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ACADEMIC WORK HISTORY

Professor, School of International Service, American University (2020-)
Chair, Comparative and Regional Studies, American University (2020-)
Visiting Lecturer, College of International Relations, Ritsumeikan University (fall 2018)
Associate Professor, School of International Service (2016 – 2020)
Assistant Professor, School of international Service (2007-20016)
Instructor, School of International Service, American University (2006-2007)

Teaching responsibilities include courses on African affairs, comparative politics, political theory, “post-truth” politics, and comparative institutions for undergraduate, Master’s and PhD students. Other teaching experience includes courses at Ritsumeikan University in Japan, University of California—San Diego, George Washington University, and the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, San Diego. (2007)
- M.A., Political Science, American University, Washington, D.C. (1998)
- B.A., Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (1992)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Contemporary Nigerian Politics: Competition in a Time of Transition and Terror* (Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- *Oxford Handbook of Nigerian Politics*, co-edited with Patrick Ukata (Oxford University Press, 2018)
- *Constituents before Assembly: Participation, Deliberation, and Representation in the Worldwide Crafting of New Constitutions*, co-authored with Todd Eisenstadt and Tofigh Maboudi (Cambridge University Press, 2017).
- *Dictators and Democracy in African Development: the Political Economy of Good Governance in Nigeria* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).
- *African State Governance: Subnational Politics and National Power*, co-edited with Joseph Olayinka Fashagba and Ned McMahon (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2015).
- *In Democracy’s Shadow: the Secret World of National Security*, co-edited with Marcus Raskin (Nation Books, 2005).

Working paper:

- “Trust and Truth in America’s Age of Anxiety” (with Assen Assenov, Kimberly Tower, and Nicolette Carnahan)

Book manuscript in progress:

- *In Search of Solidarity: Participation and Knowledge in Post-Truth America*

Peer reviewed articles:

- “From Terrorism to Talakawa: Explaining Party Turnover in Nigeria’s 2015 Elections” (with Matthew T. Page and Yoonbin Ha), *Review of African Political Economy*, 45, no. 157 (2018): 432-50.
- “Reciprocal Retaliation and Local Linkage: Federalism as an Instrument of Opposition Organizing in Nigeria.” *African Affairs*, 117, no. 466 (January 2018): 1-20.
- “When Talk Trumps Text: The Democratizing Effects of Deliberation during Constitution-Making, 1974-2011,” (with Todd Eisenstadt and Tofigh Maboudi), *American Political Science Review* 109, 3 (August 2015): 592-612.
- “Parallel Institutionalism and the Future of Representation in Nigeria,” *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* 33, 3 (July 2015): 370-90.
- “Parties or Portfolio? The Economic Effects of Africa’s Cumbersome Cabinets, 1971-2006,” (with Assen Assenov) *Government and Opposition* 51, 4 (December 2016): 661-90.
- “‘I am Here until Development Comes:’ Displacement, Demolitions, and Property Rights in Urbanizing Nigeria,” (with Josiah Olubowale) *African Affairs* 113, 452 (July 2014): 387-408.
- “Analytic Authoritarianism and Nigeria,” *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 52, 2 (January 2014): 212-231.
- “Sectarian Rebellions in Post-Transition Nigeria Compared,” *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 7, 3 (May 2013): 335-352.
- “Questioning Tocqueville in Africa: Continuity and Change in Nigeria’s Civil Society during Democratization,” *Democratization* 18, 1 (February 2011): 135-159.
- “Power Sharing and Inclusive Politics in Africa’s Uncertain Democracies,” *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions* 24, 1 (January 2011): 31-53.
- “The Political Economy of African Responses to the U.S. Africa Command,” *Africa Today* 57, 1 (fall 2010): 1-23.
- “Elections in Nigeria: Is the Third Time a Charm?” (with Joyce Pitso and Bodunrin Adebo) in *Journal of African Elections* 2 (October 2003): 30-47.

Reviews, Opinions, and other Publications:

- “How the End SARS Movement Awakened Nigeria's Youth” (co-authored with Patrick Ukata) Oxford University Press blog (November 2020)
- Review, *Foreign Intervention in Africa After the Cold War*, by Elizabeth Schmidt, in *H-Diplo Roundtable*, March 2, 2020 (XXI-31) <https://hdiplo.org/to/RT21-31>.
- “Study on Marginalized Groups in the Context of ID in Nigeria,” World Bank, Social Protections Unit. Lead research and co-author, with Idayat Hassan, Victor Isumonah, Chris Kwaja, Sale Momale, Chiedo Nwankwor, and Kemi Okenyodo (September 2019)
- Review essay: Matfess, Hilary. *Women and the War on Boko Haram: Wives, Weapons, Witnesses, African Arguments*; Thurston, Alexander. *Boko Haram: the History of an African Jihadist Movement*; MacEachern, Scott; *Searching for Boko Haram: A History of Violence in Central Africa* in *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 56, 4 (2018): 697-716.
- “How Ideas are Replacing Identities in Nigeria’s Electoral Competition,” Cambridge Core Blog, December 30, 2018.

- “Nigeria: Identities, Insecurity, and Integrity in Dead Heat Election,” AllAfrica.com, December 6, 2018.
- Review, *Nigeria’s Niger Delta: Militancy, Amnesty, and the Post-amnesty Environment* by Sabella Ogbobde Abidde, *Journal of Modern African Studies* (2018).
- “Nigeria’s Neo-Biafrans will Push New Rights Claims,” *Oxford Analytica* (July 12, 2017).
- “Nigeria’s ruling party will speed up post- Buhari plans,” *Oxford Analytica* (May 2, 2017).
- Review, *Civil Society, Conflict Resolution and Democracy in Nigeria*, by Darren Kew, *Political Science Quarterly* 132, no. 3 (fall 2017): 575-77.
- Review, *Oil Wealth and Insurgency in Nigeria*, by Omolade Adunbi, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* (vol. 49, 1, 2016): 154-56.
- “On Africa, will isolationist Trump fight an internationalist Congress?” *The Hill*, Dec. 5, 2016.
- “Donors Dither as Bureaucrats Exploit Nigeria’s Humanitarian Crisis” (with Matthew T. Page) *AllAfrica.com*, October 16, 2016.
- “Legislative Strengthening Programs in Uganda and Nigeria,” (with Nicholas Smith) for US Agency for International Development (Contract GS-10F-0033M/AID-OAA-M-13-00013), October 2015.
- “Burkina Faso: How to Get the Transition Back on Track,” (with Jean-Baptiste Guiatin) *AllAfrica.com*, September 24, 2015
- “The US Must Raise the Cap for Syrian Refugees,” *The Hill*, September 16, 2015.
- “Crafting a new constitution doesn’t necessarily lead to democracy. Here’s what does,” (with Todd Eisenstadt and Tofigh Maboudi) *Washington Post’s Monkey Cage*, August 19, 2015.
- “Teaching, Testing, and ‘Filling the Pail,’” *The Hill*, February 23, 2015.
- “Postponed For Now: Nigerians to choose between General Buhari’s populist promises and President Jonathan’s status quo,” *Africasacountry.com*, February 20, 2015.
- “Charlie Hebdo Meets ‘The Interview,’” *Washington Post’s Monkey Cage*, Jan. 16, 2015.
- “Nigeria Opposition Cohesion will Shape Poll,” *Oxford Analytica*, December 19, 2014.
- “African Trade Summitry,” *The Hill*, August 6, 2014.
- “Six Ways to #BringBackOurGirls in Nigeria,” (with Priscilla Achakpa), *Christian Science Monitor*, May 2014.
- Review, “Militancy and Violence in West Africa: Religion, Politics and Radicalisation,” edited by J. Gow, F. Olonisakin, and E. Dijkhoorn, *e-International Relations* (April 2014).
- Review, “Nigeria since Independence: Forever Fragile?” by J.N.C. Hill, *Journal of Modern African Studies* 51, 4 (Dec. 2013): 722-724.
- “America’s Move in Niger,” London School of Economics IDEAS blog, February 4, 2013.
- Review, “The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding,” by Séverine Autesserre *Political Science Quarterly* 126, 4 (Jan. 2012).
- “Representation Reconsidered,” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44,3 (July 2011): 692-93.
- Review, “Africa: Unity, Sovereignty, and Sorrow,” by Pierre Englebert, *Political Science Quarterly* 125, 4 (Jan. 2011).
- “Next Steps for Nigeria’s Democracy,” *International Affairs Forum*, January 2008.
- “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.

Book Chapters:

- “Drivers of Electoral Reform,” in *Oxford Handbook of Nigerian Politics* (New York: Oxford

University Press, 2018)

- “Politics in Nigeria” (lead co-author with Yahaya Baba) in *Comparative Politics Today* (12th edition), edited by Bingham Powell, Russell Dalton, Kaare Strøm (Longman, 2018).
- “Trump the Troublemaker,” in *Trump in Africa*, Abuja: Centre for Democracy and Development (2017).
- “Subnational Legislative Politics and African Democratic Development,” in *African State Governance: Subnational Politics and National Power*, edited by A. Carl LeVan, Joseph O. Fashagba, and Edward McMahon (Palgrave, 2015).
- “Nigeria” (with Patrick Ukata) in *Countries at the Crossroads 2012* (Freedom House, 2012).
- “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.*

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Service and Offices:

- Chair, Comparative and Regional Studies, American University (2020 – present)
- SIS Dean’s Task Force on Mid-Level Reorganization (2022 – present)
- Co-chair, African Studies Association, Political Economy and Development Section (2021)
- External PhD Examiner, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana (2019 – present)
- Editorial board, *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions*
- Carter Center, Project Incubator Workshop on Africa-U.S.-China Cooperation (July 2020)
- Reviewer, Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, APSA (July 2020)
- Research Development Group – a workshop for emerging African scholars prior to the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, organized jointly by the African Politics Conference Group and the APSA (2018, 2019)
- Midwest Political Science Association mentorship program (2018-)
- University of California San Diego mentorship program (2019)
- American Political Science Association mentorship program (2019-)
- Section Chair, “Transitions to Democracy,” Midwest Political Science Association (2019)
- PhD Placement Officer, School of International Service (2017-2018; fall 2019-present)
- Coordinator, Africa Research Cluster, School of International Service (2016-2018)
- School of International Service Africa Certificate Coordinator (2014 –16)
- Local Arrangements Co-chair, African Studies Association Annual Meeting (2016 and 2011)
- Global and Comparative Governance, SIS Thematic Coordinator (2013 – 2014)
- Co-Editor, *Democracy and Development: Journal of West African Affairs* (2015-17)
- Board of Advisors, Advancing Investment and Trade in Africa (2014 –2016)
- Africa Coordinator, Comparative and Regional Studies in SIS (2007 – 2013)
- Section Chair, “Peace and Conflict,” African Studies Association 2012 Annual Meeting
- Treasurer, African Politics Conference Group (2010 – 2012)
- Chair, American University’s Council on African Studies (2008 – 2010)

PhD dissertations supervised

- Member, Nichole Grossman (2021-present)
- Chair, James Bryan (2021 – present)
- Member Cherie Saulter, (2022-present)
- Chair, Tiana Jackson
- Member, Ryan Briggs
- Co-chair, Ife Olawole

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

Conducted research on ethnic networks and urban migration to Abuja.

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, 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:

- Research design consultant, National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, project on China in Africa (July 2020 – June 2021)
- U.S. Department of Justice (2019)
- Consultant, U.S. Department of State on "Political Dynamics in Nigeria" (September 2019)
- Research Coordinator for the World Bank Social Protection Unit's study on marginalized groups in Nigeria and access to national identification (April 2018 – September 2019)
- National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, democratization research for the US Agency for International Development (May 2017 – January 2018)
- Webinar on Nigeria for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2017)
- National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, the impact of legislative strengthening programs on democracy and human rights (March – November 2015).
- International Election Observer – Nigeria, National Democratic Institute and the International Republican Institute joint mission (2019)
- International Election Observer, Nigerian Elections, National Democratic Institute (2015).
- Freedom House consultant on Africa for *Freedom in the World* (December 2011, 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, "Transaction Costs in Transitional Democracies," Kaare Strøm and the International Peace Research Institute (2005).
- Carter Center/National Democratic Institute Pre-Election Mission to Nigeria (2002).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (not including roles as chair or discussant)

- “Reexamining Counter-Terrorism in the Trans-Sahara,” African Studies Association 2021
- “Who Testifies on Africa?” American Political Science Association 2021
- “Subnational Subversion and Institutional Stress in Nigeria,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 2019)
- “Voter Attitudes on Electoral Integrity, Co-ethnicity, and Religion in Nigeria's Elections,” International Studies Association (March 2019)
- “The End of a New Beginning: Nigeria’s Transition, 1999-2015,” Midwest Political Science Association” (April 2019)
- “Voting against Violence?” Midwest Political Science Association (April 2018)
- “Voting against Violence?” African Studies Association (November 2017)
- “Terrorism vs the Economy in Nigeria’s 2015 Elections,” American Political Science Association (August 2017)
- “State Responses to Boko Haram,” African Studies Association (November 2016)
- “How Federalism Fuels Party Competition in Nigeria: Reciprocal Retaliation and Local Linkage,” Western Political Science Association (March 2015)
- “Nigeria’s Parallel Institutionalism,” African Studies Association (November 2014)
- “How Participatory Deliberation on New Constitutions Advances Democratization,” American Political Science Association (with Todd Eisenstadt), (August 2014)
- “The Gap From Parchment to Practice: Ambivalent Effects of Constitutions in Latin America and Beyond,” Latin American Studies Association (May 2014)
- “Nigeria’s Parallel Institutionalism,” Midwest Political Science Association (April 2014)
- “Sectarian Rebellions in Post-Transition Nigeria,” African Studies Association (November 2013)
- “Africa’s Cumbersome Cabinets,” African Studies Association (November 2013)
- “Between Parchment and Practice: The Impact of Constitutional Changes since 1990,” African Studies Association (November 2012)
- “Foreign Policy towards Africa Under the Obama Administration,” African Studies Association (November 2012)
- “Urban Migration, Economic, Uncertainty, and Ethnic Networks in Suburban Abuja,” International Studies Association (April 2012)
- “Commitment or Coordination? Collective Goods and Madisonian Dilemmas in Nigeria, 1960 – 2007,” Midwest Political Science Association (2011)
- “Authoritarian Policy Processes and Performance,” African Studies Association (2010)
- “The Economic Consequences of Africa’s Cumbersome Cabinets,” Midwest Political Science Association (2010)
- “Inclusive Governance in Africa’s Democratizing Countries,” American Political Science Association (2009)
- “The Consequences of Political Inclusion in Africa, 1990 – 2008,” International Studies Association (2009)
- “Consolidation and Fragmentation in the Aftermath of Nigeria’s Elections,” African Studies Association (November 2007)
- “Paradoxes of Power Sharing,” African Studies Association (November 2006)

- “A Multi-Regime Analysis of Preferences, Political Institutions, and Performance,” American Political Science Association (August 2006)
- “When More is Less: Political Coalitions and Government Performance,” International Studies Association (April 2006)
- “Does Democracy Deliver?” African Studies Association (November 2005)
- “Dictators, Democrats, and Political Coalitions,” Working Group on African Political Economy (May 2005 and October 2005)
- “Dictators, Democrats and Political Coalitions,” Midwest Political Science Association (April 2005)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Guest lecture, “Accountability in Nigeria,” Deakon University (December 2020)
- Guest lecture, “Introduction to Nigeria,” University of Cincinnati (October 2020)
- Panelist, “Lessons for Sudan’s transition,” Center for International Policy (August 2019)
- Briefing, “Sudan’s transition in comparative perspective,” USAID (August 2019)
- Briefing, “Sudan’s transition in comparative perspective,” Freedom House (August 2019)
- Panelist, Symposium on Japan’s Security, American University (March 2019)
- Briefing, U.S. Embassy Abuja on electoral competition in Nigeria (February 2019)
- Briefing, British High Consulate Abuja, electoral competition in Nigeria (February 2019)
- Keynote Speaker, “Competition in a Time of Transition and Terror,” NexTier consulting, Abuja (February 2019)
- Lecture, “Nigerian Party Competition During a Time of Transition and Terror,” Ritsumeikan University, College of International Relations (November 2018)
- Lecture, “Subnational Politics in Africa,” Graduate Seminar on research design, Ritsumeikan University (November 2018)
- Lecture, “Finding and Positioning a Research Question,” graduate seminar on international relations, Ritsumeikan University (October 2018)
- Paper presentation, “Nigerian Party Competition During a Time of Transition and Terror,” Cornell University (April 2018)
- Lecture, “Terrorism and Party Turnover in Nigeria’s 2015 Elections,” MacArthur Foundation (April 2018)
- Workshop, “Expanding Access to Data-intensive Remote Sensing Algorithms through Collaboration with the Socio-Environmental Science Research Community,” National Socioenvironmental Synthesis Center at the University of Maryland (March 2018)
- Panelist, “Women in Nigeria’s Elections,” International Republican Institute (March 2018)
- Moderator, “Congressional Briefing on the Lake Chad Crisis,” U.S. Senate (March 2018)
- Lecture, “Terrorism and Party Turnover in Nigeria’s 2015 Elections,” U.S. Agency for International Development (February 2018)
- Lecture, “Insecurity and Economy in Nigeria’s 2015 Elections,” American Political Science Association’s Spring Lecture Series (January 2018)
- Lecture, “The Rational Counterterrorist? Economy and Insecurity in Nigeria’s Presidential Election,” Africa Conflict Location Event Database, Rift Valley Institute (June 2017)
- Lecture, “Trump Administration’s Turn Against Africa,” ACLED conference (June 2017)
- Keynote speech, “From Terrorism to Talakawa in Nigeria’s 2015 Election,” Nigerian Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (September 2016)

- Lecture, University of Antwerp (2016)
- Panelist, “Improving U.S. Anti-corruption Policy in Nigeria,” American University of Nigeria (September 2016)
- Lecture, “Boko Haram and Counter-insurgency under the new administration,” Naval Postgraduate School / Joint Foreign Area Officers (June 2015)
- Roundtable, “Nigeria’s New Administration: Implications for Peace and Economic Prosperity,” International Development Institute (May 2015)
- Roundtable, “Nigeria Post-Election Challenges and Critical Issues for Africa’s Electorate,” Gallup and FEEEDS Africa (April 2015)
- Roundtable, “Nigeria’s Outlook 2015: Elections, Economic Growth, and Security,” Corporate Council on Africa (January 2015)
- Roundtable, “Dictators and Democracy in African Development,” Center for Strategic and International Relations (December 2014)
- Lecture, “Ballets, Bullets, or Boko Haram?” Council on Foreign Relations (October 2014)
- Lecture, “Nigeria’s Political History and the 2015 Elections,” State Department Foreign Service Institute (October 2014)
- Panelist, Analytic Exchange on Nigeria, National Intelligence Council (September 2014)
- Panelist, “Human Security in Nigeria,” Defense Intelligence Agency (September 2014)
- Lecture, “Subnational Politics and Election Preparations in Nigeria,” Center for Strategic and International Studies (May 2014)
- Panelist, “Nigeria’s 2015 Elections,” National Defense University, Washington (May 2014)
- Panelist, “Legislatures and Judiciaries in Africa’s Potemkin States,” Analytic Exchange, National Intelligence Council and U.S. Department of State (April 2014)
- Panelist, “African State Legislatures,” National Endowment for Democracy (March 2014)
- Roundtable on “International Collaborations in Political Science Research,” organized by the American Political Science Association (March 2014)
- Invited lecture, “Sectarian Violence in Nigeria and Boko Haram,” University of Florida Center for African Studies (March 2014)
- Panelist, “Electoral Violence in Nigeria,” U.S. Institute of Peace (December 2013)
- Invited lecture, “Participation’s Missing Link? African Constitutionalism in Global Perspective,” University of Vermont (November 2013)

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Co-principal, with Abdu Musa Mukhtar and Yahaya Baba, American Political Science Association, Research Development Grant from the Hewlett Foundation (2022)
- American Political Science Association William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies, “Terrorism and Party Turnover in Post-Transition Nigeria,” \$2,500 (2016-17)
- “Runner Up” for Best Book on African Politics in 2015, African Politics Conference Group.
- American Political Science Association Africa Workshop Alumni Publication Grant, Co-Principal with Joseph O. Fashagba on “State Legislatures in Africa,” \$7,900 (2013-2014).
- National Endowment for Democracy, Co-Principal with Joseph Oleyinka Fashagba on “State Legislatures in Africa,” \$32,750 grant #2013-347 (2013-14)
- Winner of Taylor & Francis Publishing’s 2011 Frank Cass Prize for “Best article by a Young Scholar” for the article, “Questioning Tocqueville in Africa,” published in *Democratization*
- Co-Principal, “From Parchment to Practice,” \$22,000 grant from the Andrew Mellon-Latin

- American Studies Association Seminars Initiative, grant # ML-03-03 (2012)
- Co-Principal, American Political Science Association Africa Workshop, funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, \$206,000 (2011)
 - USAID, in-kind grant for 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 AND AWARDS

- SIS nominee for the University’s “Outstanding Community Engagement” Award (2022)
- Dean’s Summer Research Award for “Trust and Truth in a Time of American Anxiety” \$4,800 (2021)
- SIS Conference Travel Award, \$1,300 (2019-2020) and \$1,500 (2018-19)
- SIS Nominee for American University’s Morton Bender Prize in recognition of important research, scholarly, creative endeavor, and achievement since attainment of the rank of associate professor and to facilitate progress towards the rank of full professor.
- International Faculty Travel Award, “Violent Insurgency and Partisan Realignment in Nigeria” \$1,980 (2016)
- SIS Dean’s Summer Research Award, “Counting on Contestation: Explaining Opposition Risk and Performance in Nigeria's 2015 Elections,” \$7,490 (2015)
- School of International Service Conference Travel Award, \$1,340 (2014)
- Collaborative Research Award (with Profs. Todd Eisenstadt and Robert Albro) for field research and a workshop on comparative constitutionalism, \$15,000 (2013)
- Faculty Research Support Grant for “African State Legislatures” \$6,000 (2013)
- SIS Dean’s Summer Research Grant for “From Parchment to Practice: Comparative Constitutionalism in Africa,” \$6,100 (2012)
- Curriculum Development Award, “Representation 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)
- Mark Twain Fellowship, University of California San Diego (2000-2004)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

PBS NewsHour, *New York Times* video, *New York Times*, National Public Radio’s Diane Rehm Show, BBC World News, Associated Press, *Washington Post*, Al Jazeera, Al Jazeera-English,

Time Magazine, Amy Goodman's Democracy Now!, CNN.com, NBC.com, MSNBC.com, FLARE.com.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Cambridge University Press
Council on Foreign Relations
National Science Foundation
Nigerian Institute of Legislative Studies
Oxford University Press
Palgrave Books
United States Institute of Peace
Zed Books

African Affairs
*African Journal of Political
Science and Int'l Relations*
African Studies Review
African Studies Quarterly
Africa Today
African Security Review
American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
British Journal of Political Science
Comparative Political Studies
Democracy and Security
Ethnopolitics
Governance
International Areas Studies Review
International Social Science Review
Governance
Journal of Politics
Journal of Modern African Studies
Journal of African Elections
Journal of Civil Society
Journal of Contemporary African Studies
Journal of Legislative Studies
Peace and Conflict Studies
Political Science Quarterly
Publius: Journal of Federalism
*Stability: International Journal of Security
and Development*
War and Society
Terrorism & Political Violence
World Development