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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE

2023-present Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science
Faculty Affiliate, African and African Diaspora Studies Program
Faculty Affiliate, Environmental Studies Program

2017-2023 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN TOULOUSE

2023 Visiting Researcher

UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

2022-present Research Associate

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, KELLOGG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

2016-2017 Visiting Research Fellow

EDUCATION

2017 Cornell University, Ph.D. in Government
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

2007 Northwestern University, B.A. in Political Science & International Studies

BOOK

2022. *Land Politics: How Customary Institutions Shape State Building in Zambia and Senegal*.
New York: Cambridge University Press.

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* by Franklin Obeng-Odoom and in *Commonwealth
& Comparative Politics* by Dominika Koter

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2023. "Mutual Dependence and Expectations of Cooperation" (with Adam Harris). *The
Journal of Politics*, 85 (1), pp. 192-208.

2023. "Land and Legibility: When do Citizens Expect Secure Property Rights in Weak

States?” (with Karen Ferree, Ellen Lust, and Melanie Phillips). *American Political Science Review*, 117 (1), pp. 42-58.

2022. “The Power of the Pen: Informal Property Rights Documents in Zambia.” *African Affairs*, 121 (482), pp. 81-107.

2021. “What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya.” (with Amy Erica Smith and Jaimie Bleck). *Perspectives on Politics*.

2019. “Elite Defection and Grassroots Democracy Under Competitive Authoritarianism: Evidence from Burkina Faso.” (with Sarah Andrews). *Democratization*, 26 (4), pp. 626-644.

2017. “Selecting the State or Choosing the Chief? The Political Determinants of Smallholder Land Titling.” *World Development*, 100, pp. 94-107.

2016. “Immigrant Political Economies and Exclusionary Policy in Africa.” *Comparative Politics*, 48 (4), pp. 517-537.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED ACADEMIC VOLUMES

2019. “Traditional Leaders and Development in Africa.” *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2023. Review of The Scarce State. *Perspectives on Politics*.

2021. Review of Political Violence in Kenya. *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 59 (1), pp.125-126.

2020. “What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya.” (with Amy Erica Smith and Jaimie Bleck). Notre Dame, IN: *Kellogg Institute for International Studies Working Paper #437*.

2015. “The Status of Customary Land and the Future of Smallholder Farmers Under the Current Land Administration System in Zambia.” (with Brian Mulenga). Lusaka, Zambia: *Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI) Working Paper 101*.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Community Capacity or State Weakness? Customary Institutions and Nonstate Security Provision in Burkina Faso.”

“State Reach and Gender Norms: Examining the Uptake of Equitable Land Rights,” (with Adam Harris and Ellen Lust).

“Customary Courts, State Institutions, or Opting Out: Patterns of Forum Pluralism in Three African Countries,” (with Patricia Funjika).

“Legitimizing Regimes and Legalizing Self-Defense Groups: The Case of Burkina Faso’s VDPs,” (with Abdoul Karim Saidou).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2017 Global Religion Research Initiative, University of Notre Dame (with Amy Erica Smith)
- 2015 African Studies Association Student Travel Award
- 2015 Sage Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2014 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation
- 2013 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Sciences Research Council
- 2013 Fulbright Research Fellowship for Zambia
- 2012 Einaudi Center for International Studies International Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
- 2012 Houston I. Flourney Research Grant, Cornell University
- 2012 Departmental Research Grant, Cornell University
- 2011 Institute for the Social Sciences Immigration Project Research Award, Cornell University
- 2011 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University

TEACHING

Boston College, Graduate

Political Economy of Development (2023, 2020, 2017)
Field Seminar in Comparative Politics (2024)

Boston College, Undergraduate

African Politics (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018)
Democracy and Elections in Africa (2022, 2020, 2019)
Natural Resource Politics (2022, 2019, 2018)
Comparative Politics of Development (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)

University of Notre Dame, Undergraduate

Research Methods for Fieldwork in the Developing World (2016) (co-taught)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2024 World Bank 2024 Land Conference
- 2024 Governance and Local Development Institute Annual Meeting
- 2023 Seminar, Institute of Advanced Studies Toulouse
- 2023 European Conference of African Studies
- 2023 Governance and Local Development Institute Annual Meeting
- 2022 Comparative Politics Workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2022 European Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2021 Governance and Local Development Institute, University of Gothenburg
 2021 Boston Working Group in African Political Economy (B-WGAPE), MIT
 2021 Faculty Seminar, Oakton Community College
 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2020 Digital Scholarship Research Group, Boston College
 2019 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
 2018 American Political Science Association
 2018 Boston University, African Studies Center
 2018 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
 2017 Northwestern University, Program of African Studies
 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2017 Varieties of Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame
 2016 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2015 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
 2013 Summer Institute on Contested Global Landscapes
 2012 Land Deals Politics Initiative Conference
 2012 International Studies Association Annual Meeting
 2012 Institute for Social Sciences Conference, Cornell University

OTHER CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (SELECTED)

Discussant:

B-WGAPE, Yale University (2023, 2019)
 European Political Science Association (2022)
 American Political Science Association (2023, 2021, 2018, 2017)
 African Studies Review, Pipeline for Emerging African Studies Scholars Workshop (2019)
 APSA Research Development Group for African Scholars Workshop (2018)
 African Politics Conference Group, Online Colloquium (2018)
 Varieties of Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame (2017)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Malawi, Kenya, Zambia, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Madagascar.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), Zambia. 2012, 2013-2014.
Affiliated Researcher

US Peace Corps, Burkina Faso. 2007-2009.
Community Health Development Volunteer

LANGUAGES: English (native), French (advanced), Mooré/Burkina Faso (intermediate).