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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, since 2012
- Previous Positions:** 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
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
(Graduate Student) Lecturer, 1990
- 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, and others.
- 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, 30 June 2011, Cambridge University Press.

Reviewed in: *Foreign Affairs* [Nicholas van de Walle] 90:6, (Nov/Dec 2011),
New York Review of Books [Jeffrey Gettleman] (8 March 2012), 33-38.
International Affairs [Patrick Chabal] 88:2 (March 2012), 438-40.
Daren Acemoglu's blog, [Why Nations Fail](#)
African Studies Review, [Nicholas Knowlton] 13:1&2 (Spring 2012), 160-61.
Canadian J of African Studies, [Greg Queyranne] 46:1 (April 2012), 152-54.
Journal of Peace Research, [Øystein Rolandsen] 49:1 (2012), 265-66.
Journal of Military History, [Paul Williams] 76:4 (Oct 2012), 1307-09.
Oasis [Florent Frasson-Quenoz] 15 (2010) 1657-58.
Civil Wars [Tobias Hagmann] 15:2 (2013), 255-57.
Journal of Modern African Studies [Lansana Gberie] 52:1 (March 2014), 151-57

Warlord Politics and African States, (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1998, 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.

Refereed Articles:

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

“Transforming West African Militia networks for Postwar recovery,” *Comparative Social Research*, 27 (2010), 127-49.

“Illicit Markets, Violence, Warlords, and Governance: West African Cases,” *Crime, Law and Social Change*, 53:3 (Sept 2009), 313-22.

“Explaining Patterns of Violence in Collapsed States,” *Contemporary Security Policy*, 30:1 (Aug 2009), 356-74.

“Understanding Criminality in West African Conflicts,” *International Peacekeeping*, 16:1 (Feb 2009), 47-61. Reprinted in James Cockayne & Ada Lupal, *Peace Operations and Organized Crime: Enemies or Allies?* (London & New York: Routledge, 2011), 68-83.

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Anti-corruption Efforts in Liberia: Are They Aimed at the Right Targets?” *International Peacekeeping*, 15:3 (June 2008), 387-404. Updated & reprinted in “Anti-Corruption Efforts in Liberia: Are They Aimed at the Right Targets?” in Christine Cheng & Dominik Zaum, eds., *Corruption and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding*, (London & New York: Routledge, 2011), 126-44.

“Patronage Politics and the Behavior of Armed Groups,” *Civil Wars*, 9:4 (Dec 2007), 324-42

“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: 19th Century Lessons, 21st 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.

"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]

"War, Markets, and the Reconfiguration of West Africa's Weak States," *Comparative Politics*, 29:4 (July 1997), 493-510.

"African Weak State and Commercial Alliances," *African Affairs*, 96:383 (April 1997), 165-86.

"Welthandel, Warlords und die Wiederfindung des afrikanischen Staates," *WeltTrends*, 14 (Spring 1997), 8-29.

"Ironies of Post-Cold War Structural Adjustment in Africa," *Review of African Political Economy*, 23:67 (March 1996), 7-18. [Reprinted in Rita Abrahamsen, ed., *Conflict & Security in Africa*, (London: James Currey, 2013), 13-24.

"Foreign Investment, 'Reform' and Deinstitutionalization in Sierra Leone," *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 29:2 (Dec 1995) 203-21.

"Reinvention of an African Patrimonial State: Charles Taylor's Liberia," *Third World Quarterly*, 16:1 (April 1995), 109-20.

"Old Brigades, Money Bags, New Breeds, and the Ironies of Reform in Nigeria," *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 27:1 (April 1993), 66-87.

"Corruption, Business and the Strange Case of IMF Sponsored 'Reform' in Sierra Leone," *Governance*, 6:1 (Jan 1993), 23-42.

"Charles Taylor and the Multinational Dimensions of Warlord Politics," *Liberian Studies Journal*, 18(2), (1994), 175-88.

Non-Refereed:

"The Regionalization of African Security," *Current History*, 111: 745 (May, 2012), 175-80.

"The Evolution of Warfare in Africa," *Afrika Focus*, 22:1 (2009), 7-19.

“Insurgent Leadership in Africa,” *Review of Leadership in Africa*, 1:1 (July, 2009), 17-32.

“Political Networks in a Failing State: The Roots and Future of Violent Conflicts in Sierra Leone,” *International Politics and Society* 2(2003), 29-43.

“La ‘sale petite guerre’ du Liberia,” *Politique Africaine* 88 (Dec 2002), 63-83.

“The ABCs of Radical Islam,” *National Strategy Forum Review*, Winter 2001.

“The Failure of Peacekeeping in Sierra Leone,” *Current History*, May 2001, 219-25.

“The Political Economy of Kabila’s Rule in Congo,” *Issues*, 1998.

“Private Contractors and Diplomacy in Africa,” *Issues*, 1999.

“Privatizing War in Sierra Leone,” *Current History*, 96:610 (May 1997), 227-30.

“The Business of War in Liberia,” *Current History*, 96:601 (May 1996), 211-15.

Book Chapters:

“Conflict and War in Africa,” in James J Hentz, ed. *Routledge Handbook of African Security*, (New York: Routledge, 2014), 21-32.

“The Problem of Extraterritorial Legality,” in Layna Mosley, ed., *Interview Research in Political Science*, (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013), 159-78.

“The International Factor in African Warfare,” in John Harbeson & Donald Rothchild, eds., *Africa in World Politics: Engaging a Changing Global Order*, [5th edition] (Boulder: Westview Press, 2013), 150-72.

“Insurgent Movements in Africa,” in Paul Rich & Isabelle Duyvesteyn, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency*, (New York: Routledge, 2012), 157-71.

“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 Publishers, 2009), 231-48.

“The Privatization of Africa’s International Relations,” John Harbeson & Donald Rothchild, eds., *Africa in World Politics: Reforming Political Order*, [4th Edition],

(Boulder: Westview Press, 2008), 190-212. [This chapter was composed for this volume and is not a revision of my 3rd edition contribution.]

“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 гостдарство, и патронаж, который разрушает государство: как провести различие,” *ПрогнозиΣ*, 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,” Gruppa 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.

“Sierra Leone,” in Freedom House, *Countries at the Crossroads, 2004*, (New York & Washington, DC: Freedom House, 2004), 383-400.

“Democracy, Business, and Violence,” in Sunder Ramaswamy & Jeffrey Cason, eds. *Development and Democracy: New Perspectives on an Old Debate*. (Hanover & London:

University Press of New England, 2003), 168-91.

“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*, 3rd 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.

“La privatisation de la souveraineté et le survie des États faibles,” in Béatrice Hibou, ed., *La privatisation des États*, (Paris: Karthala, 1999), 133-61, reprinted in Béatrice Hibou, ed., *Privatising the State*, (London: Hurst & Co., 2004), 95-119.

“Reconfiguring West African States,” in Leonardo Villàlon, ed., *The African State at a*

Critical Juncture: Between Disintegration and Reconfiguration, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1997), 93-108.

"Business Conflict and the Shadow State: The Case of West Africa," in Ronald Cox, ed., *Business and the State in International Relations*, (Westview Press, 1996), 149-64. [Chapter reviewed in: *Études internationales*, 28:3 (Sept 1997), 642-4.]

"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.

SELECTED PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2000)

"Private Security Providers in Stateless Societies," [paper and keynote speech] Private Security Providers Workshop, World Bank & Nordiskafrikainstitutet, Nairobi, 9-10 December 2013.

"Somalia and the History of Fake State-Building," Duke University, Durham, NC, 7 November 2013.

"How Men Are Made: Cultures of Hyper-Masculinities," [presentation] US Institute of Peace, *Men, Peace, and Security: Agents of Change*, Washington, DC, 28 October 2013.

"Is this the End of Insurgency? The Changing Character of War," Africana Research Center, Penn State University, 25 October 2013.

"Violence in Somalia in Comparative and Theoretical Perspective," [presentation with David Laitin], World Peace Foundation—Tufts University, *Patterns of Violence in Somalia*, Somerville, MA, 28 September 2013.

"Fieldwork in Conflict Zones and the International Criminalization of Violence," European Conference on African Studies, Lisbon, 29 June 2013.

"African Warfare in Historical Perspective," [public lecture], *Struggles Over Emerging States in Africa*, Durham University, Durham, UK, 9 May 2013.

"The Impact of Statelessness on Militia Organization and Behavior: Evidence from Somalia," *Local Powerbrokers*, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, 22 February 2013.

“Somali Participation in Global Counter-terrorism,” University of Oslo, *Sovereignty in the Making*, 10-11 December 2012

African Studies Association annual meeting, service on three panels [paper presentation, chair, discussant], Philadelphia, 30 November – 1 December 2012

“The Organizational Strategies of Rebel Militias: Clan politics in Somalia and Sudan,” invited presentation, Northern Illinois University, 7 November 2012

“Estados en la sombra,” Universidad EAFIT [Medellin, Colombia], *Economicas criminales y poder politico: Escenarios de ilegalidad y corrupcion*, 10-12 October.2012

[scheduled – conference cancelled] “Warlords and States,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, 30 August 2012

“2030; Fragmentation?” National Intelligence Council, *Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds*, Notre Dame, IN, 26-27 April 2012

“Rebel Cohesion in Difficult Environments,” invited presentation, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame, 11 April 2012

Discussant at *Fragmented Forces: warlords and Militias in Fragile and Failing States*, Northwestern University, 8-9 March 2012

“Predatory States,” *Transformations of the State*, University of North Carolina, 23 February 2012 [This is in connection with a chapter under preparation for *Oxford Handbook of the State*, eds, Stephen Leibfried, Evelyn Huber, Matthew Lange, Jonah Levy, John Stephens

[Need to add 2011]

Organized Conference, Pedagogy, Northwestern University, 14-16 May, 2010.

Invited Presentation, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 28 April, 2010.

Invited Presentation, University of Ottawa, 25 Feb 2010.

ISA meeting, New Orleans, 18-19 Feb.

Duke University, 29-31 Jan 2010.

Keynote, “Africa—Conflict Drivers, Security Challenges and the US Role in the 21st Century,” Army War College, Carlisle, PA, 25 Nov 2009.

Address, “The Evolution of Warfare in Africa,” Johns Hopkins—SAIS, Washington, DC, 6 Nov 2009.

Panel Organizer & Moderator [with *Medecins sans frontiers*], “Global Crisis of Childhood Malnutrition,” Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, 5 Nov 2009.

Paper, “The Role of Administration in the Political Strategy of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia,” Rebel Governance Conference, Yale University, New Haven, 4 Oct 2009.

Paper, “Contemporary Warfare: Is Africa a Special case? Lessons from the Caucasus,” conference, Order, Cooperation and Variance among Non-State Armed Groups, Queen’s

University, Kingston, ON, 19 September 2009.

Paper, “Terrorism, Genocide and Failed States,” conference, Exporting Terror, Exporting Democracy, Free University of Bolzano, Italy, 26 June 2009.

Address, “Armed Opposition in Africa,” conference, Population-Centric Operations, National War College, Washington, DC, 18 June 2009.

Discussant, for panel, “Order and Disorder”, conference Divergent Pathways from British Colonialism, University of Chicago, 22 May 2009.

Paper, “Bottom-up Peace Building,” Conference, Post-Crisis States Transformation: Rethinking the Foundations of the State, Linköping University [European Science Foundation], Sweden, 3 May 2009.

Presentation, “Why Does Armed Opposition Fail in Africa?” Department of Political Science, University of Washington—Seattle, 1 May 2009.

Paper, “Crime versus War,” Conference, Changing Character of War, Oxford University, UK, 20 March 2009.

Presentation of current research project, Department “Input” Event, Evanston, 3 March 2009.

Paper, “Warlords and Governance in West Africa,” International Studies Association, New York, 17 Feb 2009.

Paper presented, “Warlords as Entrepreneurs,” in conference State Failure and Regional Insecurity, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway, 10-11 Dec

Presentation of a paper, “Explaining Variation in the uses of Violence in Civil Conflicts,” Yale University, 30 Jan 2009.

Invited Presentation “Micro-politics of Militia Behavior,” African Studies Program, University of Michigan, 21 Jan 2009.

Keynote Speaker, Ghent University, Belgium on the occasion of their “Annual Distinguished”, 16 Dec. and participant in Belgian foreign ministry-sponsored conference “Governance without Government in Africa’s Protracted Crises” in Brussels, 17 Dec 2008.

Talk at MIT, Boston, 3 Dec 2008.

Participant and moderator for panel, “Micro-politics of Violent Conflicts and their Resolution” (with Kendra Koivu, Chris Day and Natacha Lemasle) at Northwestern—Kellogg’s Dispute Resolution Research center, 11 Nov 2008.

Paper presentation at conference, “Post-Soviet and African Militaries and Their Roles in Post-colonial State Failure”, Africa and Central Asia in Comparative Perspective, Cornell University, 27-28 Sept 2008.

Paper presentation, “US Security Policy in Africa,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, 29 Aug 2008.

Paper presentation, “West Africa’s Postwar Warlords” at Guggenheim Foundation, New York, 30 May 2008.

Paper presentation, "Where Have Africa's Revolutions Gone," University of Birmingham's African Studies Centre (UK), 23 May 2008.

Conference participant, "Postwar Constitution-Building," International Peace Institute, New York, 6-7 May 2008.

Presentation of a paper, "Inside Non-State Armed Groups," Institut universitaire des hautes études internationale, Geneva, 24 April 2008.

Talk and seminar, "The Postwar Organizational Adaptation of West Africa's Wartime Armed Groups," McGill University, Montreal, 3 April 2008.

Paper presentation at International Studies Association meeting, San Francisco, 27 March 2008.

Invited presentation, "Patterns of Violence in Collapsing States," Yale University, 30 Jan 2008.

Invited conference and paper, "Understanding Criminality in West African Conflicts," *Peace Operations and Organized Crime*, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Geneva, 30 Nov 2007.

Conference presentation, "The Challenge of Transparency, Accountability and Anti-Corruption Measures in Post-conflict States," Consultative Workshop, International IDEA & Interpeace, New York, 14 Sept. 2007.

Invited lecture, "Evolution of Warfare in the Global Periphery," Washington State University, 7 Sept 2007.

Conference presentation and paper, "Persistent Insurgencies and Warlords," at *Ungoverned Spaces*, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 2 August 2007.

"Failed States and the Evolution of Community Violence," lecture at Johns Hopkins—SAIS, 18 April 2007.

"The Viability of Extreme Intervention in Post-Conflict Societies," paper presentation at Emory University, Institute of African Studies, 31 March 2007.

"Anti-Corruption Efforts in Liberia—Are They Aimed at the Right Targets?" paper presentation at Oxford University, Centre for International Studies, 23 March 2007.

"Understanding Patterns of Violence in Civil Wars – the Patronage Politics Connection," public presentation, University of Chicago, 8 Jan 2007.

"Peacekeeping, Reconstruction and Stability," presentation before study group on counterinsurgency, Brussels, 4 Dec 2006.

"Challenging the Poverty Reduction Paradigm," paper presentation, Universiteit Antwerpen (Belgium), 16 – 17 Nov 2006.

"When does Corruption Weaken and When Does It Empower the State?" public presentation, Caucasus Research Center, Yerevan, Armenia, 30 Oct 2006.

"Klanoaya Boriba za Peredel Prirodnoi Renti Prichini Gosudarstvennogo Raspada v Afriki i Azii," paper for Raspisanii Rabot Kollokviyumu, Institut Vostochnoi Evprop, presentation, Moscow, 27-29 Oct 2006.

"Illicit Power Structures," paper presentation before the United States Institute for Peace,

Washington, DC, 20 Oct 2006.

“For Security’s Sake: Can the US Help Rich Nations Avoid the Resource Curse?” presentation at Woodrow Wilson Institute, Washington, DC, 22 Sept 2006.

“Self-determination in International Law,” Paper presentation before Somaliland Policy & Reconstruction Institute annual meeting, Washington, DC, 8 Sept 2006. [Paper appeared in *Somaliland Times* and *Alhatif Alarabi* (Hargeisa)].

“The Changing Application of Self-Determination in International Law,” paper presentation, Monash School of Law, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, 9 – 11 Aug 2006.

“Fragile but Enduring States: the West African Riddle,” Paper for Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, 8 – 9 June 2006. [Appears as “Vestafrikas beskyttelses og røvermilitser,” *Den Ny Verden* [Copenhagen], no. 39, 53-64.]

“Redefining Statehood,” paper presented at Marquette University, Milwaukee, 12 – 13 May 2006.

“Links between Corruption and Conflict in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia,” Washington, D.C., 2 May 2006.

“New Routes to State-Building in the Contemporary Global Periphery,” University of Washington – Seattle. 27 April 2006.

“Democracy in an Unlikely Place: Sierra Leone,” paper presentation at Freedom House, Washington, DC, 29 March 2006. [Keynote speaker for this event was President George W Bush!]

“Klanovaya Borda za Peredel Prirodnoi Rent i Prichinii Gosyadarstvennogo Raspada vi Africki I Azii,” Moscow, *Institut Obschestvennogo Proektirovaniya*, 16 December 2005.

Chair for panel, “Revisiting African Guerrillas” and presented “War Fighting and Peacekeeping in Stateless Societies,” African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, 5-7 Dec 2005.

“Protectors or Predators? The Micro-politics of Contemporary Rebel Wars,” invited presentation, Columbia University, 27 October 2005.

“Community Organization and Conflict,” invited presentation, New York University, 27 October 2005.

“Privatisierte Kriege und Staatlicher Interventionismus”, *Einstein weiterdenken*, Berlin, 14-16 October 2005.

Discussant on panel, “State Failure and Recovery: Alternative Paths,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, 1 Sept 2005.

International Studies Association [*not* “ISA”], “The Social Construction of Order in Predatory Conflicts,” Istanbul, 24-27 August 2005. [Did not attend, sent paper]

“Professionalizing Mercenaries on the Post 9/11 Battlefield,” *States of Violence: The Conduct of War in Africa*, University of Florida, 17-19 March 2005.

Forgot the title of the talk, West Virginia University, 4 March 2005.

“Conflict and Community in Southern Nigeria,” invited presentation, University of Copenhagen,

11 February 2005.

“Violence and Order and State Collapse,” invited presentation, University of Calgary, 28 January 2005.

DRRC panel, 19 January 2005, *Insurgency, Conflict Resolution and Global Order*, (with graduate students Lee Seymour, Claire Metelits, Patrick Johnston).

“Experiences from Intervention,” Blankensee Colloquium, *The Future of Intervention, Legitimacy and the Reconstruction of Statehood*, Schloß Blankensee, Germany, 16-18 July 2004.

“Greed or Grievance: Why Some Armed Groups Care about this and Others Do Not.” *Micro-politics of Armed Groups*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, 18-19 June 2004.

“Rebel Citizens?” *States, Borders and Nations: Negotiating Citizenship in Africa*, Centre for African Studies, University of Edinburgh, 19-20 May 2004.

“Arms Trafficking and the Local Political Economy of Conflict,” *Security, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation: When Wars End*, Cornell University, 23-24 April 2004.

“The Surprising Durability of Africa’s Failed States,” *Governance and Democracy in Failed and Failing States*, Stanford University, 16-17 April 2004.

“Sovereign Predators, Non-State Armed Group Protectors?” at Liu Centre, University of British Columbia, conference *Curbing Human Rights Violations of Armed Groups*, 13-15 Nov 2003.

“Resource Wars in the Shadow of State Collapse,” Political Economy Research Centre, University of Sheffield (UK), 26-28 June 2003.

“Der Warlord,” *Die Zukunft des Krieges*, Institut für Sozialforschung, Hamburg, May 2003.

“Youth Militias and Civil Unrest in West Africa,” Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, 1 April 2003.

“War Fighting and Peacekeeping in Stateless Societies,” African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, 7 Dec 2002.

“Somalia and Survival in the Shadow of the Global Economy,” Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, 14 June 2002.

“Economies of War and Their Transformation: Sudan and the Variable Impact of Natural Resources on Conflict,” PaxChristi & Bonn International Center for Conversion, Brussels, 12-13 June 2002.

“Armed Rebellion in Collapsed States,” Danish Foreign Ministry / DANIDA, Allinge-Sandvig (Denmark), 21-25 May 2002.

“International Stakes in Africa’s War Economies,” Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen, 22-23 April 2002.

“The Political Economy of Civil War,” Social Science Research Council, Program on Global Security and Cooperation,” Washington, DC, 6-7 Feb 2002.

“Predicting Violent Conflict,” Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Nov 2001.

“Warlord Politics’ am Beispiel Nigeria,” Die Ökonomie von Bürgerkriegen, Medico International & Evangelische Akademie Hofgeismar, Hofgeismar, Germany, Oct 2001.

“Somaliland: State-building on the Margins of the Global Economy,” Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, Sept 2001.

“The Politics of Public Intellectuals Under Abacha and After,” Northwestern University, June 2001.

“Vigilantes and the End of Ideology in Anti-Regime Struggle: OPC and Bakassi Boys in Nigeria,” University of Kyoto, Kyoto, Jan 2001.

“Collapsed States and Non-Revolutionary Insurgencies,” ICRC, Geneva, Dec 2000.

“Violent Armed Groups as a Political Tool in Collapsing States,” Hanns Seidel Stiftung, Munich, Nov 2000.

“Reconstructing Peace in Liberia,” University of Toronto, June 2000.

“Foreign Firms, Natural Resources and the Political Economy of Violence,” University of Leipzig, March 2000.

“Stealing Like a Bandit, Stealing Like a State,” University of Chicago, Feb 2000.

SIGNIFICANT UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Director, Program of African Studies (Nov 2012 -)

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science (Sept 2006-Aug 2012)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Program of African Studies (Sept 2009 -)

Numerous committees at department, college and university level [list them here]

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

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LANGUAGES

Hausa - French - Krio - German [elaborate]

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Professional Associations:

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

African Studies Association

Canadian Association of African Studies