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**Academic Employment**

Associate Professor of Political Science, Michigan State University, January 2017-Present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Michigan State University, August 2009-December 2016

**Research Interests and Teaching Fields**

Political information and mass media, elections and campaigns, ethnicity, clientelism, Africa

**Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University, 2009  
Dissertation: *Political Information & Electoral Behavior in Sub-Saharan Africa*  
Committee: Macartan Humphreys (chair), John Huber, Kimuli Kasara

M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, 2003

B.A., World Politics and History, Hamilton College, 2001 (*summa cum laude*)

**Peer-Refereed Journal Publications**

"Media Exposure and Political Participation in a Transitional African Context," *World Development*, vol. 110 (October 2018), pp. 224-42.

"Individual Autonomy and Local-Level Electoral Solidarity in Africa," *Political Behavior*, vol. 40, no. 3 (September 2018), pp. 593-627.

"Loyalty Premiums: Vote Prices and Political Support in a Dominant-Party Regime," *Comparative Politics*, vol. 50, no. 1 (October 2017), pp. 1-20.

"Partisan Media and Engagement: A Field Experiment in a Newly Liberalized System" (w/ Devra Moehler), *Political Communication*, vol. 33, no. 3 (2016), pp. 414-32.

*\*\*Best Paper Award, Experimental Politics Section of the American Political Science Association (for best paper presented at 2013 annual meeting)*

*\*\*Sage Best Paper Award (honorable mention), Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association (for best paper presented at 2013 annual meeting)*

"Electoral Campaigns as Learning Opportunities: Lessons from Uganda," *African Affairs*, vol. 115, no. 460 (July 2016), pp. 516-40.

"Eyes on the Ballot: Priming Effects and Ethnic Voting in the Developing World" (w/ Devra Moehler), *Electoral Studies*, vol. 42 (June 2016), pp. 99-113.

"Partisan Cues and Vote Choice in New Multiparty Systems" (w/ Devra Moehler and Rosario Aguilar), *Comparative Political Studies*, vol. 49, no. 1 (January 2016), pp. 3-35.

“Dynamics of Democratic Satisfaction in Transitional Settings: Evidence from a Panel Study in Uganda” (w/ Nicholas Kerr), *Political Research Quarterly*, vol. 68, no. 3 (September 2015), pp. 593-606.

“Moderation from Bias: A Field Experiment on Partisan Media in a New Democracy” (w/ Devra Moehler), *Journal of Politics*, vol. 77, no. 2 (April 2015), pp. 575-87.

**\*\*Best Paper in Journal of Politics Award, Southern Political Science Association (for 2015)**

**\*\*Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Article of the Year Award, International Communication Association, Political Communication Division (for 2015)**

“Information and Ethnic Politics in Africa,” *British Journal of Political Science*, vol. 43, no. 2 (April 2013), pp. 345-73.

“Museveni and the 2011 Ugandan Election: Did the Money Matter?” (w/ Carolyn Logan), *Journal of Modern African Studies*, vol. 50, no. 4 (December 2012), pp. 625-55.

### **Other Peer-Refereed Publications & Policy Papers**

“What We Know—and Don’t—About Democratization, and Why it Matters for Democracy Promotion” (w/ Erica Frantz), in “Is Democracy Promotion Dead?” (ed. Matthew Cebul), newsletter of the Democracy & Autocracy Section of the American Political Science Association, vol. 18, no. 1 (February 2020), pp. 5-10.

“How Free is Too Free? Across Africa, Media Freedom is on the Defensive” (w/ Josephine Appiah-Nyamekye Sanny), Afrobarometer Policy Paper No. 55 (Pan-African Profile series) (May 2019).

*Theories of Democratic Change, Phase II: Paths Away from Authoritarianism* (w/ Erica Frantz), United States Agency for International Development DRG Center Working Paper (12 December 2017).

“Competing Cleavages in Sub-Saharan Africa? How Economic Distance Affects Ethnic Bloc Politics,” United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research Working Paper 2016/104 (September 2016).

“Museveni and the 2011 Ugandan Election: Did the Money Matter?” (w/ Carolyn Logan), Afrobarometer Working Papers Series, no. 135 (September 2011).

“Mapping Ideologies in African Landscapes” (w/ Dominique Lewis), Afrobarometer Working Papers Series, no. 129 (March 2011).

### **Book Chapters**

“Electoral Persuasion in New Democracies: Challenges and Opportunities” (w/ Rosario Aguilar), in Elizabeth Suhay, Bernard Grofman, and Alexander Trechsel, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion* (October 2019).

“Surveys and Their Use in Understanding African Public Opinion,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African Politics* (April 2019).

“Museveni and the 2011 Ugandan Election: Did the Money Matter?” (w/ Carolyn Logan), in Michael Bratton, ed., *Voting and Democratic Citizenship in Africa* (Lynne Rienner, 2013), pp. 139-58.

“Senegalese Electoral Politics: Evidence of a Serial Dominant-Party System?” (w/ Linda Beck) in Abdoulaye Saine, Boubacar N’Diaye, and Mathurin Hounnikpo, eds., *Elections and Democratization in West Africa* (Trenton: Africa World Press, 2011), pp. 97-122.

### **Working Papers (Under Review or Available in Draft Form)**

“The Legacies of Colonial Partition on Ethnic Politics in Contemporary Africa” (w/ Christian Houle) (Under review)

“Preferences for Traditional and Formal Sector Justice Institutions in Mali” (w/ Matt Winters) (Under review)

“Descriptive Norms & Anti-Democratic Behavior: Experimental Evidence on Combating Hate Speech from Central Africa”

“Media and Attitudes about Electoral Malpractice: Evidence from a Field Experiment in a New Democracy” (w/ Devra Moehler)

“Within-Group Inequality and Ethnic Bloc Politics in Africa”

“Mapping Ideologies in African Landscapes” (w/ Dominique Lewis)

“The Electoral Topography of the African State”

### **Other Ongoing Projects**

“Campaign Effects and Inter-Ethnic Relations in Africa”

“Campaign Effects in Competitive-Authoritarian Regimes”

“Whither the Angry Voter? Evaluation, Information, and Party Support in Africa”

“Parties as Ethnic Mobilizers in Africa? Uganda After the ‘No-Party’ Democracy Experiment”

“Culture Shift? The Effects of Violent Conflict on Attitudes on Women’s Political Participation” (w/ Nicholas Kerr)

“Candidate Appearance Effects in a New Electoral Regime: An Experiment on Visual Cues and Voting Behavior in Uganda” (w/ Dror Walter)

“Who *Transhumes*? Dominant Party Deconstruction and Construction in Senegal” (w/ Fritz Bondoa)

“Mixed Signals? Petty Patronage as a Signaling Strategy in African Campaigns”

### **Book Reviews**

Eric Kramon, *Money for Votes: The Causes and Consequences of Electoral Clientelism in Africa* (New York: Cambridge University Press), in *Journal of Modern African Studies*, vol. 56, no. 3 (September 2018), pp. 523-4.

Rachel Beatty Riedl, *Authoritarian Origins of Democratic Party Systems in Africa* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), in *African Affairs*, vol. 115, no. 455 (April 2015), pp. 308-9.

Aili Mari Tripp, *Museveni's Uganda: Paradoxes of Power in a Hybrid Regime* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2010), in *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 127, no. 1 (Spring 2012), pp. 175-6.

Ed Connerley, Kent Eaton, and Paul Smoke, eds., *Making Decentralization Work: Democracy, Development, and Security* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2010) and Gina M. S. Lambright, *Decentralization in Uganda: Explaining Successes and Failures in Local Governance* (Boulder: FirstForum Press, 2010), in *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 9, no. 4 (December 2011), pp. 961-3.

Lee Ann Fujii, *Killing Neighbors* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2009), in *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 125, no. 1 (Spring 2010), pp. 180-1.

Staffan I. Lindberg, *Democracy and Elections in Africa* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006), in *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 122, no. 2 (Summer 2007), pp. 348-9.

### **Fellowships & Grants**

Impact Award, Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation/NADEL (for study on impact of youth-oriented radio programming in Madagascar) (2020-21) (50,000 CHF)

Embassy of the Netherlands (for study of impact on media programming and grassroots activities on interethnic relations in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Rwanda) (2017-9) (€100,000)

Evaluation Innovation Fund Grant, US State Department Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (for study of impact of radio debate programming in Niger) (2017-9) (\$166,503)

Dr. Gwen Andrew Faculty Initiatives Fund, College of Social Science, Michigan State University (for study of norms around electoral malpractice in Kenya) (2017-8) (\$5,745)

Course Development Award, African Studies Center, Michigan State University (Summer 2017) (\$2,962)

Strategic Partnership Fund Award, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Michigan State University (for study of partisan polarization in Ghana) (Spring 2017) (\$4,760)

United States Agency for International Development, Center of Excellence in Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (for project implemented by the Institute of International Education) (w/ Erica Frantz) (for study on transitions from authoritarianism) (2016-7) (\$119,987)

Dr. Gwen Andrew Faculty Initiatives Fund, College of Social Science, Michigan State University (for study of how violence affects norms on women's political participation in Côte d'Ivoire) (2014-15) (\$5,020)

Research Initiation Grant, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Michigan State University (for study of how violence affects norms on women's political participation in Côte d'Ivoire) (2014) (declined)

National Science Foundation (SES-1024031) (for panel survey on campaigns in Uganda) (2010-3) (\$138,211)

British Broadcasting Corporation Media Action Grant (w/ Devra Moehler) (for field experiment on effects of partisan radio in Ghana) (2012)

International Development Grants Program, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Michigan State University (for panel survey on campaigns in Uganda) (2010-1) (\$4,000)

National Science Foundation (SES-0720275) (for survey experiments in Uganda) (2007-8) (\$12,000)

Teaching Fellowship, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (2002-8)

James Leitner Summer Travel Grant, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University (for study of electoral decision-making and media in Senegal) (2006)

Junior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Democracy and Rule of Law Project) (2001-2)

### **Awards**

*Journal of Politics* Best Paper Award, Southern Political Science Association (for 2015), for “Moderation from Bias: A Field Experiment on Partisan Media in a New Democracy,” w/ Devra Moehler

Kaid-Sanders Best Political Communication Article of the Year Award, International Communication Association, Political Communication Division (for 2015), for “Moderation from Bias: A Field Experiment on Partisan Media in a New Democracy,” w/ Devra Moehler

Best Paper Award, Experimental Politics Section of the American Political Science Association (for best paper presented at 2013 annual meeting), for “Mobilization by Media? A Field Experiment on Partisan Media Effects in Africa,” w/ Devra Moehler

Sage Best Paper Award (honorable mention), Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association (for best paper presented at 2013 annual meeting), for “Mobilization by Media? A Field Experiment on Partisan Media Effects in Africa,” w/ Devra Moehler

### **Conference Presentations & Invited Talks**

“Measuring the Effects of Media: Lessons from Niger.” Presented at M&E Thursday Talk (DME for Peace) (February 2020).

“What We Know—and Don’t—About Democratization” (w/ Erica Frantz). Presented at Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies panel on “Is Democracy Promotion Dead?” (Ann Arbor, February 2020).

“Preferences for Traditional and Formal Sector Justice Institutions in Mali” (w/ Matt Winters). Presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (Washington, August 2019)

“How Free is Too Free? Media Freedom in Africa: Findings from Afrobarometer Round 7 Surveys in 34 Countries” (w/ Josephine Appiah-Nyamekye Sanny). Presented at Joint Media Forum at World Press Freedom Day Conference (Addis Ababa, May 2019).

- “Path Ways from Authoritarianism.” Presented at United States Agency for International Development Tuesday Group Meeting (Washington, June 2017).
- “Path Ways from Authoritarianism” (w/ Erica Frantz). Presented at The Democratic Change Research Initiative, Northwestern University (Evanston, April 2017).
- “Measuring Media Effects in Africa Through Experiments and Quasi-Experiments.” Presented at Symposium on Media & Conflict, *Forum Medien und Entwicklung* (German Forum for Media & Development) (Berlin, November 2016).
- “Within-Group Inequality and Ethnic Bloc Politics in Africa.” United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) Workshop on The Political Implications of Group-Based Inequalities (Helsinki, September 2016).
- “Partisan Media Effects in New Democracies,” University of Missouri (Columbia, MO, April 2016)
- “Media Exposure and Political Participation in a Transitional African Context.” Presented at Conference on Data-Driven Development in Africa (State College, PA, February 2016)
- “Violent Conflict, Gender, and Attitudes on Leadership: Survey Results from Nigeria” (w/ Nicholas Kerr). Presented at Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (Chicago, April 2016)
- “Mobilization by Media? A Field Experiment on Partisan Media Effects in Africa” (w/ Devra Moehler). Presented at Annual Bank Conference on Africa (Berkeley, June 2015), African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Baltimore, November 2013), APSA (Chicago, August 2013), and MPSA (Chicago, April 2014).
- “Media and Attitudes about Electoral Malpractice: Evidence from a Field Experiment in a New Democracy” (w/ Devra Moehler). Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2015).
- “How Campaigns and Election-Day Experiences Affect Evaluations of Democracy in Africa: Panel Evidence from Uganda” (w/ Nicholas Kerr). Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2014).
- “Ballot Design and Ethnic Voting” (w/ Devra Moehler). Presented at Workshop on Emerging Challenges of Electoral Integrity (Chicago, August 2013); ASA (Philadelphia, November-December 2012); APSA (New Orleans, August-September 2012) (conference canceled due to inclement weather); and MPSA (Chicago, April 2012).
- “Partisan Voices on the African Airwaves: An Experiment on the Political Effects of Exposure to Talk Radio” (w/ Devra Moehler). Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2013).
- “What Determines the Price of a Vote? Motive, Means, and Opportunity in Vote-Buying Practices.” Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2013) and APSA (New Orleans, August-September 2012) (conference canceled due to inclement weather).
- “Measuring Campaign Effects in African Contexts.” Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2012); Department of Political Science, Concordia University (Montréal, March 2012); and African Studies Center, Michigan State University (East Lansing, April 2011).

- "Museveni and the 2011 Ugandan Election: Did the Money Matter?" Presented at African Studies Center, Michigan State University (East Lansing, December 2011).
- "Vote Buying in the 2011 Ugandan General Election." Presented at Center for Advanced Study of International Development/GenCen Forum, Michigan State University (East Lansing, September 2011).
- "Parties on the Ballot: Visual Cues and Voting Behavior in Uganda" (w/ Devra Moehler and Rosario Aguilar). Presented at APSA (Seattle, September 2011).
- "Parties as Ethnic Mobilizers in Africa? Uganda After the 'No-Party' Democracy Experiment." Presented at APSA (Washington, September 2010).
- "Mapping Ideologies in African Landscapes" (w/ Dominique Lewis). Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2010).
- "Who Are Africa's (Non) Ethnic Voters? Evaluating Theories on the Salience of Ethnicity in African Electoral Politics." Presented at APSA (Toronto, August 2009).
- "Survey Experiments, Information Processing, and Electoral Decision-Making." Presented at APSA (Boston, August 2008).
- "Information, Petty Patronage, and Voting Behavior in Africa." Presented at New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) (Providence, April 2008).
- "Information, Ethnicity, and Voting Behavior in Africa." Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2008).
- "The Informational Face of Patronage." Presented at ASA (New York, October 2007).
- "How Common is Communalism? Diversity, Information Access, and Community Political Cohesion in Uganda." Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2007).
- "Whither the Angry Voter? Evaluation, Information, and Party Support in Africa." Presented at Boston University African Studies Graduate Conference (Boston, March 2007).
- "African Cities and Incumbent Hostility." Presented at ASA (San Francisco, November 2006).
- "Decentralization as Patronage? Local Government and Regime Support in Uganda." Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2006).
- "The Media, Political Information, and Changing Patterns in Urban and Rural Voting." Presented at Conference on Media and Social Change in Africa (London, March 2006).
- "Determinants of Party Support in Ghana's Fourth Republic." Presented at MPSA (Chicago, April 2005).

### **Selected Media Appearances & Publications**

- "Protecting Media Freedom in Africa," Voice of America Press Freedom Podcast (August 16, 2019)  
<https://www.voanews.com/media/2365846>

“Declining Public Support for Media Freedom in Africa: What Does it Mean for Democratic Values on the Continent?” (w/ Josephine Appiah-Nyamekye Sanny). Center for International Media Assistance blog (August 6, 2019)  
<https://www.cima.ned.org/blog/declining-public-support-for-media-freedom-in-africa-what-does-it-mean-for-democratic-values-on-the-continent/>

“Fresh Vigilance is Needed to Protect Media Freedom Across Africa,” *The Conversation* (August 4, 2019)  
<https://theconversation.com/fresh-vigilance-is-needed-to-protect-media-freedom-across-africa-121030>

“African Governments Are Cracking Down on the News Media. Their Citizens Might Be Okay With That,” *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage) (May 13, 2019)  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/05/13/african-governments-are-cracking-down-news-media-their-citizens-might-be-okay-with-that/>

BBC Focus on Africa (radio interview on media freedom in Africa) (May 4, 2019)

Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (television interview on media freedom) (May 3, 2019)

Channel Islam (South Africa) (radio interview on media freedom in Africa) (May 2, 2019)  
<https://soundcloud.com/channelislam/03-05-19-jeff-conroy-from-afrobaromete>

DeutscheWelle (Online) (interview on media freedom in Africa) (May 1, 2019)  
<https://p.dw.com/p/3HIS1>

DeutscheWelle (Online) (coverage of research on media in Ghana) (November 23, 2016)  
<https://p.dw.com/p/2T3J9>

## Teaching

Michigan State University (assistant & associate professor)

PLS140. Government and Politics of the World (Undergraduate). Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020.

PLS 344. Politics in the Third World (Undergraduate). Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014.

PLS 351. African Politics (Undergraduate). Fall 2009, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2019.

PLS 857. Parties and Elections (Graduate). Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Spring 2015, Fall 2016.

PLS 950. Experimental Methods. Spring 2020.

Harvard University (teaching assistant)

Gov 20. Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate). Fall 2008.

Gov 1790. US Foreign Policy (Undergraduate). Spring 2009.

Columbia University (teaching assistant)

V1501. Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate). Spring 2004, Spring 2005.

G6465. Political Development in the Third World (Graduate). Fall 2004, Spring 2007.

W4415. Political Economy & Sociology of Global Capitalism (Under./Grad.). Fall 2005.

W3619. Life Cycles of Communist Regimes (Undergraduate). Spring 2006.

W4472. Japanese Politics (Undergraduate & Graduate). Fall 2007, Fall 2008.

W4871. Chinese Foreign Policy (Undergraduate). Spring 2008.

## Service

Afrobarometer Working Papers Series Editor (May 2018-Present)

Peer reviewer: *Africa Today*, *African Affairs*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Political Science Review*, *International Interactions*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of East African Studies*, *Journal of Global Development*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Nationalities*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research and Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *World Development*, *World Politics*, CQ Press, Norton-McGraw Hill Higher Education, Oxford University Press, and Afrobarometer Working Papers series

External grants reviewer: National Science Foundation, Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (Social Science Research Council), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Ohio University Research Consortium, Spencer Foundation

Executive Committee, Midwest Group in African Political Economy (2011-Present)

Co-organizer, Alliance for African Partnership Workshop on Youth Engagement in East Africa (Kampala, September 2019)

Country Coder, Varieties of Democracy Project (2018, 2019, 2020)

Best Paper Award Committee, Experimental Politics Section of the American Political Science Association (2016)

Foreign Language Area Studies Selection Committee, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Michigan State University (2016, 2017)

Consultant (for sub-Saharan Africa), *Freedom of the Press*, Freedom House (2016, 2017)

Sage Best Paper Award Committee (for best paper presented in comparative politics at 2014 American Political Science Association annual meeting) (2015)

Best Book Award Committee, African Politics Conference Group (2014)

MPSA Program Committee, Politics of Developing Countries Section Chair (2013-4, 2014-5)

APSA Program Committee (Co-Chair), African Politics Conference Group (Sep. 2010-Sep. 2011)

Editorial Assistant, *Political Science Quarterly* (September 2004-May 2009)

Project Assistant, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University (May 2005-November 2005)

Consultant, Uganda Bureau of Statistics (July 2005-August 2005)

## Research Conducted Outside of United States

Uganda (Summer 2005, Winter 2007-8, Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Fall 2017, Fall 2019)

Senegal (Summer 2006, Summer 2007)  
Ghana (Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Summer 2017)  
Côte d'Ivoire (Spring 2015)  
Rwanda (Summer-Fall 2017, Spring-Summer 2019)  
Kenya (Fall 2017)  
Mali (Spring 2018, Summer 2018)  
Niger (Summer 2018, Fall 2018)

**Skills**

Languages: French (basic proficiency); Spanish (reading proficiency); German (introductory);  
Wolof (introductory)  
Selected software: ArcGIS, QGIS, Stata, SPSS