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## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Current Position:** NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
*Associate Professor of Political Science, 1999-2012*  
*Professor, since 2012*  
*Director, Program of African Studies, 2012-2018*
- Previous Positions:** MODERN WAR INSTITUTE AT WEST POINT, U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY  
*Adjunct Scholar (2018-2019)*
- FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
*Assistant Professor (1994-99) and Associate Professor (1999) of Political Science*
- HAMILTON COLLEGE  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 1992-1994*
- UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
*Visiting Instructor, 1991-1992*
- Courses Taught:** Politics of Development (graduate), African Politics (undergraduate & graduate), Ethnicity & Nationalism, Democratization, Canadian Politics, Political Economy of Industrial States, North-South Relations, Miami in a Global Economy, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Politics of Revolutions, Introduction to International Relations, &c.
- Education:** UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
*PhD, Political Science, May 1992 (Dissertation: "Who Really Rules Sierra Leone? The Politics of Informal Markets and Reform in Africa," Advisor: M. Crawford Young)*
- UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
*MA, International Relations, Dec 1985 (Thesis: "Bargaining with Multinationals: India, Brazil and the Pharmaceutical Industry")*
- HAVERFORD COLLEGE  
*BA, Political Science, May 1984*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

*Warfare in Independent Africa*, Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Reviewed in: *Foreign Affairs* [Nicholas van de Walle] 90:6, (Nov/Dec 2011),  
[H-Net](#) [Richard Reid], (Jan 2012)  
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*Civil Wars* [Tobias Hagmann] 15:2 (2013), 255-57.  
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*Warlord Politics and African States*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1999.

Reviewed in: Review essay by John Heilbrunn, "Paying the Price of Failure," *Perspectives on Politics*, 4:1 (March 2006), 135-50.  
*Neue Politische Literatur* 47 (2002), 175-77.  
*International Affairs*, 76:2 (April 2000), 409-10.  
*Political Science Quarterly*, 114:2 (Summer 1999), 346-47.  
*American Political Science Review*, 93:2 (June 1999), 470-71.  
*Politique Africaine*, 73 (March 1999), 212-13.  
*Foreign Affairs*, 78:2 (March-April 1999), 158.  
*Journal of Modern African Studies*, 37:1 (March 1999), 173-74.  
*African Studies Review Newsletter*, 20:2 (Dec 1998), 30-34.  
*Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 32:3 (1998), 638-40.  
*Choice*, 36:2 (Oct 1998), 1223.

*Corruption and State Politics in Sierra Leone*, Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Reviewed in: *American Political Science Review*, 90:2 (June 1996), 460.  
*Sociological Forum*, 12:4 (1997), 671-79.  
*Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 27:3 (Winter 1997), 563-4.  
*Choice*, 33:6 (Feb 1996), 1016.  
*Afrique Contemporaine*, 178 (June 1996), 335.  
*Journal of Developing Areas*, 31:1 (Fall 1996), 103-05.  
*Africa Today*, 44:4 (Oct 1997), 362-5.  
*Third World Quarterly*, 18:4 (Dec 1997), 767-75.  
*International Journal of African Historical Research*, 30:1(1997), 200-01.  
*African Affairs*, 387 (April 1998), 285-87.  
*American Anthropologist*, 103:3 (Sept 2001), 828-33.

*Current book project:*

This project focuses on explaining why some rebel groups are more successful than the great majority of counterparts in restricting factional splits, maintaining internal discipline, and advancing a coherent political agenda over the parochial concerns of fighters and supporters. Based upon comparative field research in Sudan and Somalia, this project identifies a wide range of performance among rebel groups, many of which are situated in roughly similar environments that include the challenges of organization in clan-based societies, neighboring states that cultivate and manipulate rebels as proxies, the material lures of foreign aid and other similarities in patterns of resources. The few rebel successes among these ‘hard cases’ that should promote factional splits and parochial agendas shed light on the causes of successful rebel organizational strategies. This project addresses scholarly debates concerning apparent global structural changes in the nature of rebel wars and the relationships between rebels and non-combatants.

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With Jahara Matissek, “Getting American Security Force Assistance Right: Political Context Matters,” *Joint Force Quarterly* 92 (2019): 65–73.

With Jahara Matissek, “A New Era of Insurgent Recruitment: Have ‘New’ Civil Wars changed the Dynamic?” *Civil Wars* 20:2 (2018), 1-21.

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With Chris Day, “In Harm’s Way: African Counterinsurgency and Patronage Politics,” *Civil Wars* 16:2 (2014), 125-46.

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“Congo: From State Collapse to ‘Absolutism,’ to State Failure,” *Third World Quarterly*, 27:1 (2006), 43-56.

“Violent Opposition in Collapsing States,” *Government and Opposition*, 40:2 (Spring 2005), 127-51.

“Order and Commerce in Turbulent Areas: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Lessons, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Practice,” *Third World Quarterly*, 25:4 (2004), 607-25.

“The Politics of Insurgency in Collapsing States,” *Development & Change*, 33: 5 (Nov 2002), 837-58.

“Uganda’s Politics of War and Debt Relief,” *Review of International Political Economy*, 9:3 (Aug 2002), 415-35.

“The Politics of War and Debt Relief in Uganda,” *Conflict, Security & Development*, 1:2 (Fall 2001) 5-23.

“Clandestine Economies, Violence and States in Africa,” *Journal of International Affairs*, 53:2 (Spring 2000), 433-59; reprinted in Nic Cheeseman, ed., *African Politics: Critical Concepts in Political Science*, vol. 2, (London & New York: Routledge, 2016), 260-282.

“The New Role for Private Armies in Inter-state ‘Peace-Making’ Relations,” *International Politics*, 37:1 (March 2000), 57-74. (This article appears as a chapter in the textbook, Daniel Nelson & Laura Neack, eds., *Global Society in Transition*, (New York: Kluwer Law International, 2002), 65-83.

“Crisis and (No) Reform in Nigeria’s Politics,” *African Studies Review*, 42:1 (April 1999), 105-24.

“Sovereignty and Personal Rule in Zaire,” *African Studies Quarterly*, 1:3 (Nov 1997). [on-line at [www.clas.ufl.edu/africa/asq](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/africa/asq)]

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“The Changing Foundation of Governance by Armed Groups,” *IISS Armed Conflict Survey, 2017*, (London: Routledge for the International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2017), 50-63.

“Liberia: Durable Illicit Power Structures,” in Michelle Hughes and Michael Miklaucic, eds., *Impunity: Countering Illicit Power in War and Transition*, (Washington, DC: Center for Complex Operations / National Defense University, 2017), 99-124.

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“The Dimensions of the Future of Conflict in Africa,” in Pamela Aall and Chester Crocker, eds., *Minding the Gap: African Conflict Management in a Time of Change*, (Waterloo, ON: Centre for International Governance Innovation, 2016), 65-78.

With Georgi Derluguian & Timothy Earle, “Taming the Chief: From Evolutionary Theory to Political Ideology,” in Ralph Schroeder, ed., *Global Powers: Michael Mann’s Anatomy of the Twentieth Century and Beyond*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), 62-86.

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“Predatory Rebellions and Governance: The National Patriotic Front of Liberia, 1989-1992,” in Ana Arjona, Nelson Kasfir & Zachariah Mampilly, eds., *Rebel Governance in Civil War*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 265-87.

“CSR and Corporate Engagement with Parties to Armed Conflicts,” in Charlotte Walker-Said & John D Kelly, eds., *Corporate Social Responsibility? Human Rights in the New Global Economy*, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015), 259-77.

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“Crime versus War,” in Hew Strachan & Sibylle Scheipers, eds., *The Changing Character of War*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011, paper 2013), 220-37.

“Persistent Insurgencies and Warlords: Who Is Nasty, Who Is Nice, and Why?” in Anne L Clunan & Harold A Trinkunas, eds., *Ungoverned Spaces: Alternatives to State*

*Authority in an Era of Softened Sovereignty*, (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2010), 57-94.

“Violent Non-State Actors in Sudan,” Klejda Mulaj, ed., *Violent Non-State Actors in World Politics*, (London: Hurst & Company, 2010), 319-41.

“Illicit Commerce in Peripheral States,” H. Richard Friman, ed., *Crime and the Global Economy*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2009), 67-84.

“Private Security and State-Building,” Julia Raue & Patrick Sutter, eds., *Facets and Practices of State-Building*, (Leiden & Boston: Martinus Nijhoff, 2009), 231-48.

“The Privatization of Africa’s International Relations,” John Harbeson & Donald Rothchild, eds., *Africa in World Politics: Reforming Political Order*, [4<sup>th</sup> Edition], (Boulder: Westview Press, 2008), 190-212. [This chapter was composed for this volume and is not a revision of my 3<sup>rd</sup> edition essay.]

“Bottom-up Statebuilding?” Charles T Call & Vanessa Wyeth, eds., *Building States to Build Peace*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2008), 143-61.

“African Rebels and the Citizenship Question,” Sara Dorman, Daniel Hammett & Paul Nugent, eds., *Making Nations, Creating Strangers: States and Citizenship in Africa*, (Leiden & Boston: Brill, 2007), 221-39.

“Патронаж, который строит государство, и патронаж, который разрушает государство: как провести различие,” *Прогнозис*, 2:10 (2007), 249-66.

“Small Arms, Violence, and the Course of Conflicts,” Thomas Bierstecker, Peter Spiro, Chandra Lekha Sriram, Veronica Raffo, eds., *International Law and International Relations*, (New York: Routledge, 2006), 43-58.

“Sierra Leone” Sanja Tatic & Christopher Walker, eds., *Countries at the Crossroads 2006*, (Washington: Freedom House & Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), 459-78.

“Peace from Outside? Possibilities and Limits of International Conflict Management in Africa,” Stephen Albrecht, Reiner Braun, Thomas Held, eds., *Einstein Weiterdenken*, (Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2006), 317-31.

“Klanoaya Boriba za Peredel Prirodnoi Renti Prichini Gosudarstvennogo Raspada v Afriki i Azii,” Gruppya Ekspert, *Russkie Chtemiya*, (Moscow: 2006), 127-61.

“Somalia: State Failure and Self-Determination in the Shadow of the Global Economy,” Valpy Fitzgerald, Frances Stewart & Rajesh Venugopal, eds., *Globalization, Violent Conflict and Self-Determination*, (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), 147-78.

“The Political Economy of Order amidst Predation in Sierra Leone,” Edna Bay & Donald Donham, eds., *States of Violence: Politics, Youth and Memory in Contemporary Africa*, (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2006), 37-57.

“The Politics of Public Intellectuals under Abacha and After,” in Jane Guyer & LaRay Denzer, eds., *Vision and Policy in Nigerian Economics: The Legacy of Pius Okigbo*, (Ibadan [Nigeria]: University of Ibadan Press, 2005), 129-47.

“The Roots of Sectarian Violence, and Its Cure,” Robert Rosberg, ed., *Crafting the New Nigeria: Confronting the Challenges*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2004), 219-38.

“Reconstructing Peace in Liberia,” in Taisier Ali & Robert Matthews, eds., *Durable Peace: Challenges for Peacebuilding in Africa*, (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2004), 115-41.

“The Collapse of Sierra Leone and the Emergence of Multiple States-within-States,” in Paul Kingston & Ian Spears, eds., *States-within-States: Incipient Political Identities in the Post-Cold War Era*, (New York & Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), 47-65.

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“Sierra Leone: Warfare in a Post-State Society,” in Robert Rotberg, ed., *State Failure and State Weakness in a Time of Terror*, (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2003), 71-100.

“The Changing Nature of Warfare and the Absence of State-Building in West Africa,” in Diane Davis & Anthony Pereira, eds., *Irregular Armed Forces and Their Role in Politics and State Formation*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 322-45.

“Warfare in a Post-State Society,” in Robert Rotberg, ed., *State Failure and State Weakness in a Time of Terror*, (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2002), 71-100.

“Mafiya Troubles, Warlord Crises,” in Mark Beissinger & Crawford Young, eds., *Beyond State Crisis? Postcolonial Africa and Post-Soviet Eurasia in Comparative Perspective*, Washington DC & Baltimore: Woodrow Wilson Center & Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002), 105-27.

„Gier“ versus „Groll“? in Anne Jung, ed. *Ungeheuer ist nur das Normale: Zur Ökonomie der „neuen“ Kriege*, (Frankfurt am Main: Mabuse Verlag, 2002), 102-11 and in Werner Ruf, ed., *Politische Ökonomie der Gewalt*, (Kassel: Leske Budrich, 2003), 291-300.

“Global Markets and the Political Economy of Local Politics in Weak States,” Thomas Callaghy & Robert Latham, eds., *Intervention and Transnationalism in Africa*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001), 197-215.

“Mercenaries, Mines and Managing Political Risk in Africa,” in Gilbert Khadiagala & Terrence Lyons, eds., *African Foreign Policies: Power & Process*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2001), 185-205.

“War and the Failure of Peacekeeping in Sierra Leone,” in Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, *SIPRI Yearbook 2001, Armaments, Disarmament and International Security*, (NY: Oxford University Press, 2001), 149-61.

“Commercial Agendas in Civil Wars,” in Mats Berdal & David Malone, eds., *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agendas in Civil War*,” (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000), 43-68.

“The Real (War) Economy of Angola,” in Jakkie Cilliers & Christian Dietrich, eds., *Angola’s War Economy: The Role of Oil and Diamonds*, (Pretoria: Institute for Security Studies, 2000), 219-35.

“Private Actors in US Foreign Policy Toward Africa,” John Harbeson & Donald



Rothchild, eds., *Africa in World Politics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, (Boulder: Westview, 2000), 286-307.

“The Economics of War in West Africa,” in E. Wayne Nafziger, Frances Stewart & Raimo Väyrynen, *Political Economy of the Prevention of Humanitarian Emergencies*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 231-59.

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"Sierra Leone: Structural Adjustment from Underground," in *Democratization and Structural Adjustment in Africa in the 1990s*, Madison: University of Wisconsin, African Studies Program, 1991, 188-201.

**Others:**

“Humanitarian Emergencies and Warlord Economies in Liberia and Sierra Leone,” The United Nations University, Working Paper 140, August 1997.

**Book Reviews:**

*Mershon International Studies Review* (vol.40:2), *Journal of Modern African Studies* (vol.32:2), *Africa Today* (vol.44:4 & 45:3-4), *Studies in Comparative International Development* (forthcoming), *African Studies Review* (41:1 & forthcoming), *American Political Science Review* (vol. 93:3), *Comparative Political Studies* (vol. 32:8), *Incore* (vol. 2:2) and numerous others in subsequent years.

## RECENT SELECTED PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

### 2016

“The Fiction of the State and the Atomization of Domestic Politics in Fragile States—a non-Western Approach to Fragility,” at the author’s workshop, *Civil Wars, Violence and International Responses*, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Boston, MA, 3-4 Nov [author’s conference for an issue of *Daedalus*]

Clôture de la journée, « Evolution des rapports de force entre les acteurs locaux et les intervenants étrangères » *Forum Guerres & Politiques : Analyser la guerre et la recomposition des liens dans les sociétés*, Sciences Po, Paris, 2 Nov

“Armed Group Cohesion in the Context of State Failure,” invited research presentation, School of Global and International Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 28 Oct.

Participant and on-going interaction in Project on Rebel Law and Governance, Pearson Institute, University of Chicago, 24 Oct.

“Connecting Rebel Diplomacy to the Wider Literature,” Rebel Diplomacy Workshop, UC-Santa Barbara, 30 Sept.

“Aid and Intervention in Africa: The Long View,” *Do Military Interventions in Africa Bring Peace and Stability?* Peace Research Institute Oslo, Oslo, Norway, 29 Aug.

“Somalia: The Challenges of Security in a Collapsed State,” paper presentation at workshop, *Non-State War Economies*, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 3 June

“External Interventions,” discussant at workshop, *Regards compares sur l'état au Sahel*, Sciences Po, Paris, 26 May

“The Impact of Illicit Networks on African Civil – Military Relations,” paper presentation at conference, *Linkages between Organised Crime, Governance, and Terrorism in Africa*, Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung, Regional West Africa Office, Dakar, Senegal, 19 April

“Life in a Rough Neighbourhood—The Horn of Africa in a Global Perspective,” paper presentation before the Institute for Advanced Research, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 5 April

“Security Assistance Clientelism in the Horn of Africa,” paper presentation at the International Studies Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, 17 March

“When Good-Enough Governance and Stability Replace Lofty Goals,” in the workshop, *The Role of Ethics in International Affairs*, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Bellagio, Italy, 24 Feb.

“Youth in Armed Conflict,” in the workshop, *Transforming Violent Masculinities*, World Peace Foundation, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, MA, 18 Feb.

“The Changing Character of Rebel Fragmentation in Civil War,” invited research presentation, Florida International University, Miami, FL, 12 Feb.

“The Challenges of Armed Group Organization in Socially Fragmented Environments,” invited research presentation, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 4 Feb.

## 2015

“Flawed Assumptions: The Political Economy of Security Assistance in the Horn of Africa,” Peace Research Institute in Oslo, 14 Dec., Oslo, Norway

“Somalia: The Politics of Security Assistance in a Collapsed State,” Merton College—Oxford University, *Upstream Effects: Capacity Building, Stabilisation and Counter-Terrorism*, Oxford Changing Character of Warfare Programme & Land Intelligence Fusion Centre (British Armed Forces), 8 Dec., Oxford, UK

“Extent and Causation of Civil Wars,” Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University & American Academy of Arts & Sciences, 4 Dec., Palo Alto, CA

“CSR and the Recent History of Corporate Engagement with Parties to Armed Conflicts,” American Society for Legal History annual conference, 30 Oct., Washington, DC

“Military Clientelism and State-building in the Horn of Africa,” *Transnationalizing Clientelism: External Governance and Informality in Areas of Limited Statehood*, Freie Universität, 19 June, Berlin, Germany

“Challenges of Mapping African Conflicts,” *Symposium on African Capacity to Respond to Political Crisis and Violent Conflict*, Institute for Security Studies, 10 June, Pretoria, South Africa

“Somalia and Somaliland: Jihadism, Citizenship and Legitimacy,” *The Diversity of Violence in Eastern Africa*, British Institute in Eastern Africa, 3 Sept., Nairobi, Kenya

“US Counterinsurgency in Somalia and the Greater Middle East,” Danish Institute for International Studies, 20 May, Copenhagen, Denmark

“The Search for Effective Counter-insurgency Strategies against Jihadism in the Horn of Africa,” *The Fight against Jihadism in the Horn of Africa*, Peace Research Institute in Oslo, 18 May, Oslo, Norway

“Understanding Al-Shabaab in Somalia and Kenya and the Crisis in South Sudan,” (with Øystein Rolandsen & David Anderson), University of Bergen, 12 May, Bergen, Norway

“The History of Conflicts and Conflict Narratives in Africa,” Institute of African Studies, Emory University, 5 March, Atlanta, Ga

“The International Relations of State-building in Africa,” *International Studies Association*, annual meeting, 1 Feb, New Orleans, LA

“At the Edge of Anarchy: Researching Conflict and Corruption in Africa,” *Research in Conflict-Affected Countries and Contexts: Ethics, Risks, and Practicalities*, Denver University, 2 March, Denver, CO

“Rethinking State-Building: A View from Somalia and South Sudan,” (with Øystein Rolandsen), National Defense University, 24 Feb, Washington, DC

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Board of Editors / Editorial Advisory Board:**

*Journal of Modern African Studies*

*Comparative Political Studies*

*Africa & Asia*

*Small Wars & Insurgencies*

*PRISM* [the Journal of the Center for Complex Operations, National Defense University]

### **Advisory Board / Research Proposal Reviews**

National Science Foundation

European Research Council

Social Science Research Council

Social Science and Humanities Council of Canada

Swiss National Science Foundation

### **Other Notable Professional Service**

2009-10: Principle signatory to an amicus brief presented to the US Supreme Court pursuant to the case, *Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project*. This case concerns elements of the Patriot Act that criminalizes certain kinds of contact with groups designated as “terrorist organizations” under US law. Along with other signatories, I contended that the wording of the current law threatens the free conduct of research on conflict issues by exposing scholars to ambiguous threats of prosecution as unwitting supporters of “terrorist organizations.”

1990s-2000s: Testimony before the US House of Representatives, Sub-committee on African Affairs on Liberian civil war, before the US Senate Sub-committee on African Affairs on wars in Africa, and on the general situation concerning the Sierra Leone / Liberia war.

1999- 2001, Advisor to UN General-Secretary's office on war in Sierra Leone / Liberia

Since 1996: Service in advisory capacities on issues and policies related to conflicts in Africa to the governments of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Norway, and Denmark and Germany.

#### **Other External**

Consultations and presentations at civilian and military organizational elements in the USA, Canada, UK, France, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands and elsewhere. Details upon request..

## **LANGUAGES**

Hausa – Reading & speaking  
French – Reading, writing, speaking  
Krio – Speaking  
German – Was much better once

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES**

**Professional Associations:**  
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International Studies Association  
African Studies Association  
Canadian Association of African Studies

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