

# Michael Wahman

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Personal

Dual Swedish and US citizen

### Academic positions

- 2023- **Associate Professor**, Michigan State University, Department of Political Science  
**Affiliated Core Faculty**, Michigan State University, African Studies Center.
- 2018-2023 **Assistant Professor**, Michigan State University, Department of Political Science
- 2015-2018 **Assistant Professor**, University of Missouri- Columbia, Department of Political Science  
**Affiliated Faculty**, University of Missouri, Department of Black Studies.
- 2013-2015 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Swedish Research Council Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government.
- 2012-2013 **Postdoctoral Fellow/Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of Texas at Austin, Center for European Studies.
- 2012 **Research Fellow**, the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Institute of African Affairs, Hamburg. Working in the project "Ineffective Sanctions? External Sanctions and the Persistence of Autocratic Regimes" (May-August 2012).

### Education

- 2012 **Ph.D.**, Lund University, Sweden.  
Dissertation title: "Uniting Against Autocrats, Opposition Coordination, Turnovers and Democratization by Elections." Advisors: Jan Teorell (Lund University) and Staffan I. Lindberg (University of Florida and Gothenburg University). External examiner: Andreas Schedler. *\*Winner of the Oscar II Dissertation Award*
- 2011 **Pre-doctoral Fellow** (Sweden-America fellow), University of Texas at Austin.
- 2008 **M.A.** Political Science, Lund University.
- 2007 **B.A.** Political Science, Lund University.

### Visiting Fellowships and Affiliations

- 05-07/2023 **Aarhus University**, Department of Political Science, Visiting Fellow
- 2023 **Governance and Local Development Institute (GLD), University of Gothenburg**, Research Fellow
- 2022- **German Institute for Global and Area Studies**, Research Associate
- 2020- **Folke Bernadotte Academy**, Invited Member, Research Working Group
- 05-07/2022 **University College London**, Department of Political Science, Visiting Fellow
- 07/2019 **London School of Economics and Political Science**, Department of Government, Visiting Fellow
- 04/2019 **University of Cape Town**, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, Visiting Fellow

### Editorial Boards

- Democratization 2021-

### Academic training

- University of Missouri Scholars Program, University of Missouri, October 2016- April 2017
- Inter-University Consortium for Political Science Research (ICPSR), Certificate in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, June-August 2009.
- Centre for Educational Development (CED), Lund University, Teaching in Higher Education Certificate, March-April 2010.

### Books

3. Wahman, Michael. 2023. *Controlling Territory, Controlling Voters: The Electoral Geography of African Campaign Violence*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- Author Meets Critics Roundtable at the 2023 African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Commentators: Adrienne Lebas, Natalie Letsa, Meshack Simati, and Megan Turnbull)

2. Bech Seeberg, Merete, Michael Wahman, and Svend-Erik Skaaning (Eds.). 2019. *Violence and Candidate Nomination in Africa*. London: Routledge.

1. Patel, Nandini and Michael Wahman (Eds.). 2015. *The 2014 Malawi Tripartite Elections. Is Democracy Maturing?*. Lilongwe: National Initiative for Civic Education.

### Edited Special Issues

2. Bech Seeberg, Merete, Michael Wahman, and Svend-Erik Skaaning. "Candidate Nomination, Intra-party Democracy, and Election Violence in Africa" *Democratization* 2018: 25(6)

1. Wahman, Michael. "Auktoritär Motståndskraft (Authoritarian Resilience)" *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift* 2013: 115(4)

### Peer-reviewed publications

\* Graduate student co-author

\*\* Undergraduate student co-author

26. Boone, Catherine, Michael Wahman, Stephan Kyburz and Andrew Linke. 2022. "Regional Cleavages in African Politics: Persistent Electoral Blocs and Territorial Opposition." *Political Geography*, 99: 102741.

25. Wahman, Michael and Merete Bech Seeberg. 2022. "Paying to Play: How Parliamentary Candidates Fund Ruling Party Campaigns in Malawi." *Comparative Politics*, 55(1): 95-140.

24. Wahman, Michael and Layla Brooks\*\*. 2022. "A Statistical Analysis of the 2019 Malawi Presidential and Parliamentary Vote: Persistence, Change, and Electoral Geography." in Patel, Nandini and Fidelis Edge Kanyongolo (Eds.) *Democracy Tested: Malawi's 2019 Tripartite Elections*. Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press.

23. Wahman, Michael, Nikolaos Frantzeskakis\*, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim\*. 2021. "From Thin to Thick Representation: How a Female President Shapes Female Parliamentary Behavior." *American Political Science Review*, 115(2): 360-378.
22. von Borzyskowski, Inken and Michael Wahman. 2021. "Systematic Measurement Error in Election Violence Data: Causes and Consequences." *British Journal of Political Science*, 51(1): 230-252.
21. Kerr, Nicholas and Michael Wahman. 2021. "Electoral Rulings and Public Trust in African Courts and Elections" *Comparative Politics*, 53(2): 257-290.
20. Hinfelaar, Marja, O'Brien Kaaba, and Michael Wahman. 2021. "Electoral Turnovers and the Disappointment of Enduring Presidential Power: Constitution Making in Zambia" *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, 15(1): 63-84.
19. Wahman, Michael and Edward Goldring\*. 2020. "Pre-Electoral Violence and Territorial Control: Political Dominance and Subnational Election Violence in Africa." *Journal of Peace Research*, 57(1):93-110.
18. Wahman, Michael. 2020. "Violence and Money: A Constituency-level Survey of Election Manipulation." in Banda, Tinenenji, O'Brien Kaaba, Marja Hinfelaar, and Muna Ndulo. (Eds.) *Democracy and Electoral Politics in Zambia*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 283-310
17. Sato, Yuko\* and Michael Wahman. 2019. "Elite Coordination and Popular Protest: The Joint Effect on Democratic Change." *Democratization*, 26(8): 1419-1438.
16. Wahman, Michael and Catherine Boone. 2018. "Captured Countryside? Stability and Change in Sub-National Support for African Incumbent Parties." *Comparative Politics*, 50(2): 189-208.
15. Bech Seeberg, Merete, Michael Wahman and Svend-Erik Skaaning. 2018. "Candidate Nomination, Intra-party Democracy, and Election Violence in Africa." *Democratization*, 25(6): 959-977.
- Reprinted in Bech Seeberg, Merete, Michael Wahman, and Svend-Erik Skaaning (Eds.). 2019. *Violence and Candidate Nomination in Africa*. London: Routledge.
14. Goldring, Edward\* and Michael Wahman. 2018. "Fighting for a Name on the Ballot: A Constituency-Level Analysis of Nomination Violence in Zambia." *Democratization*, 25(6): 996-1015.
- Reprinted in Bech Seeberg, Merete, Michael Wahman, and Svend-Erik Skaaning (Eds.). 2019. *Violence and Candidate Nomination in Africa*. London: Routledge.
13. Wahman, Michael and Cooper Drury. 2018. "Leverage, Diplomacy, and African Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgendered and, Intersex Rights: Malawi and Zambia Compared." *Journal of Human Rights*, 17(5): 622-641.
12. Teorell, Jan and Michael Wahman. 2018. "Institutional Stepping Stones for Democracy: How and Why Multipartyism Enhances Democratic Change." *Democratization*, 25(1): 78-97.
11. Wahman, Michael. 2017. "Nationalized Incumbents and Regional Challengers – Opposition and Incumbent Party Nationalization in Africa." *Party Politics*, 23(3): 309-322.
10. Boone, Catherine and Michael Wahman. 2015. "Rural Bias in African Electoral Systems- Legacies of Unequal Representation in African Democracies." *Electoral Studies*, 40: 335-346.
9. von Soest, Christian and Michael Wahman. 2015. "Are Democratic Sanctions Really Counterproductive?" *Democratization*, 22(6): 957-980.

8. Wahman, Michael and Daniel Chapman\*\*. 2015. "The Persistent and Increasing Problem of Malapportionment in Malawi- A Statistical Argument for Redistricting." in Patel, Nandini and Michael Wahman (Eds.) *The 2014 Malawi Tripartite Elections. Is Democracy Maturing?*. Lilongwe: National Initiative for Civic Education, pp. 52-69.
7. von Soest, Christian and Michael Wahman. 2015. "Not all Dictators are Equal: Coups, Fraudulent Elections and the Selective Targeting of Democratic Sanctions." *Journal of Peace Research*, 52(1): 17-31.
6. Wahman, Michael. 2014. "Electoral Coordination in Anglophone Africa." *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 52(2): 187-211.
5. Wahman, Michael. 2014. "Democratization and Electoral Turnovers in Sub-Saharan Africa and Beyond." *Democratization*, 21(2): 220-243.
4. Wahman, Michael. 2013. "Motståndskraft i Konkurrensutsatta Autokratier- Maktskiften, Partiinstitutionalisering och Demokratisering" (The Resilience of Competitive Authoritarian Regimes-Turnovers, Party Institutionalization and Democratization), *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift*, 114 (4), 427-449.
3. Wahman, Michael, Jan Teorell and Axel Hadenius. 2013. "Authoritarian Regime Types Revisited: Updated Data in Comparative Perspective." *Contemporary Politics*, 19(1): 19-34.

\*Most cited article published in *Contemporary Politics*

-Reprinted in Croissant, Aurel, Steffen Kalitz, Patrick Koelner, and Stefan Wurster (Eds.). 2014. *Comparing Autocracies in the Early Twenty-first Century (Volume 1)*. London: Routledge.

2. Wahman, Michael. 2013. "Opposition Coalitions and Democratization by Elections." *Government and Opposition*, 48(1): 3-32.
1. Wahman, Michael. 2011. "Offices and Policies: Why do Oppositional Parties Form Pre-electoral Coalitions in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes?" *Electoral Studies*, 30(4): 642-657.

### Editor-reviewed publications

\* Graduate student co-author

8. Wahman, Michael. 2022. "Book Review: Shock to the System: Coups Elections and War on the Road to Democratization, by Michael K. Miller." *Governance*, 35(3): 951-953.
7. Frantzeskakis, Nicholas\*, Michael Wahman, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim\*. 2022. "Malawi: Legislative Debate Under Executive Dominance." in Bäck, Hanna, Marc Debus, and Jorge M. Fernandes (Eds.) *The Politics of Legislative Debates Around the World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press., pp. 553-572
6. Bryant, Kenneth Jr.\* and Michael Wahman. 2017. "Rural Voters." in Moghaddam, Fathali M. (Ed.). *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Thousand Oaks: SAGE
5. Goldring, Edward\* and Michael Wahman. 2016. "Democracy in Reverse: The 2016 General Election in Zambia." *Africa Spectrum*, 51(3): 107-121.
4. Wahman, Michael. 2016. "Opposition Coordination in Africa." *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter*, 14(1): 1-7.
3. Patel, Nandini and Michael Wahman. 2015. "Introduction" in Patel, Nandini and Michael Wahman, (Eds.) *The 2014 Malawi Tripartite Elections. Is Democracy Maturing?*. Lilongwe: National Initiative for Civic Education., pp. 2-13.

2. Patel, Nandini and Michael Wahman. 2015. "The Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Elections in Malawi, May 2014." *Africa Spectrum*, 50(1): 79-92.

1. Wahman, Michael. 2013. "Introduktion: Att Studera, Mäta och Förklara Auktoritär Motståndskraft" (Introduction: How to Study, Measure and Explain Autocratic Resilience). *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift*, 114(4): 261-73.

### Policy Reports

3. Wahman, Michael. 2023. "The Cost of Politics in Zambia: Implications for Political Participation and Development." London: *Westminster Foundation for Democracy*

2. Sichone, Owen and Michael Wahman. 2021. "Election Violence in Zambia." *Zambia Election Analysis Project (ZEAP) Briefing Paper Series*, Lusaka: Westminster Foundation for Democracy and Southern African Institute for Policy and Research.

1. Wahman, Michael. 2019. "The Cost of Politics in Malawi." London: *Westminster Foundation for Democracy*

### Work Under review

\* Graduate student co-author

\*\* Undergraduate student co-author

- Nicholas Kerr, Matthias Krönke\*, and Michael Wahman. "Perceptions of Electoral Integrity and Competitive Authoritarian Turnovers." (Revise and Resubmit, *Public Opinion Quarterly*)
- Hangala Siachiwena, and Michael Wahman. "The Political Economy of Urban Party Switching in African Elections: Evidence from Zambia" (Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Modern African Studies*)
- Seeberg, Merete Bech and Michael Wahman. "How Does Primary Election Manipulation Affect Women's Representation? Evidence from Malawi."
- Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos,\* Alejandra López Villegas,\* and Michael Wahman. "Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia."
- Von Borzyskowski, Inken and Michael Wahman. "Political Participation and Urban Election Violence: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Zambia"
- George Oforu, Merete Bech Seeberg, and Michael Wahman. "Messages Matter: How Voter Education Campaigns Affect Voters' Willingness to Vote for Women."

### Work in Preparation

- Von Borzyskowski, Inken and Michael Wahman. "Citizen Acceptance of Political Violence in a New Democracy: Evidence from a Zambian Panel Survey."
- Nicholas Kerr and Michael Wahman. "Can't Afford to Lose: Parliamentary Election Spending and Acceptance of Election Defeat."
- Nicholas Kerr, Bridgett King, and Michael Wahman "Public Trust in Elections." Guest Editors for Special Issue in *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
- George Oforu, Merete Bech Seeberg, and Michael Wahman. "The Impact of Gender Campaigns on Female Political Participation."

### Op-eds and blogs (in selection)

- *Democracy in Africa*. "Interview: Joyce Banda and the Inspirational Effect of a Female President." 04/20/2021

- *The Conversation*. “Will Bold Landmark Election Ruling Improve Malawian Democracy.” 02/10/2020
- *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. “Why Does Malawi have 1,331 Candidates Running for 193 Seats in Parliament?” 03/11/2019.
- *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. “A Zambian Opposition Leader was Arrested, but there are Deeper Cracks in the Country’s Democracy.” 05/18/2017.
- *Africa at LSE*. ”Zambia Decides 2016” 08/10/2016 (with Hangala Siachiwena)
- *Democracy in Africa*. “Democracy in Africa: Lessons from Malawi” 12/21/2015. (with Nandini Patel)
- *Democracy in Africa*. “New Year, New Questions: Michael Wahman.” 01/21/2015.
- *Africa at LSE*. “Zambia Presidential Elections: Why is it so Hard to Predict a Potential Winner?” (with Catherine Boone). 01/19/2015.
- *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. “How the West Selectively Promotes Democracy Through Sanctions.” (with Christian von Soest). 01/10/2015.
- *Democracy in Africa*. “Disappointing Democrats: Exploring the Link Between Democratization and Electoral Turnovers.” 08/26/2014.
- *E-International Relations*. “The Underestimated Effect of Democratic Sanctions.” (with Christian von Soest). 04/26/2014.
- *Svenske Tidskrift*. “Kenyansk Presidentdebatt utan Sakfrågor” (Kenyan Presidential Debate without Policy Issues.) 02/15/2013.
- *Göteborgs Posten*. “SD som Vågmästare: En Framgångsrik Myt.” (The Sweden Democrats as a Pivotal Party: A Successful Myth.) 08/10/2010.

#### Awards

- Oscar II award for best PhD dissertation at Lund University’s College of Social Science (2011 and 2012)

#### Grants and fellowships (above \$3,000)

Note: Some amounts converted and approximated from Swedish Crowns (SEK) or British Pounds (GBP)

- **Aarhus University Research Foundation, 2023 (one-year grant)**  
Project title: Trust in Elections  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Purpose: 2-month research stay at Aarhus University  
Amount: \$6,000
- **Folke Bernadotte Academy, 2022 (one-year grant)**  
Project Title: Urban Election Violence and Political Exclusion in Kenya.  
PI: Inken von Borzyskowski (University College London)  
Co-Investigator: Michael Wahman  
Amount: \$39,000
- **Folke Bernadotte Academy, 2021 (one-year grant)**  
Project Title: Urban Election Violence and Political Exclusion in Africa.  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Co-Investigators: Inken von Borzyskowski (University College London)  
Amount: \$47,000
- **Westminster Foundation for Democracy, 2020 (one-year grant)**  
Project Title: The Zambia Candidate Survey  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Amount: \$13,000
- **Westminster Foundation for Democracy, 2020 (one-year grant)**  
Project Title: The Effectiveness of Gender Campaigns on Female Political Representation.  
PI: Michael Wahman

Co-Investigators: George Oforu (LSE) Merete Bech Seeberg (Aarhus University)  
Amount: \$15,000

- **Aarhus University, 2020 (one-year grant)**  
Project title: The Effectiveness of Gender Campaigns on Female Political Representation.  
PI: Merete Bech Seeberg (Aarhus University)  
Co-Investigators: George Oforu (LSE) Michael Wahman  
Amount: \$22,000
- **Westminster Foundation for Democracy, 2019 (one-year grant)**  
Project title: Malawi Candidate Survey  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Co-Investigator: Merete Bech Seeberg (Aarhus University)  
Amount: \$13,000
- **Economic and Social Research Council, 2018 (three-year grant)**  
Project title: Spatial Inequality in African Political Economy  
PI: Catherine Boone (LSE)  
Co-Investigators: Michael Wahman, Andrew Linke (University of Utah), Leigh Gardner (London School of Economics and Political Science)  
Amount: \$1.4 million
- **Aarhus University, 2018 (one-year grant)**  
Project title: The Malawi Observation of Party Primaries (MOPP)  
PI: Merete Bech Seeberg (Aarhus University) and Michael Wahman  
Amount: \$30,000
- **Magnus Bergvall's Foundation, 2016 (two-year grant)**  
Project title: African Election Manipulation from the Bottom Up  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Purpose: Fieldwork and surveys in Zambia  
Amount: \$18,000
- **Research Council, University of Missouri, 2015 (one-year grant)**  
Project title: African Election Manipulation from the Bottom Up  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Purpose: Fieldwork and surveys in Zambia  
Amount: \$10,000
- **The Royal Research Society, 2013**  
Purpose: Support for conference organization  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Amount: \$3,500
- **Swedish Research Council, 2012 (two-year grant)**  
Project title: Elections and Electoral Corruption in New Democracies  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Purpose: Two-year postdoctoral visit at the London School of Economics and Political Science  
Amount: \$250,000
- **Wenner-Gren Foundation, 2012 (one-year grant- declined)**  
Project title: Elections and Electoral Corruption in New Democracies  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Purpose: One-year postdoctoral visit at the London School of Economics and Political Science  
Amount: \$40,000
- **Sven and Dagmar Sahlen's Foundation, 2012 (one-year grant)**  
Purpose: Support for Postdoctoral Research at University of Texas at Austin  
PI: Michael Wahman  
Amount: \$4,000
- **Sweden-America Foundation, 2010 (six-month grant)**  
Purpose: Support for Pre-doctoral Research at University of Texas at Austin  
Amount: \$7,000
- **The Foundation to the Memory of Lars Hierta, 2010**  
PI: Michael Wahman

Purpose: Fieldwork in Kenya  
Amount: \$3,000

- **Swedish Research Council, 2009**

Purpose: Support for two months at the ICPSR Summer School in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan  
Amount: \$3,000+Tuition fees

#### Smaller grants and fellowships (below \$3.000)

Michigan State University African Studies Center Course Development Grant 2019 and 2021; Michigan State University Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant 2020; University of Missouri International Travel Grant 2017, Kinder Foundation 2015; Karl Staaf Foundation, 2012 and 2013; Siamon Foundation, 2011; Sven and Dagmar Salén's Foundation, 2010 and 2012; American Political Science Association, travel grant, 2010; Birgit and Sven Håkan Ohlsson's Foundation, 2011; International Studies Association, travel grant, 2010; The Foundation to the Memory of Lars Hierta, 2008 and 2009; The Crafoord Foundation, 2009; Letterstedt's Foundation, 2009; The Academic Society in Lund, 2008.

#### Conference and workshop participation (in selection)

- American Political Science Association (APSA) 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010
- African Studies Association (ASA) 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2017, 2016, 2013
- Peace Science Society 2020
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) 2019
- Political Parties in Africa Conference, University of Cape Town 2021
- Southern African Institute for Policy and Research (SAIPAR) Fieldwork Workshop, Lusaka, 2016
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 2014, 2013, 2009
- Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference 2015
- National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE) Post-election Conference, Lilongwe, 2014
- ECPR Research Sessions, Florence, 2012.
- GIGA workshop on Autocratic Regimes and the Effects of International Sanctions, Hamburg, 2012
- Institute for African Development, Spring Symposium, Cornell University, 2012.
- European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), 2011.
- Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA) Annual Meeting, 2010, 2008
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, 2010.

#### Invited talks

- *National Democratic Institute*, Overcoming Challenges to Women's Political Representation in Malawi and Zambia Workshop, Lusaka Zambia, "How Does Primary Election Manipulation Affect the Selection of Women?" 10 August 2023.
- *Aarhus University*, Department of Political Science, "Controlling Territory, Controlling Voters: The Electoral Geography of African Campaign Violence." June 9, 2023.
- *London School of Economics and Political Science*, Department of Government/African Political Economy Group, "Controlling Territory, Controlling Voters: The Electoral Geography of African Campaign Violence." May 26, 2022.
- *University College London*, Department of Political Science/Conflict Working Group, "Fear of Election Violence, Urban Geography, and Political Participation." January 26, 2022 [Virtual] (with Inken von Borzyskowski)



- *London School of Economics and Political Science*, Comparative Politics/Comparative Political Economy Working Group. “Regional Cleavages in African Politics.” March 4, 2021. [Virtual] (With Catherine Boone).
- *Zambia Election Research Network (University of Warwick, University of Cape Town, and Southern African Institute for Policy and Research)*, “The Zambia Candidate Survey.” December 4, 2020 [Rescheduled for virtual presentation due to COVID-19].
- *University of California San Diego*, Comparative Politics Research Group, “Regional Cleavages in African Politics: Persistent Electoral Blocs and Territorial Opposition.”, July 22, 2020 [Virtual Presentation] (with Catherine Boone).
- *University of Mannheim*, Department of Political Science, “Attracting Affluence: A Decentralized Theory of Incumbent Party Resource Advantage with Evidence from Malawi” Mannheim, Germany, April 7, 2020. [Rescheduled for virtual presentation due to COVID-19]
- *Folke Bernadotte Academy*, “Violence and Manipulation in African Candidate Selection Processes.” Stockholm, Sweden, March 2, 2020.
- *Aarhus University*, Department of Political Science, “Ruling Party Advantages from the Top-Down or the Bottom-up: Unequal Campaign Spending in Malawi Parliamentary Elections.” Aarhus, Denmark, February 27, 2020
- *Westminster Foundation for Democracy*, Keynote at press conference on the release of the Cost of Politics Survey, Lilongwe, Malawi, November 27, 2019
- *University of Michigan*, Center for Political Studies, “Local Political Dominance and African Election Violence.” Center for Political Studies, Ann Arbor (MI), United States, October 2, 2019
- *British Institute in Eastern Africa*, Land Governance and Subnational Dynamics in African Politics Conference, “Patterns of Regionalism.” Nairobi, Kenya, June 7, 2019 (with Andrew Linke)
- *University of Cape Town*. “Democracy in the Polarized African State.” Cape Town, South Africa, April 8, 2019.
- *University of Ghana*, Gender, Political Participation and Development in Africa Workshop. “A Sister in State House: How A Woman President Affects Female Parliamentary Behavior.”, Accra, Ghana, January 25, 2019.
- *University of Cape Town*, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, “Introducing the Malawi Observation of Party Primaries (MOPP) Project”, Cape Town, South Africa, December 10, 2018.
- *Aarhus University*, Department of Political Science, “A Sister in State House: How A Woman President Affects Female Parliamentary Behavior.”, Aarhus, Denmark, October 27, 2018.
- *Folke Bernadotte Academy*, “Dominance and Sub-national Election Violence.”, Stockholm, Sweden, June 1, 2018.
- *Cornell University*, Institute for African Development, “Courts and Institutional Legitimacy in African Competitive Authoritarianism.” Ithaca (NY), United States, April 28, 2018.
- *Aarhus University*, Department of Political Science, “Candidate Selection and Intra-Party Violence in Africa.”, Aarhus, Denmark, March 29, 2017.
- *Uppsala University*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, “The Causes and Consequences of Reporting Bias in Election Violence Data.” Uppsala, Sweden, March 27, 2017.
- *University of Bergen*, Center of Law and Social Transformation, “Diplomacy, Western Leverage, and African LGBTI Rights- Malawi and Zambia Compared.” Bergen, Norway, November 21, 2016.
- *National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE) and Institute for Policy Interaction (IPI)*, “Lessons from ‘Is Democracy Maturing’” Book launch, Lilongwe, Malawi, February 3, 2016.
- *University of Bergen/Chr Michelsen’s Institute*. “Uncertainty and Subnational Election Manipulation: Lessons from the Malawi Election Monitor Survey (MEMS).” Bergen, Norway, March 4, 2015.
- *London School of Economics and Political Science*, African Politics Seminar “Captured Countryside? Stability and Change in Sub-National Support for African Incumbent Parties.” London, United Kingdom, January 29, 2015 (with Catherine Boone).
- *King’s College London*, Political Economy Seminar, “Electoral Rentierism – The Cross- and Sub-national Effect of Oil on Electoral Competitiveness in Multiparty Autocracies”, London, United Kingdom, November 19, 2014.

- *German Institute of Global and Area Studies*, Africa Seminar “Rural Bias in African Electoral Systems- Unequal Representation in Single Member District Elections.” Hamburg, Germany, January 15, 2014.
- *Lund University*, Symposium on Scandinavian Democratization Research, “Turnovers and Electoral Autocracy.” Lund, Sweden, December 12, 2013.
- *Rice University*, International Relations Seminar, “Aiming at Democratization: Are Democratic Sanctions Really Counterproductive?”, Houston (TX), United States, May 3, 2013.
- *German Institute of Global and Area Studies*, Africa Seminar “Duverger’s Law in Africa.” Hamburg, Germany, July 3, 2012.
- *Gothenburg University*, Quality of Government Institute, “Oppositional Coordination and Democratization by Elections.” Gothenburg, Sweden October 4, 2011
- *University of Wisconsin- Madison*, African Studies Seminar, “Democratization and Electoral Turnovers in Sub-Saharan Africa and Beyond.” Madison (WI), United States, April 19, 2011.
- *University of Texas- Austin*, Department of Political Science Research Seminar, “Oppositional Coordination and Democratization by Elections.” Austin (TX), United States, April 8, 2011.
- *Masinde Muliro University*, “Electoral Authoritarianism.” Nairobi, Kenya, October 18, 2010

### Courses taught (Michigan State University)

#### Graduate courses:

- Mixed Method (FS 2018)
- Parties and Elections (FS 2019, FS 2021)

#### Undergraduate courses:

- Study Abroad in London, British Politics and Society (Summer 2023)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (SS2022, SS2023)
- Politics of Europe and the European Union (SS 2018)
- Integrated Social Studies: African Social Science Perspectives (SS 2020, FS 2020)
- African Politics (SS2020, FS2020, FS2021, SS2023)
- Free and Fair? Election Rigging in Comparative Perspective (FS2022)

### Courses taught (University of Missouri)

#### Graduate courses:

- Comparative Democratization (SS 2018)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (FS 2016, FS 2017)
- Elections in new democracies (SS 2016)

#### Undergraduate courses:

- African politics (SS 2018)
- Comparative Political Systems (FS 2015, SS 2016, FS 2016, FS 2017)
- Politics of Modern Europe (FS 2015, SS 2017)
- The Age of Democratization? (SS 2017)

### Courses taught (London School of Economics)

#### MA courses:

- Comparative Democratization in a Global Age (FS 2014)

#### Courses taught (University of Texas at Austin)

##### Undergraduate courses:

- Swedish Politics after the EU Membership (FS 2012)
- Sweden in the European Union (SS 2013)

#### Courses taught (Lund University)

##### MA courses:

- Political and Social Change in Developing Countries

##### Undergraduate courses:

- Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies
- Development Studies: Development Theories
- Methods in Political Science
- Theory of Science and Research Methods

#### Advising

- Graduate Student advising (Michigan State University)

##### Chair and co-chair

- Nikolaos Frantzeskakis, PhD Student, Co-Chair (together with Jeffrey Conroy-Krutz), 2018-
  - Assistant Professor, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom)
- Fariha Tabassum, PhD Student, Chair, 2021-

##### Committee member

- Stephen Anderson, PhD Student, Committee member, 2018-
  - Christina Scheller, PhD Student, Committee member, 2019-
  - Elisabeth Brannon, PhD Student, Committee member, 2020-2021, dissertation defended 2021
    - Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Denver,  
Assistant Professor, Texas-Tech University  
Assistant Professor, Indiana University
  - Alejandra López Villegas, PhD Student, Committee member, 2021-
  - Kelechi Amakoh, PhD Student, Committee member, 2021-
  - Benjamin Yoel, PhD Student, Committee member, 2021-
  - Li-Hong Weng, PhD Student, Committee member, 2023-
  - Tosin Salau, PhD Student, Committee member, 2023-
- Graduate Student advising (University of Missouri)

##### Chair and co-chair

- Laila Farooq, PhD. Student, Co-Chair (together with Amanda Murdie), 2016-2018, dissertation defended in 2018
  - Assistant Professor, Institute of Business Administration (Pakistan)
- Nikolaos Frantzeskakis, M.A. Student, Chair, thesis defended in 2018
  - PhD Student, Michigan State University

#### Committee member

- Edward Goldring, PhD Student, (External) Committee member, 2017-2020, dissertation defended in 2020
    - Post-doctoral Fellow, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Assistant Professor University of York (United Kingdom)
  - Yuko Sato, PhD Student, (External) Committee member, 2017-2021, dissertation defended in 2021
    - Post-doctoral Fellow, Varieties of Democracy Institute, Gothenburg University (Sweden)
  - Elijah Agyapong, PhD Student, Committee member, 2015-2016, dissertation defended in 2016
    - Assistant Professor, Regent University
  - Travis Ernst, PhD Student, Committee member, 2015-2016, dissertation defended in 2016
    - Social Science Research Analyst, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- External PhD Evaluator
    - Batlang S. Seabo, Stellenbosh University, South Africa, 2022

#### Undergraduate advising and mentorship

- Undergraduate academic advisor (LSE)
- Undergraduate Mentor (Michigan State University)
- Bachelor thesis advisor (Lund University).

#### Fieldwork

- Kenya: 2010, 2023
- Malawi: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2022
- Zambia: 2013, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023

#### Service to the Discipline, University, College and Department

##### Service to the Discipline

- Committee Chair for best paper published in *Democratization*, 2022
- Co-Chair African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Program Committee for the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2018
- Member of Elections Committee, African Politics Conference Group (APCG), 2021
- Convener African Legislators Working Group (ALWG) Online Colloquium 2018-2020
- Application reader, Mandela Washington Fellowship, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), 2021

## Journal Peer-reviews

*African Affairs* (2), *Africa Spectrum*, *African Studies*, *American Journal of Political Science* (6), *American Political Science Review* (5), *British Journal of Political Science* (7), *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *Comparative Politics* (4), *Comparative Political Studies* (8), *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Contemporary Politics*, *Cooperation & Conflict*, *Democratization* (16), *Electoral Studies* (5), *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Political Science Review*, *Government and Opposition* (3), *International Studies Quarterly* (2), *International Studies Review*, *Journal of African Elections* (2), *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* (2), *Journal of Eastern African Studies* (9), *The Journal of International Development*, *Journal of Modern African Studies* (2), *Journal of Peace Research* (8), *Journal of Politics* (3), *Malawi Journal of Social Science*, *Political Geography* (2), *Political Research Quarterly* (2), *Party Politics* (3), *Political Research Exchange*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Science Research & Methods*, *Policy Studies*, *Political Studies* (2), *Political Studies Review*, *Politics & Policy*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Public Administration and Development*, *Publius: Journal of Federalism*, *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* (3), *World Politics* (4)

## Book Manuscript Peer-reviews

*Cambridge University Press*, *Johns Hopkins University Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *Palgrave Macmillan*, *University of Michigan Press*, *Princeton University Press*

## Grant Proposal Peer-reviews

University of Missouri Research Board

## Service to the University

### Michigan State University

- Member of the University Committee for Faculty Affairs, 2021/2022

## Service to the Department

### Michigan State University

- Member: Faculty Advisory Committee, 2021/2022
- Member: Chair Search Committee, 2021
- Member: Bratton Fellowship award committee 2018-
- Member: Undergraduate Committee 2018/2019, 2022/2023
- Member: Diversity Committee, 2019/2020
- Member: Comparative Politics Committee, 2022/2023
- Member: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Committee (African Studies Center) 2021
- Convener Comparative Politics Workshop, 2022/2023

### University of Missouri

- Convener: Department brown bag seminar, 2017/2018
- Chair: Lectures Committee, 2017/2018
- Organizer: Graduate Student Writers' Group, 2016-2018
- Member: undergraduate committee, 2015/2016

### Lund University

- With Richard Andersson, author of instruction manual for the usage of statistical software SPSS: “En introducerande guide till SPSS” (SPSS: An introduction guide)
- Member of the jury for the annual Hydén Prize, awarded for the best development related Bachelor or Master thesis written at Lund University (2010 and 2011).

### Consultancy and assignments

2023	<b>National Democratic Institute (NDI)</b> , Washington D.C. Organizer Malawi-Zambia Knowledge Exchange on Women’s Political Representation
2022	<b>Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)</b> , London, United Kingdom Consultant, PI for Cost of Politics Zambia
2019	<b>Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)</b> , London, United Kingdom Consultant, Research for baseline study of candidate selection processes within the African Liberal Network
2019	<b>Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)</b> , London, United Kingdom Consultant, Methodology expert for Cost of Politics Surveys, Mali and Benin
2019	<b>Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)</b> , Stockholm, Sweden Training of long-time and short-time observers in the Swedish EU electoral monitoring mission to the 2019 Malawi election
2016	<b>German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</b> Writing Political economy report on Malawi
2016	<b>Foundation for Democratic Process (FODEP)</b> , Lusaka, Zambia Chief Election Analyst for 2016 Zambian election
2016	<b>Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy (DIPD)</b> , Copenhagen, Denmark Expert evaluator, “Youth in Politics.”
2015-	<b>German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</b> Crisis Early Warning Survey, Country Expert (Malawi).
2014-	<b>Institute for Policy Interaction (IPI)</b> , Blantyre, Malawi Member of international reference group
2013-	<b>Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)</b> , University of Gothenburg and University of Notre Dame, Country Manager (Sweden).

### Other work experience (in selection)

2007-2008	Researcher, Oxford Research, Copenhagen. Reporting about Danish and Swedish labor market development to the European Commission.
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### Professional memberships

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- African Studies Association (ASA)
- African Politics Conference Group (APCG)