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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-Fall 2021)
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics

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

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

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

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](#), [Democratization](#), [Politique étrangère](#), and [Washington Post's the Monkey Cage](#).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 Closing the Gap: The Politics of Land Formalization in Kenya. With Mai Hassan. *World Politics*, 75(3): 233-279. | [Link](#).
- 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

Demanding Recognition: Citizen Perspectives on Clientelism in Africa. With Jeffrey Paller & Martha Wilfahrt (Revise & resubmit, *African Affairs*).

Does Violence Beget Violence? The Enduring Effects of Election Violence on Peacebuilding. [Link](#).

Communal Conflicts and Barriers to Sustainable Peace. With Jana Krause. [Link](#).

Altruistic Hosts? Land Politics and Refugee Settlement in Uganda.

Explaining the Gender Gap: Women & Land Titling in Kenya. With Mai Hassan.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2022 Ambreena Manji’s *The Struggle for Land and Justice in Kenya* (James Currey Press), in *Canadian Journal of African Studies* ([online first](#))
- 2021 Michael Albertus’ *Property without rights: Origins and consequences of the property rights gap* (Cambridge University Press), in *Governance* ([Online first](#)).
- 2020 Mimmi Soderberg Kovas and Jesper Bjarnesen’s *Violence in African Elections: Between Democracy and Big Man Politics* (eds) in *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*, 90(2): 424-425 | [Link](#).
- 2007 Blessings Chinsinga’s *Democracy, Decentralization and Poverty Reduction in Malawi* in *African Studies Review*. 52 (1): 201-202.

OTHER WRITING & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- “Kenya’s 2022 elections: Processes, outcomes, and implications for democracy and governance.” State and Institutions in Africa Working Group, University of Florida (Virtual). 9/19/22. [Link](#).
- “Kenya has a new president, but election might not be over yet,” Deep Dish on Global Affairs (podcast), 8/18/22. [Link](#).
- “What William Ruto’s presidency would mean for Kenya’s economy.” *The Conversation*, 8/16/22. [Link](#).
- “Three things to know about Kenya’s election tomorrow,” *The Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, 8/8/22. [Link](#).

- “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](#).
- 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](#).

MAJOR GRANTS

- 2022 *Project leader*. Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), Government of Sweden. “Land Tenure and Strategies of Climate Resilience.” 2023-2024. *Co-leader*: Emma Elfversson. SEK 699,000.
- 2022 *Project member*. Swedish Research Council. “Strengthening social capital in conflict areas by improving mental health – Evaluating the effects of a randomized controlled trial in northeastern Nigeria.” 2023-2026. SEK 4,754,000. *Project leader*: Jonathan Hall (DPCR).
- 2011 National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Research Improvement Grant

MINOR GRANTS

- 2018-2021 Faculty Development Grant, University of San Francisco
- 2017 Manuscript Revision Conference Award, Buffett Institute, Northwestern University
- 2011 Vilas Research Travel Grant, UW-Madison

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014-2015 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2014-2015 Security Studies Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Robert S. Strauss Center, UT-Austin
- 2015 American Political Science Association Africa Workshop Fellow, Nairobi (July 2015)
- 2014 Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship, Madison, WI
- 2013-2014 United States Institute of Peace, Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship
- 2012-2013 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 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

AWARDS

- 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
- 2010 International Field Research Award, Division of International Studies, UW-Madison

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Rokkan Symposium, University of Bergen, Norway (October).
- 2022 2nd Annual Online Research Workshop “Political Violence and Electoral Politics,” University of Amsterdam (Virtual, October).
- 2021 UC Berkley, Center for African Studies, Africa Matters Seminar (April).
- 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 (2022, 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*: June 2022, July-Aug 2017, July-Aug 2015, May 2012-May 2013, May-August, 2010
- *Ghana*: September 2011-May 2012
- *Malawi*: September 2007-July 2008

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Assistant supervisor to PhD candidate, Leonor Toscano (Dept of Political Science, University of Oslo)
- Master’s thesis supervision, DPCR: Ninette Kouhia (Spring ’22) & Joanna Nakabitto (Spring ’22)
- Master’s thesis supervision, University of San Francisco: Dan Basil (2021), Emmanuel Buualo (2020)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Uppsala University

- Conflict Resolution (Spring ’22)
- Methods B (Spring ’22) and Methods C (Fall ’22).

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)

Participation in manuscript conferences

- Megan Turnbull, School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia, Book Manuscript Workshop, 21 April 2023 (upcoming).
- Kristina Petrova, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, 9 November 2022
- Alexandre Raffoul, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, 19 September 2022 (Halfway seminary)

Pedagogical training

- *Teacher Training Course* (5 weeks), 2022, Division for Development of Teaching and Learning, Uppsala University

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- *Contributor*, [Expert Working Group](#): Democracy and Governance After COVID-19, University of Denver's Korbel School Institute for Comparative and Regional Studies (June 2021-January 2022).
- *Coordinator*: Research Development Group, Africa Politics Conference Group (APSA 2017; 2020).
- Selection Committee, African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Best Dissertation Award (2021).
- Selection Committee, American Political Science Association QMMR Alexander George best article award (2023)
- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *African Studies Review*, *Political Geography*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *World Politics*

LEADERSHIP

- Program Director, International Training on Dialogue and Mediation (2022).
- Director, University of San Francisco, African Studies Program (2020-2021).

AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Research Associate, University of Nairobi, Institute for Development Studies (2012-2013).
- Member: APSA, African Studies Association, African Politics Conference Group, ISA.

LANGUAGES & OTHER SKILLS

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

PARENTAL LEAVE

- August 2020-January 2021 (100%)
- January-July 2023 (100%)