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EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Advisor: Michael G. Schatzberg
- 2004 M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2003 B.A., French and Political Science, Coe College
Summa Cum Laude

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present Associate Professor of Political Science, Ohio University
Affiliated Faculty: African Studies Program, International Development Studies Program, War & Peace Program
- 2010-2016 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ohio University

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present Director, International Development Studies Program, Ohio University
- 2015-present Co-Series Editor, *Ohio University Press Series on Human Security* (w/Geoff Dabelko and Nukhet Sandal)
- 2015-2016 Interim Director, African Studies Program, Ohio University

BOOKS

- 2016 *Muslims Talking Politics: Framing Islam, Democracy, and Law in Northern Nigeria*
(University of Chicago Press)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2015 “Getting Our Piece of the National Cake: Consociational Powersharing and Neopatrimonialism in Nigeria,” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 21:2, pp. 143-165
- 2014 “Citizenship, Federalism, and Powersharing: Nigeria’s Federal Character and the Challenges of Institutional Design,” *Ethnopolitics*, 13:4, pp. 396-417

- 2013 “Islam and the Language of Human Rights in Nigeria: ‘Rights Talk’ and Religion in Domestic Politics,” *Journal of Human Rights*, 12:4, pp. 469-490
- 2013 “The Sharia Controversy in Northern Nigeria and the Politics of Islamic Law in New and Uncertain Democracies,” *Comparative Politics*, 45:3, pp. 291-311
- 2010 “Talking Ethnic but Hearing Multi-Ethnic: The Peoples’ Democratic Party (PDP) in Nigeria and Durable Multi-Ethnic Parties in the Midst of Violence,” *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, 48:1, pp. 48-71
- 2007 “DuBois the Pan-Africanist and the Development of African Nationalism,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 30:1 (2007), pp. 51-71

BOOK CHAPTERS, REPORTS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 “Nigeria’s New Democratic Dawn?” *Current History*, 114:772, pp. 170-76
- 2015 “Nigeria’s Moral Economy of Powersharing and the 2015 Elections,” in Ebenezer Obadare (ed), *Nigeria: What is to be Done?*, an eBook by *Africa is a Country*
- 2014 “Looming Disaster in Nigeria? Violent Extremism, Regional Conflict, and the 2015 Elections,” *Newsletter of the Africa Research Initiative*, National Intelligence University, Center for Strategic Intelligence Research, 1:1, pp. 19-22
- 2013 “Countering Violent Extremism in Northern Nigeria: Development Options beyond the States of Emergency,” team-authored monograph prepared for USAID’s “*Countering Violent Extremism*” Program

REVIEWS

- 2015 Review of Claire Adida, *Immigrant Exclusion and Insecurity in Africa: Coethnic Strangers* (Cambridge University Press), in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 48:1, pp. 128-30
- 2014 Review of Sakah Saidu Mahmud, *Sharia or Shura: Contending Approaches to Muslim Politics in Nigeria and Senegal* (Lexington Press), in *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, 52:2, pp. 339-40
- 2013 Review of Wale Adebani and Ebenezer Obadare (eds), *Democracy and Prebendalism in Nigeria: Critical Interpretations* (Palgrave-MacMillan), in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 46:3, pp. 468-9

WORK IN PROGRESS

Boko Haram: A Short History (joint with Carmen McCain), book under advance contract at Ohio University Press for inclusion in the *Ohio Short Histories of Africa* series

Go Slow: Nigeria’s Stalled Democracy?, book under advance contract at Zed Press

“Should Anything Happen to Them During Protests, They Should Blame Themselves”: The Limits of Democracy in Nigeria’s Fourth Republic” (essay in preparation)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2015	Ohio University African Student Union “African Hero” Award (for service to the African Studies Program and the African Student Body at Ohio University)
2013	N. Victor Goodman New Tutor Award, Honors Tutorial College, Ohio University
2011	Aaron Wildavsky Dissertation Award for Best Dissertation on Religion and Politics, Religion and Politics Section of APSA
2010-2009	College of Letters & Sciences Teaching Fellow Award, UW-Madison
2008-2007	Fulbright IIE, “Islamic Civilization Initiative” (for dissertation research in Nigeria), (\$28,000)
2008-2007	Fulbright-Hays (for dissertation research in Nigeria) [declined]
2006	Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Prize for best article submitted to a journal by a Political Science Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006 (For “Du Bois the Pan-Africanist”)
2006-2004	Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Award for Hausa, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2004-2003	University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison

INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINARS (RESEARCH-BASED)

2016	“Making Sense of Radical Violence: Nigeria’s Boko Haram in Global Perspective,” Rakin Lecture Series, Rakin Lecture Series, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, April 18
2015	“Making Sense of Violence: Nigeria’s Boko Haram Conflict in Global Perspective,” Evergreen Arts & Humanities Series, Washington State Community College, Marietta, OH, November 14
2015	“History of the Boko Haram Insurgency and its Impact on Northern Nigerian Politics, Society, and Culture,” Institute for African Development, Speaker Series on Development, Religious Extremism, Security, and the State in Africa, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 1
2015	“Countering Boko Haram’s Violent Extremism in Northern Nigeria,” USAID Workshop on Strengthening Regional Approaches to Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa, Accra, Ghana, September 13-14
2015	“Protest Politics in Nigeria’s Uncertain Democracy,” Conference on Political Mobilization in Sub-Saharan Africa, Political Instability Task Force, McLean, VA, July 20-21

- 2015 “What’s Next for Nigeria? The 2015 Elections and a Buhari Presidency in Perspective,” Defense Intelligence Agency Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar on Nigeria, Washington, D.C., April 29
- 2015 “Africa in 2035,” Global Trends 2035 Analytic Outreach Seminar, National Intelligence Council (NIC) Strategic Futures Group, Bloomington, IN, April 3-4
- 2015 “Boko Haram in 2015: Turning Point or Tipping Point?,” Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa (ISITA), Northwestern University, February 11
- 2014 Panel Discussion on Nigeria, Political Instability Task Force, McLean, VA, December 12
- 2014 “Dimensions of Violent Conflict and Extremism in Northern Nigeria,” MINERVA/Strategic Multi-Layer Assessment Lecture Series on the African Continent (via Telecom), December 11
- 2014 “Nigeria: Looking Forward to 2035,” Analytic Exchange on Nigeria, State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research and National Intelligence Council, Washington, D.C. September 29
- 2014 “Governance, Religion, and the North,” U.S. Department of State Analytic and Policy Session on Nigeria, Washington, D.C., August 8
- 2014 “Islam and Democracy in Nigeria: Challenges and Possibilities,” Defense Intelligence Agency Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar on Nigeria, Washington, D.C., July 15
- 2014 “Boko Haram, Its Capacities, and Its Future,” ‘From the Podium’ Distinguished Speaker Series: An Intelligence Community Information Exchange, National Intelligence University, Washington, D.C., June 27
- 2014 “Islamic Fundamentalism, Boko Haram & Challenges to the Nigerian State,” Center on American and Global Security Speaker Series, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, April 22
- 2013 “Countering Violent Extremism in Northern Nigeria: Development Options Beyond States of Emergency,” USAID Program for Countering Violent Extremism, Washington, D.C., November 21
- 2012 “Sharia in Nigeria: Implications for Democracy,” Faculty and Graduate Colloquium, Bayero University-Kano (Nigeria), Department of Islamic Law, October 5
- 2012 “Islam, Law, and Democracy in Northern Nigeria,” Analytic Exchange on Nigeria, State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Washington, D.C., April 27
- 2012 “Muslims Talking Politics: Debating Islamic Law and Democracy in Nigeria,” Notre Dame Africa Working Group, March 2
- 2009 “Talking Ethnic but Hearing Multi-Ethnic: The Peoples’ Democratic Party (PDP) in Nigeria and Durable Multi-Ethnic Parties in the Midst of Violence,” Comparative Politics Research Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, February 20

2008 The Shari'a Debate and the Consolidation of the Fourth Republic:
Defending the Faith, Legitimacy and Democracy in Northern Nigeria,"
Social Science Faculty Colloquium, Usmanu Danfodiyyo University, Sokoto,
Nigeria, June 5

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 "Should Anything Happen to Them During Protests, They Should Blame
Themselves": Protest and the Limits of Democracy in Nigeria's Fourth
Republic," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association,
Chicago, IL
- 2015 "Should Anything Happen to Them During Protests, They Should Blame
Themselves": The Limits of Democracy in Nigeria's Fourth Republic,"
Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Diego, CA
- 2015 "Getting Our Piece of the National Cake: Consociational Powersharing and
Neopatrimonialism in Nigeria," Annual Meeting of the International Studies
Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2014 "Getting Our Piece of the National Cake: Consociational Powersharing and
Neopatrimonialism in Nigeria," Annual Meeting of the African Studies
Association, Indianapolis, IN
- 2014 "The Moral Economy of Powersharing in Nigerian Federalism," Annual
Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2014 "Divided or United? Oil Politics and the Future of Tanganyika-Zanzibar
Union," with Francis Semwaza (Ohio University MA student), Annual
Meeting of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 "Powersharing, Federalism, and Citizenship in Nigeria: The Failure of
Democratic Engineering," Annual Meeting of the African Studies
Association, Baltimore, MD
- 2012 "Constructing the "Relationship" Between Islam and Democracy in New
Democracies: The Sharia Implementation Controversy in Northern Nigeria,"
3rd International Conference on Islam: Islam and Democracy, Madison, WI
- 2011 "Islam and the Language of Human Rights in Nigeria: "Rights Talk" and
Religion in Domestic Politics," Annual Meeting of the African Studies
Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 "Islam and the Language of Human Rights in Nigeria: "Rights Talk" and
Religion in Domestic Politics," Annual Meeting of the American Political
Science Association, Seattle, WA
- 2010 "Framing *Sharia* and Democracy: How Public Debate on Islamic Law
Implementation Shapes Mass Beliefs About Democracy in Northern
Nigeria," Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco,
CA
- 2010 "Framing Islam and Democracy: How Public Discourse Shapes Mass Beliefs
About Democracy in Northern Nigeria," Annual Meeting of the American
Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

- 2009 “Islam and Christianity as Sources of Political Orientations Toward Democracy in Nigeria: Complex Causal Relations and Moving Beyond Political Culture,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON
- 2009 "Talking Ethnic but Hearing Multi-Ethnic: The Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) in Nigeria and Durable Multi-Ethnic Parties in the Midst of Violence," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2006 “Neither Sufficiently Political nor Sufficiently Cultural: The Inadequacy of Political Culture Approaches to Studying Islam and Democracy in Africa,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA,
- 2005 “Sharia Law and the Culture of Islam: Defending the Faith and Political Legitimacy in Northern Nigeria,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, D.C.

COURSES TAUGHT

African Politics (graduate/undergraduate)
 Themes in Global Politics (introduction to politics for non-majors) (undergraduate)
 The Challenges of Democratization (graduate/undergraduate)
 The Politics of Developing Areas (graduate/undergraduate)
 Introduction to Comparative Politics
 Media and Politics in Comparative Perspective (independent study)
 Ethnic and Identity Politics in Africa (independent study)
 Islam, Human Rights, and Women in Africa (Honors tutorial)
 Advanced Topics in African Politics (Honors tutorial)
 Comparative Politics Field Seminar (Honors tutorial)

INVITED TEACHING/PROFESSIONAL TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

- 2015, 2014, 2014 Fulbright Pre-Academic Orientation Program Speaker, “Introduction to U.S. Politics,” Ohio University, Athens, OH
- 2015 Participant, Roundtable on “Globalizing International Studies Pedagogies: Diversifying And Critiquing Changes To Curriculum And Pedagogy,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2014(x4), 2013 (x3) 2012 “Crises in Contemporary Africa,” Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Talk for U.S. Military Officers preparing for deployment as security and liaison officers in U.S. Embassies in Africa), Dayton, OH

REVIEWER

Lexington Press
Ohio University Press
Rowman and Littlefield
Lynne Rienner Press
Zed Press
CQ/Sage
Africa Today
Commonwealth & Comparative Politics
International Studies Perspectives
Journal of Legislative Studies

Islamic Africa
Public Administration Review
Ethnopolitics
Journal of Contemporary African Studies
Political and Military Sociology: An Annual Review
Terrorism & Political Violence
Comparative Politics
Journal of Asian and African Studies
Nationalism & Ethnic Politics

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

African Politics Conference Group: APSA Panel Committee (2011), Nominations Committee (2011-12), ASA Panel Committee (2016)

APSA Religion and Politics Section: Paper Award Committee (2011-12), Best Dissertation in Religion & Politics Award Selection Committee (2012-13)

International Studies Association: Panel Chair/Discussant (2015)

African Studies Association: Panel Chair/Discussant (2013, 2014)

Midwest Political Science Association: Panel Chair/Discussant (2014, 2016)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2015-present	Chair, Departmental Assessment Committee
2013-present	Departmental Webmaster
2014	Member, Comparative Politics of Development Search Committee
2012-2011	Member, Departmental Executive Committee

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SERVICE

2015-present	Steering Committee Member, War & Peace Curricular Theme
2013-present	Member, Lawrie Global Education Scholarship Committee, Office of Global Opportunity
2015-2013	Co-leader, "So You Want to Change the World?" Curricular Theme
2014, 2012	Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, African Studies Program
2013	Member, Foreign Language Area Studies Award Committee, African Studies Program

CAMPUS OUTREACH

- 2015 “How Violence Impacts Development: Nigeria’s Boko Haram Insurgency,”
Lecture sponsored by Ohio University Wealth & Poverty Theme, September
21
- 2015 Keynote Speaker, Ohio University Fulbright Student Association Spring
Roundtable, March 20
- 2015 “Boko Haram’s Social Cost: Northern Nigeria at War,” Lecture co-
sponsored by Ohio University Institute for the African Child and War &
Peace Theme
- 2013 Panel Chair, “Egypt: The Political Crisis and the Region’s Wider Strife,”
Conference Organized by Ohio University African Studies Program, October
19
- 2013 Interviewee, “Global Perspectives: State of Nigeria After 53 Years of
Independence,” WOUB-TV (Athens), October 14
- 2013 Panelist, “50 Years of OHIO Ties to Africa,” Black Students Alumni
Weekend, September 28
- 2013 Panelist, African Studies Roundtable Discussion on Crisis in Mali, Ohio
University African Cultural Week, April 9
- 2012 Lecture, “The Area Studies Debate in Political Science: Learning How (and
How Not) to Generalize,” Ohio University International Studies Forum,
Athens Ohio, January 27
- 2012 Panelist, African Studies Panel on West African Politics, Ohio University,
April 19
- 2011 Opening Speaker, Ohio University African Cultural Week, May 9
- 2011 “Conversations from Studio B” on WOUB (Athens), on Ivory Coast
Elections, January 24, 2011
- 2011 “Conversations from Studio B” on WOUB (Athens), on Libya and “Arab
Spring,” April 29, 2011

CONSULTANCY

- 2013 Research Analyst, US Agency for International Development, “Counter
Extremism and Development in Northern Nigeria”

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

Selected Media Appearances and Interviews (TV/Radio/Print): BBC World News Television (numerous); BBC Radio 4; BBC Radio Newsday; CKNW Radio (Vancouver)-The Simi Sara Show (numerous); WORT Radio (Madison, WI); ABC News Radio; *International Business Times*; France 24; *Business Insider* (numerous); Inter Press Service; *El Mundo*; *ThinkProgress.org*, CBC National Radio and affiliates

- Boko Haram and Nigeria’s 2015 Elections: A Fighting Chance for Democracy?,” *Africa Plus* (African politics academic commentary forum), March 16, 2015 (Republished in two parts by *Punch*, a leading Nigerian daily)
- “Nigeria’s Islamist Insurgency & The Value of Fulbright Research,” *The Monkey Cage* (Political Science Blog at the *Washington Post*), April 14, 2014

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (Organized Sections: Comparative Democratization, Religion and Politics, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research)

African Studies Association

African Politics Conference Group

REFERENCES

Available on request.