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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden (Jan 2022-)
Associate Senior Lecturer, Department of Peace and Conflict Research

University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA (September 2018-)
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics (Term)

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT (Sept 2017-May 2018)
Visiting Assistant Professor

Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University (2015-2017)
Postdoctoral Fellow

Robert S. Strauss Center for International Law and Security, University of Texas-Austin (2014-2015)
Security Studies Pre-doctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

Ph.D., *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, Department of Political Science, June 2015
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
Dissertation: Claiming Land: Institutions, Narratives, and Political Violence in Kenya

M.A., Political Science, May 2009

B.A., *Smith College, Northampton, MA*
Government and African Studies (High Honors), 2007
Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP), Puebla, Mexico, 2005

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Political violence and post-conflict politics, African politics, land rights and natural resources, elections & democratization, human rights, forced migration, field research methods.

BOOK

2020 *Political Violence in Kenya: Land, Elections, and Claim-Making* (Cambridge University Press, May 2020)
• Reviewed in [Foreign Affairs](#), [African Studies Review](#), [Journal of Modern African Studies](#), & [Politique étrangère](#), and *Washington Post's the Monkey Cage*.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2020 "Raising the Stakes: Land Titling and Electoral Stability in Kenya." *Journal of Peace Research* (2020), 57(1): 30-45 | [Link](#).

- 2018 “Can Politicians Exploit Ethnic Grievances? An Experimental Study of Land Appeals in Kenya,” *Political Behavior* (2018), 42, 35–58, with Jeremy Horowitz | [Link](#).
- 2017 “Defending the City, Defending Votes: Campaign Strategies in Urban Ghana,” *Journal of Modern African Studies* (2017), 55(4): 681-708, with Jeffrey Paller | [Link](#).
- 2017 “Contentious Land Narratives and the Non-escalation of Election Violence: Evidence from Kenya’s Coast Region.” (2017) *African Studies Review*, 60(2) | [Link](#).
- Winner of the African Studies Association Graduate Student Paper Prize.
- 2015 “Land Grievances and the Mobilization of Electoral Violence: Evidence from Côte d’Ivoire and Kenya,” *Journal of Peace Research* (2015), 52(2): 622-635, with Matthew Mitchell | [Link](#).

WORKS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW

- Closing the Gap: The Politics of Land Formalization in Kenya. With Mai Hassan (Under review) | [Link](#).
- Does Violence Beget Violence? The Enduring Effects of Election Violence on Peacebuilding. [Link](#).
- Communal Conflicts and Barriers to Sustainable Peace. With Jana Krause. [Link](#).
- Demanding Recognition: Citizen Perspectives on Clientelism in Africa. With Jeffrey Paller & Martha Wilfahrt
- Altruistic Hosts? Land Politics and Refugee Settlement in Uganda (*Data collection in progress*).
- Explaining the Gender Gap: Women & Land Titling in Kenya. With Mai Hassan.

OTHER WRITING & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- “There’s a long, troubling history behind the Capitol attack,” *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*. 1/24/21. [Link](#).
- “Will the US Experience Election Violence? Lessons from Kenya.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, 10/29/2020. [Link](#).
- “Why do people participate in election violence? Insights from Kenya’s 2007 elections.” *The Conversation*, 8/18/2020 | [Link](#).
- New Books Network. Interview with Susan Thompson. 8/5/2020 | [Link](#).
- [Book review](#): *Violence in African Elections: Between Democracy and Big Man Politics*, by Mimmi Soderberg Kovas and Jesper Bjarnesen (eds) in *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*, 90(2): 424-425.
- Ufahamu Africa. Interview with Rachel Riedl (Episode 78), 11/2/2019 | [Link](#).
- “What do shifting grass-roots dynamics tell us about the Zimbabwe election?” *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, 8/30/2018. [Link](#).
- Ufahamu Africa. Interview with Kim Yi Dionne (Episode 28), 9/3/2017 | [Link](#).
- “Côte d’Ivoire’s 2015 elections: Local Interests and Prospects for Peace,” *APSA Africa Workshop Newsletter*, November 2015.
- “Can an economic boom ensure peaceful elections in Côte d’Ivoire?” *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*. 10/20/15 | [Link](#).

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 Michael Albertus’ *Property without rights: Origins and consequences of the property rights gap* (Cambridge University Press), in *Governance* ([Online first](#)).

2007 Blessings Chinsinga's *Democracy, Decentralization and Poverty Reduction in Malawi* in *African Studies Review*. 52 (1): 201-202.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

2018-2021 Faculty Development Grant, University of San Francisco
2017 Manuscript Revision Conference Award, Buffett Institute, Northwestern University
2016 Best Field Research Award, APSA Comparative Democratization Section
2016 APCG-Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation in African Politics in 2015 (*Honorable Mention*)
2015 African Studies Association, Graduate Student Paper Prize
2015 American Political Science Association Africa Workshop Fellow, Nairobi (July 2015)
2014-2015 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
2014-2015 Security Studies Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Robert S. Strauss Center, UT-Austin
2014 Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship
2013-2014 United States Institute of Peace, Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship
2012-2013 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship
2011-2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
2011 Vilas Research Travel Grant, UW-Madison
2010 International Field Research Award, Division of International Studies, UW-Madison
2010-2011 FLAS Academic Year Fellowship for Swahili
2009 FLAS Summer Fellowship for Swahili
2007-2008 Fulbright Fellowship (Malawi), Institute for International Education
2006 Fox Boornstein International Internship Fellowship, Smith College, MA

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2020 Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop: Pursuit of Peacefully Polling (Virtual, December).
2020 Peace Science Society Workshop on Elections and Violence (Virtual, November).
2019 Cornell University, Institute for African Development (October).
2019 UC Berkeley, ORIAS Summer Institute, Global Rise of National Populism (June).
2018 UC Berkeley, Africa Colloquium (March).
2017 University of Iowa, African Studies Program (March).
2017 University of Florida, Baraza Lecture Series, Center for African Studies (February).
2016 Northwestern University, Comparative Politics Workshop (December).
2016 Midwest Working Group in African Political Economy (MGAPE), Minneapolis, MN (October).
2016 University of Minnesota, "Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa," (October).
2016 Northwestern University, GESI, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, (June).
2016 Northwestern University, Buffett Institute for Global Studies (January).
2015 UW-Madison, Land Tenure Center, Nelson Institute (December).
2015 IFPRI, "Strengthening Institutions and Governance" Workshop, Washington D.C
2013 SAIS-John Hopkins University, "Kenya at Fifty," Washington D.C.
2013 Social Science Research Council Fellows Workshop, Philadelphia, PA.
2013 University of Nairobi, Institute for Development Studies, Nairobi, Kenya.
2012 Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), Accra, Ghana.

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013)
African Studies Association Annual Meeting (2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2009)
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2018, 2019)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2017, 2016, 2010)

FIELD RESEARCH

- *Uganda*: July-August 2019
- *Kenya*: July-Aug 2017, July-Aug 2015, May 2012-May 2013, May-August, 2010
- *Ghana*: September 2011-May 2012
- *Malawi*: September 2007-July 2008

TEACHING

University of San Francisco

- *Intro to Politics: Conflict & Change* (Spring '21)
- *Politics Lab* (Spring 2020; Fall 2021).
- *Political Economy of Development* (Spring 2020; Fall 2021).
- *Politics of War & Peace* (Spring 2019; Spring 2020)
- *Security and Terrorism* (Fall 2019; Spring 2021)
- *African Politics and Development* (Fall 2019; Spring 2021)
- *Human Rights & Global Change* (Fall 2019; Fall 2021)
- *Land & Human Rights* (Spring 2019)
- *Research Methods* (Fall 2018; Spring 2019)
- *International Law & Organizations* (Fall 2018)

Wesleyan University

- *Democracy and Dictatorship: Politics in the Contemporary World* (Fall 2017; Spring 2018)
- *Land Rights and Conflict* (Fall 2017)
- *African Politics* (Spring 2018)

Northwestern University: *Land Rights and Conflict in a Global Perspective* (Spring 2016; Spring 2017)

AFFILIATIONS, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Coordinator: Research Development Group, Africa Politics Conference Group (APSA 2017; 2020).
- Selection Committee, African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Best Dissertation Award (2021).
- Research Associate, University of Nairobi, Institute for Development Studies (2012-2013).
- Member: APSA, African Studies Association, African Politics Conference Group, ISA.
- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *African Studies Review*, *Political Geography*, *Perspectives on Politics*.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (University of San Francisco).

- Thesis mentor for student's in USF's M.A in International Studies (MAIS).
- Thesis supervisor for students in the M.A in Migration Studies (MIMS).
- Board Member, African Studies Program.

OTHER SKILLS

- Spanish (proficient), Swahili (proficient), Chichewa (basic)
- Stata, ArcGIS, Tableau