 Comparative Politics Section Chair, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2012- Member, [Evidence in Governance and Politics](#) (EGAP); EGAP Elections Committee (2015, 2016); EGAP Membership Committee (2014)
 2012- Member of Executive Committee, Working Group in African Political Economy
 2011-2019 Founder and Convener, Midwest Group on African Political Economy
 2009- Member, African Politics Conference Group (APCG); APCG Nominations Committee (2011); Chair, APCG APSA Committee (2012, 2013); APCG Best Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee (2017)

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

2024- Faculty Advisory Committee Member, Inland Empire Labor and Community Center
 2024- Member, Academic Integrity Committee
 2024-2025 Member, Endowment Task Force ([March 2025 report](#))
 2023-2025 Steering Committee Member, University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation
 2022-2024 Elected Member, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Faculty Executive Committee
 2021-2024 Advisory Committee Member, UCR Center for Ideas and Society
 2020-2022 Member, Black Studies Initiative Committee, UCR CHASS
 2020- Member, UC Africanist Workshop Committee
 2019-2022 Member, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Advisory Committee, UCR Center for Ideas and Society
 2019 Presentation, “Are women politicians role models? Here’s what the data say” at Feminist Fridays, UCR Women’s Resource Center
 2018- Steering Committee Member, Global Studies
 2018-2025 Member, Health Inequities Faculty Commons Project; Co-Convener (2019-2025)
 2018-2021 Member, Developing African Studies
 2018-2020 Member, Ad Hoc Committee to review the Business Administration (BSAD) proposal, CHASS
 2018-2020 Founder and Coordinator, Friday Writing Group for Pre-Tenure Female Faculty, UCR Center for Ideas and Society
 2015 Presentation, “The challenges in responding to Ebola” at College for a Day, Denver
 2015-2018 Founder and Coordinator, Wednesday Writing Retreats, Smith College MacLeish Field Station
 2013-2018 Member, Five Colleges African Studies Council (5CASC); 5CASC Community Dinner Organizing Committee (2014)
 2014-2018 Founder and Coordinator, Smith College Pre-Tenure Write-On-Site and Writing Accountability Group
 2014 Moderator, Film Screening: Democracy in Dakar, Smith College
 2010-2013 Member, Africa Working Group, Texas A&M University
 2010 Organizer, “World AIDS Day Teach-In: A Focus on HIV/AIDS in Africa,” Texas A&M University

DEPARTMENTAL

- 2024 Search Committee Chair, Department of Black Study
- 2023-2025 Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- 2023- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2023 Vice Chair, Department of Black Study
- 2022 Chair, Black Politics and Black Study Search Committee
- 2021-2022 Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- 2021 Chair, Black Politics Search Committee
- 2020 Interim Comparative Politics Field Chair
- 2020 Interim Comparative Politics Representative, Graduate Studies Committee
- 2020 Member, Committee Writing Statement on Departmental Response to Racial Injustice
- 2018- Founder and Coordinator, Female Graduate Student Writing Group
- 2015 Theory/American Politics Search Committee (Smith College)
- 2013-2017 Library Liaison (Smith College)
- 2012 Founder and Coordinator, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries Reading Group (Texas A&M University)
- 2011-2013 Undergraduate Studies Committee (Texas A&M University)
- 2010-2011 Computer Committee (Texas A&M University)

COMMUNITY

- 2022- Volunteer and Member, Riverside Food Co-op
- 2025 Presentation, "Resilience in the Face of Threat: Lessons from Other Democracies for Navigating the Trump Regime," Palos Verdes Democrats (virtual)
- 2020 Presentation, "Pandemic Politics in Africa," U.S. Foreign Service Institute (virtual)
- 2019 Expert briefing on Malawi elections to US government officials, Washington, DC
- 2019 Presentation, "How do politics complicate response to the DRC Ebola outbreak? Lessons from other epidemics in Africa," Affiliates of UCR, Riverside, CA
- 2018- Board Member, Development Gateway, Washington, DC
- 2017 Expert consultant (pro bono), political asylum case for DRC national, United States
- 2016 Presentation, "Elections in 2016: Comparing the U.S. to Ghana," Jackson Street Elementary School, Northampton, MA
- 2016 Expert witness report (pro bono), gender rights asylum case for Malawian national, United Kingdom
- 2016 Expert witness report (pro bono), LGBTQ asylum case for Malawian national, United Kingdom
- 2015 Presentation, "How big is Africa?," Jackson Street Elementary School, Northampton, MA
- 2014 Presentation, "A few places in Africa," Jackson Street Elementary School, Northampton, MA
- 2011 Election Observer, South Sudan Referendum, Dallas, TX
- 2010 Presentation, "Africa: An Alternative Perspective" to Theology on Tap, Friends Congregational Church, College Station, TX

MEDIA APPEARANCES OR RESEARCH MENTIONS

- 2023 *Associated Press*, "Cyclone Freddy wanes after battering Malawi, Mozambique," [3/15](#)
- 2021 *Foreign Policy Playlist*, "Ethiopia's Violence in Tigray," [6/16](#)
- 2020 *Time*, "Trump's 'Chinese' Virus Is Part of a Long History of Blaming Other Countries for Disease," [3/20](#)
- 2019 BBC World Service NewsDay, commentary on Malawi elections, [5/27](#)

- 2018 *New York Times*, “Melania Trump Raises Eyebrows in Africa with Another White Hat,” [10/5](#)
- 2016 BBC News Africa Today, commentary on Afrobarometer report about tolerance in Africa. [3/1](#)
- 2014 Radio France International, commentary on U.S. military response to Ebola. [9/16](#)
- 2014 BBC News Focus on Africa, commentary on media coverage of Ebola. [8/26](#)
- 2014 BBC World Service NewsDay, commentary on Ebola outbreak in West Africa. 8/19
- 2014 *Christian Science Monitor*, “Uganda offers lessons on how West Africa can contain Ebola outbreak,” [8/10](#)
- 2014 The Daily Circuit (MPR), “Your Ebola Questions, Answered,” [8/7](#)
- 2014 All Sides with Ann Fisher (WOSU), “Ebola Outbreak in Western Africa,” [8/6](#)
- 2014 *Columbia Journalism Review*, “Covering global health with integrity,” [2/12](#)
- 2014 *Foreign Affairs*, “Development Bloat: How Mission Creep Harms the Poor,” [1/5](#)
- 2013 Washington Post WorldViews, “From colonialism to ‘kill the gays’: The surprisingly recent roots of homophobia in Africa,” [6/27](#)
- 2011 *World Politics Review*, “Malawi’s Deadly Unrest Months in the Making,” [7/28](#)
- 2011 *The Eagle*, “A&M projects to split grants,” [1/21](#)

Skills

- Languages Spanish (intermediate), Chichewa (rusty intermediate), Swahili (rusty intermediate), French (beginner)
- Computer Stata, R, NVivo, QGIS