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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, San Diego. Dissertation: “Dictators, Democrats, and Development in Nigeria,” advised by Clark Gibson and Karen Ferree (2007)
- M.A., Political Science, American University, Washington, D.C. (1998)
- B.A., Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (1992)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University (2006 – present)

I teach graduate courses on international and comparative political theory, political institutions, and African politics. Undergraduate teaching experience includes courses on contemporary Africa, international relations research, and a general education course entitled “Civilizations of Africa.” Other teaching experience includes “African Political Development” and “Introduction to Comparative Politics” at the University of California, San Diego and “International Relations Theory” at the George Washington University.

Professional Service and Offices:

- Africa Coordinator, Comparative and Regional Studies in SIS (2007 – present).
- Chair, American University’s Council on African Studies (2008 – 2010).
- Treasurer, African Politics Conference Group (November 2010 – present).
- Section Chair, “Peace and Conflict,” African Studies Association 2012 Annual Meeting.

Associate Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, D.C. (March 2012 - present)

Developing research and advocacy work relating to US national security policy in Africa.

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Democracy and Development, Abuja, Nigeria (spring 2012)

Conducting research on ethnic networks and urban migration to Abuja.

Visiting Lecturer, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, (spring 2004)

Taught “Comparative Federal Systems” while on the Political Science Faculty.

National Democratic Institute (NDI). Abuja, Nigeria (1999 – 2000).

Country Director. Co-directed one of NDI’s largest field programs worldwide. Organized and participated in legislative training and capacity building programs for the National Assembly.

U.S. Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI). Washington, D.C. (1993 – 1999).

Legislative Director. Oversaw legislative operations, interns, and staff in the member’s personal office. Drafted legislation, amendments, speeches, talking points, press releases and testimony. Organized oversight delegations overseas, briefings for members of congress, and congressional letters to administration officials concerning foreign policy, national security, and trade.

Consulting:

- Freedom House consultant on Africa for *Freedom in the World* (December 2012).
- Constitutional Design and Conflict Management, Project of the University of Texas at Austin's Climate Change and African Political Stability (May 2011).
- U.S. State Department Antiterrorism Assistance Program, Senior Crisis Management Seminar, curriculum development advisory group (2007 – 2009).
- Researcher for project on "Transaction Costs in Transitional Democracies" for Professor Kaare Strøm and the International Peace Research Institute and (2005).
- Carter Center/National Democratic Institute Pre-Election Mission to Nigeria (2002).

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles and Other Publications

- "Analytic Authoritarianism and Nigeria," *Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* (forthcoming 2012).
- "Representation Reconsidered," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44, 3 (July 2011): 692-93.
- "Questioning Tocqueville in Africa: Continuity and Change in Nigeria's Civil Society during Democratization," *Democratization* 18, 1 (Feb. 2011): 135-159.
- "Power Sharing and Inclusive Politics in Africa's Uncertain Democracies," *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions* 24, 1 (Jan. 2011): 31-53.
- "The Political Economy of African Responses to the U.S. Africa Command," *Africa Today* 57, 1 (fall 2010): 1-23.
- "Next Steps for Nigeria's Democracy," *International Affairs Forum*, January 2008.
- "Elections in Nigeria: Is the Third Time a Charm?" (Principal co-author, with Joyce Pitso and Bodunrin Adebayo) in *Journal of African Elections* 2 (October 2003): 30-47.
- "Keeping Baloney Out of Africa," op-ed in *The Hill*, April 28, 2008.
- "Be Careful Libby Case Doesn't Lead to More Secrecy," op-ed in *The Hill*, November 2005.

Books:

- *Dictators, Democrats, and Government Performance for African Development* (under review).
- *In Democracy's Shadow: the Secret World of National Security*, co-edited with Marcus Raskin, (Nation Books, 2005).

Reviews

- "The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding," by Séverine Autesserre *Political Science Quarterly* 126, 4 (Jan. 2012).
- "Africa: Unity, Sovereignty, and Sorrow," by Pierre Englebert, *Political Science Quarterly* 125, 4 (Jan. 2011).

Working papers

- "The Economic Effects of Africa's Cabinets, 1972 – 2004," co-authored with Assen Assenov
- "Ethnicity, Migration and Economic Uncertainty in Suburban Abuja," with Josiah Olubowale
- "Decentralization and Corruption in Nigeria's Education Sector"

Book Chapters:

- “Politics in Nigeria” (lead co-author with Oladimeji Aborisade and Robert Mundt) in *Comparative Politics Today* (tenth edition), edited by Gabriel Almond, Bingham Powell, Kaare Strøm and Russell Dalton (Longman, 2011).
- “Nigeria” (with Patrick Ukata) in *Countries at the Crossroads 2010* (Freedom House, 2010).
- “Federal Structure, Decentralization and Government Performance” in *Nigerian Federalism in Crisis: Critical Perspectives and Political Options*, edited by Ebere Onwudiwe and Rotimi Suberu (Ibadan: Program on Ethnic and Federal Studies and John Archer Publishers, 2005).
- “The National Security State and the Tragedy of Empire” and “The National Security State, War and Congress” (with Marcus Raskin), both in Raskin and LeVan, *op. cit.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Urban Migration, Economic Uncertainty, and Ethnic Networks in Suburban Abuja,” International Studies Association (April 2012)
- Moderator, “Common Challenges for a Diverse Region,” African Ambassadors Roundtable, African Studies Association (2011).
- Panelist, “National Security Funding for African Studies,” African Studies Association Board Sponsored Panel (2011)
- Participant, “Rethinking Counterterrorism in the Sahel,” African Studies Association (2011)
- Discussant, “Citizen Representation in Autocracies,” African Studies Association (2011)
- Paper, “Commitment or Coordination? Collective Goods and Madisonian Dilemmas in Nigeria, 1960 – 2007,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2011)
- Chair, panel on “Resistance to Democratization,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2011)
- Paper, “Authoritarian Policy Processes and Performance,” African Studies Association (2010)
- Panel discussant, “Legislative Challenges in Africa,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2010)
- “The Economic Consequences of Africa’s Cumbersome Cabinets,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (2010)
- “Teaching African Politics,” roundtable participant, African Studies Association (2009)
- “Inclusive Governance in Africa’s Democratizing Countries,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2009)
- “The Consequences of Political Inclusion in Africa, 1990 – 2008,” paper presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2009)
- Discussant, “Constitutionalism and Legal Reforms in Africa – An Institutional Fix?” African Studies Association Annual Conference (2008)
- “Internal and Regional Conflicts in Africa: Assumptions and Challenges,” conference presentation, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Department of Defense (2008)
- Chair, “Macro Indicators and Micro Measurement: Contextualizing Corruption,” American Political Science Association (August 2008)
- Discussant, “Patronage in Africa,” American Political Science Association (August 2008)
- Chair “African Politics,” Midwest Political Science Association (April 2008)
- “Consolidation and Fragmentation in the Aftermath of Nigeria’s Elections,” presentation at the African Studies Association annual meeting (November 2007)
- “Paradoxes of Power Sharing,” presentation at the African Studies Association annual

meeting (November 2006)

- “A Multi-Regime Analysis of Preferences, Political Institutions, and Performance,” presentation at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2006)
- Panel chair, “Challenges to Democratic Consolidation in Africa,” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (April 2006)
- Panel discussant, “Political Participation and Subnational Loyalties in Africa,” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (April 2006)
- “When More is Less: Political Coalitions and Government Performance,” presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting (April 2006)
- “Does Democracy Deliver?” presentation at the African Studies Association annual meeting (November 2005)
- “Dictators, Democrats, and Political Coalitions,” presentation before the Working Group on African Political Economy (May 2005 and October 2005)
- “Dictators, Democrats and Political Coalitions,” panel presentation at Midwest Political Science Association (April 2005)
- “Decentralization, Local Government, and Federalism,” panel chair and discussant, Midwest Political Science Association (April 2005)
- “Nigeria Stumbles Through its ‘Second Elections’ Test,” presentation at the Stanford-Berkeley Joint Conference on “Popular Culture in Africa” (April 2003)
- Presentation on “Nigerian Civil Society: From Dictatorship to Democracy” at Comparativists Day for Graduate Students, University of California, Los Angeles (February 2002)
- “Pluralism, Progress and Paradoxes: Judicial Reform in Mexico,” presentation at Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, UCSD graduate student conference (January 2002)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, “Boko Haram and the Challenge of National Unity in Nigeria,” Catholic University (April 2012)
- Panelist, “Militarization of Aid to Africa,” Ecumenical Advocacy Days (April 2012)
- Co-chair of Local Arrangements Committee for the 2011 African Studies Association Annual Conference.
- Participant, workshop on “Constitutional Design and Conflict Management,” University of Antwerp (May 2011)
- Guest lecture, “Continuity and Change in Nigeria’s Democratization,” Georgetown University, African Studies (April 2011)
- Panel moderator, “Africa’s New Era: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future,” Johns Hopkins University (March 2011)
- Panel chair, “Race and International Relations” at American University (November 2010)
- “Explaining African Growth,” Maxwell School, Syracuse University (May 2010)
- “Africa’s Cumbersome Cabinets,” presentation at the Centre for Democracy and Development, Abuja (March 2010)
- Participant, panel on foreign aid, American University (November 2009)
- “Consequences of Political Inclusion in Africa,” presentation at USAID meeting on “Elections and Violence in Africa,” Nairobi, Kenya (May 2009)
- “Power Sharing in Africa,” presentation to USAID in Washington (September 2009)
- Moderator, “African Security Policy,” briefing for House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, U.S. Congress (December 2008)

- Invited presentation, “Decentralization and Corruption in Nigeria’s Education Sector,” Weatherhead Center and African Studies Program, Columbia University (December 2008)
- Chair of panel discussion, “Africa Policy for the Obama Administration,” at American University (November 2008)
- Moderator, “Tyranny of Oil,” American University, broadcast on C-SPAN (October 2008)
- Panelist, State Department’s Anti-Terrorism Senior Crisis Management Seminar (June 2008)
- Chaired panel on Darfur at American University, broadcast on C-SPAN (April 2008)
- Chair of panel discussion at American University on “Africa’s Oil, America’s AFRICOM, and the War on Terrorism,” (November 2007)
- “The Expansive National Security State” talk at the Institute for Policy Studies (July 2007)
- Panelist, “Electoral Administration 2007,” Nigerian Peoples Forum (May 2006)
- Moderator, panel discussion on “The National Security State: From the Cold War to Iraq,” for members of Congress and staff, Washington, DC (April 2005)
- Participant, Institute for Humane Studies’ conference on (June 2004)
- Accredited observer for the Nigerian local government elections (March 2004)
- “Comparative Legislative Ethics,” Presentation to the Nigerian Senate (February 2004)
- “Democratization and Nigerian Civil Society,” presentation at conference on “Math, Science and Society” at Ecole Normale Supérieure, Porto Novo, Benin (January 2004)
- “Nigeria’s 2003 Elections: Is the Third Time a Charm?” Presentation at the Nigerian Society for Information, Arts and Culture, Ibadan, Nigeria (January 2004)
- Presentation on “Decentralization and Government Performance in Nigeria” at the Fulbright Alumni Association’s Annual meeting, Kuru, Nigeria (November 2003)
- International observer for Nigerian national and gubernatorial elections (April 2003)
- “An Overview of Legislative Oversight,” testimony before the House Committee on Public Accounts, National Assembly, Abuja, Nigeria (August 2000)
- “The Relevance of Professional Staff,” Nassarawa State Assembly, Nigeria (July 2000)
- Moderator, workshop on media relations for Nigerian National Assembly (July 2000)
- Participant, conference on ethics in the legislature, Republic of Benin (February 2000)
- “US Foreign Policy and the Sanctions on Iraq,” speech to meeting of American Muslims for Global Peace & Justice, Santa Clara, CA (October 1999)
- “Economic Sanctions on Iraq,” presentation for a congressional staff briefing (July 1998)
- Member, Steering Committee, Congressional Progressive Caucus (1997 - 1999)
- Congressional delegation to Argentina with Council on Hemispheric Affairs (June 1999)
- Advocacy trainer, National Conference on Iraq, Ann Arbor, Michigan (October 1999)
- Congressional staff delegation to Morocco with Council on US-Arab Relations (Nov. 1998)
- Advocacy trainer, American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (June 1998; June 1999)
- Congressional staff delegation to Taiwan, Republic of China (April 1998)
- Congressional staff delegation to Germany with the Konrad Adenaur Stiftung (Nov. 1995)

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Co-Principal, American Political Science Association Africa Workshop, funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, \$205,000 (2011)
- U.S. Agency for International Development, in-kind grant for Africa Council workshop on “Governance and Development in Africa” (2011)
- U.S. Agency for International Development, in-kind grant for Africa Council two day workshop on “The Consequences of Political Inclusion” (2009)

- American Political Science Association travel grant for Annual Conference (2006)
- Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies field research grant (2005)
- Fulbright grant for dissertation research in Nigeria (2003 – 2004 academic year).
- Seymour Melman Fellowship, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC (Summer 2001)
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science National Honor Society (1998)
- Pi Alpha Alpha Public Affairs National Honor Society (1998)
- Academic Excellence Award, Department of Government, American University (1998)
- Special Honors in Political Science from George Washington University (1992)

INTERNAL GRANTS

- American University, Dean’s Summer Research Grant for “From Parchment to Practice: Comparative Constitutionalism in Africa,” \$6,800 (2012)
- American University Curriculum Development Award for “Institutions in the Developing World,” \$5,000 (2011)
- AU International Faculty Travel Award for research in Nigeria, \$2,000 (2011)
- American University Dean’s Research Award, \$2,500 (2011)
- American University Faculty Research Award, \$2,500 (2010)
- AU International Faculty Travel Award for research in Nigeria, \$3,000 (2010)
- Dean’s travel grant for research at Stanford University (February 2005)
- Dean’s travel grant for research at the University of California, Santa Cruz (May 2003)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Oxford University Press

Am. Journal of Political Science

Journal of Politics

Political Science Quarterly

Council on Foreign Relations

Am. Political Science Review

Journal of Modern Af. Studies

African Studies Review

African Studies Quarterly

Journal of African Elections

Journal of Civil Society

Journal of Legislative Studies

United States Institute of Peace

World Development

African Journal of Political

Science and Int’l Relations