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EMPLOYMENT

Ohio University, Athens, OH

Visiting Professor, 2009-10

Research Areas

Democratization, Elections, Political Economy, Development, Civil Society, West Africa

Courses Taught

Current World Problems (3x)

African Politics/Undergrad-Grad (6x)

The US and Africa

Writing on Politics

EDUCATION

University Of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D., Political Science, 2010

Dissertation: *External Actors, Local Participation, and Political Reform in Africa: Ghana and Senegal Compared*

Committee: Thomas M. Callaghy (Chair), Rudra Sil, Sandra Barnes

Areas of Specialization: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Africa

M. A., Political Science

Thesis: *In Defense of the Consensus: Economic Reform in Ghana and Uganda*

Advisor: Thomas M. Callaghy

University Of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

A.B., Political Science

Michigan Competitive Scholarship

UPENN TEACHING AWARDS

Alvin Z. Rubinstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching

Communication within the Curriculum, Teaching Fellow

University of Pennsylvania, Critical Writing Program Graduate Fellow

Penn Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Student, Finalist

Department of Political Science, Teaching Fellow

RESEARCH GRANTS

Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, Research Grant

J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board, Student Fellow

Council of American Overseas Research Centers, Alternate Fellow

U.S Fulbright Student Program, Finalist

University of Pennsylvania, PSCI Departmental Travel Grant

Dual Intellectual Citizenship, Fellow

LANGUAGE HONORS

Certificate in Language Study, Swahili
Fulbright-Hays, Group Projects Abroad Fellow
Foreign Language Area Studies, Fellow

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University Of Pennsylvania
Society and Politics in Africa: Continuity and Change, 2007-08
Contemporary African Politics, 2007
Contemporary African Politics, 2003

Freshman Writing Advisor, Department of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania
Dilemmas in International Development, 2004
With Professor Richard Estes - Critical Writing Fellow

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania
Introduction to Political Science, 2003
With Professor Brendan O'Leary -- Head Teaching Assistant (of six)
Political Change in the Third World, 2002
With Professor Rudra Sil
International Security, 2002
With Professor Avery Goldstein
Political Change in the Third World, 2001
With Professor Rudra Sil

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Elections Research, Senegal, 2007
Dissertation Fieldwork, Ghana and Senegal, 2005-06
Elections Research, Ghana, 2004
International Actors Research, London, Brussels, Washington, 2003-04

OTHER AFRICA EXPERIENCE

West African Research Center , Symposium Participant, Dakar, Senegal
Morogoro Language Center, Advanced Kiswahili Student, Morogoro, Tanzania
U.S. Peace Corps, Rural Water and Sanitation Coordinator, Vanga, Zaire

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

“Strong State, Hollow State: The Democratic Republic of Congo” (co-authored with Thomas M. Callaghy) in *The Politics of the Developing World*, Oxford University Press, 2005.

“The Impact of Domestic Election Monitoring in Ghana,” *Northeast Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, Pa, Nov. 2007.

“Civil Society and Election Monitoring: The Growth of Democracy in Ghana,” *African Studies Association*, New York, NY, Oct. 2007.

“External actors and the social relations of political and economic governance: Ghana and Senegal in

Comparative Perspective,” *Graduate Research Conference*, Boston University, Mar. 2005.

“Repoliticizing Development,” *James Ferguson Symposium*, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 2003

“The Lost World of Development Theory in the United States 1865-1930,” (co-authored with Robert Vitalis), presented by Vitalis at conference *Development after Development*, Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, Feb. 2002

“Maendeleo Baina Nchi za Zaïre na Tanzania,” *GPA Student Conference*, Morogoro Language Center, Jul. 2000.

“Congo/Zaïre and the International System: Elite Behavior and the Question of State contraction,” presented at *Midwest Graduate Student Conference*, Michigan State University, Sep. 1999.

“Images of Authority in the history of Zaïre: From Mobutu to Colonialism,” *Johannes Fabian Symposium*, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 1999.

INVITED LECTURES

“Reflections on a Peace Corps Experience: Foreign Aid and Development in Zaïre 20 Years Later,” *Guest Lecture: HIST 372 - From Missionaries to the War on Terror: The History of Foreign Aid to Africa*, University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 2008.

“The Role of International Non-governmental Organizations in the Development of Domestic Civil Society”, *Guest Lecture: PSCI 398 - International Non-Governmental Organizations in the Global Arena*, Washington Semester Program, Nov. 2007.

“Nigeria: The Challenge of Regional Tension, Religious Conflict and Oil in an Emerging Democracy,” *Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions Series*, Glenside, Pennsylvania, Mar. 2003

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Thesis Committee – African Politics, Member, Ohio University
Washington Semester Program, Assistant to Director, University of Pennsylvania
Christopher Browne Center for International Politics, Assistant to Director
Kiswahili Kwa Komputa, Project Assistant, Universities of Georgia and Pennsylvania
Fulbright-Hays GPA, Orientation Organizer
Tuzungumze Kiswahili, Project Assistant, University of Pennsylvania
African Language Teacher’s Association, Conference Organizer
Africanist Scholar Symposium, Co-Chair
Office of International Programs, Orientation Assistant, University of Pennsylvania

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Human Services, Regional Administrator, Philadelphia, PA
Corporate Director for Training and Quality Assurance, Lafayette, PA
Best Buddies International, State Director, Philadelphia, PA
Institute for Social Research, Research Assistant II, University of Michigan

LANGUAGES

English , *Native*

German, *Fluent*
Swahili, *Excellent*
French, *Excellent*
Kikongo, *Fair*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
African Studies Association
West Africa Research Association
National Peace Corps Association d