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North Carolina State University
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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL-USA

- PhD in Political Science; Subfields: Comparative Politics (Major) and International Relations (Minor), June 2016

Dissertation committee: William Reno (Chair) and James Mahoney (Co-Chair)

Members: Rachel Riedl and Ato Kwamena Onoma

- M.A (Political Science), March 2013
Supervisor: William Reno

Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta-India (CSSSC)

- Pre-PhD Training (MPhil equivalent), June 2009
Supervisor: Partha Chatterjee (CSSSC and Columbia University)

Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda

- M.A (Human Rights), March 2007
Supervisor: Sango Mwanahewa (RIP)
- BA. Political Science major, with honors, April 2005
Supervisor: Sallie Simba Kayunga

EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

Current:

- Associate Professor (with tenure) of Political Science (jointly appointed in Africana Studies), North Carolina State University, USA
- Research Associate, Centre for Basic Research, Kampala-Uganda
- Op-Ed columnist for *Daily Monitor* newspaper, Kampala-Uganda

Past:

- 2017-2022: Assistant Professor of Political Science & Africana Studies, North Carolina State University, USA
- 2022: Visiting Fellow, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, South Africa
- 2016-2017: Lecturer of Political Science, Northwestern University, USA

- 2011-2016: Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, USA
- 2009-2010: Part-time Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Department of Development Studies, Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda
- 2007-2008: Program Manager – Alumni and Special Projects, Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program for Uganda, Kampala-Uganda
- 2006-2007: Coordinator, Postgraduate Training Program, Centre for Basic Research, Kololo-Kampala, Uganda

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Autocratization in Contemporary Uganda: Clientelism, Coercion, and Social Control (edited), London: Zed Books/Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2024.

Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa (co-edited with Christopher Day), Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2022.

Africa's New Global Politics: Regionalism in International Relations (with Rita Kiki Edozie), Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2022.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Uganda’s Ruling Coalition and the 2021 Elections: Change, Continuity and Contestation.” *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 17, No. 1-2 (2023): 325-343.

“Militarism and the Politics of Covid-19 Response in Uganda” (with Sabastiano Rwengabo), *Armed Forces & Society* (2023): 1-25.

“Rwanda-Uganda Relations: Elites’ Attitudes and Perceptions in Interstate Relations” (with Gerald Bareebe), *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 61, No. 2 (2023): 152-176.

“Rethinking the Pan-African Agenda: Africa, the African Diaspora and the Agenda for Liberation,” *Africa Development* 47, No.4 (2022): 1-23.

“The Deepening Politics of Fragmentation in Uganda: Understanding Violence in the Rwenzori Region” (with Sabastiano Rwengabo), *African Studies Review*, Vol. 64, No. 4 (2022): 939-964.

“Contextualizing the Bobi Wine Factor in Uganda’s 2021 Elections” (with Sam Wilkins and Richard Vokes), *African Affairs*, Vol 120, No. 481 (2021): 629-643.

“Revisiting the Civil-Military Conundrum in Africa” (with Christopher Day and William Reno), *Civil Wars*, Vol 22, No.2-3 (2020): 156-173.

“Reconceptualizing Civil-Military Relations in Africa” (with Christopher Day), *Civil Wars*, Vol 22, No. 2-3 (2020): 174-197.

“Politicization and Professionalization: The Progress and Perils of Civil-Military Transformation in Uganda,” *Civil Wars*, Vol 22, No.2-3 (2020): 289-312.

“Whose Africa is Rising?” *Review of African Political Economy*, Vol 46, No.160 (2019): 304-316.

“Shrinking Democratic Space? Crisis of Consensus and Contentious Politics in Uganda,” *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, Vol 57, No.3 (2019): 343-362.

“Politics of Exclusion and Institutional Transformation in Ethiopia,” *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (2019): 542-557.

“Managing Elite Defection in Museveni’s Uganda: The 2016 Elections in Perspective,” *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (2016): 729-748.

“Political Uncertainty and Its Impact on Service Delivery in Uganda,” *Africa Development*, Vol. 40, No.2 (2015):159-188.

“Challenges to Policy Implementation in Uganda: Reflections on Politics and the State,” *The Uganda Journal of Management and Public Policy Studies*, Vol. 8, No. 1, (2014): 35-51

“The Making of the Informal State in Uganda,” *Africa Development*, Vol. 38, No. 2 (2013): 191-226

Book Chapters

“Campaign Financing and Revenue Bargains in Tanzania and Uganda” (with Ole Therkildsen and Jamal Msami), edited by Kjær, Anne Mette, Marianne S. Ulriksen, and Ane Karoline Bak, *The Politics of Revenue Bargaining in Africa: Triggers, Processes, and Outcomes*. Oxford University Press, 2024.

“Militarism and the Dilemmas of Decolonising Knowledge in Uganda.” In *Decolonising State and Society in Uganda: The Politics of Knowledge and Public Life*, edited by Katherine Bruce-Lockhart, Jonathon L. Earle, Nakanyike B. Musisi and Edgar C. Taylor, 123-145. London: James Currey, 2022.

“Inclusive Cooptation and Political Corruption in Uganda.” In *Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation*, edited by Inge Amundsen, 95-115. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2019.

“Political Corruption and the Limits of Anti-Corruption Activism in Ghana” (with Kofi Asante). In *Political Corruption in Africa. Extraction and Power Preservation*, edited by Inge Amundsen, 29-51. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

“Beyond Electoral Reforms in Understanding Opposition Under-Performance in Uganda” (with Sebastiano Rwengabo). In *Controlling Consent: The 2016 Elections in Uganda*, edited by Joe Oloka-Onyango and Josephine Ahikire. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2017.

Book Reviews

“Arbitrary States: Social Control and Modern Authoritarianism in Museveni’s Uganda by Rebecca Tapscott,” *The Journal of Development Studies* (2023).

“The Lord’s Resistance Army: Violence and Peacemaking in Africa by Mareike Schomerus,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 53, no. 1 (2022): 186-188.

“Legislative Development in Africa: Politics and Postcolonial Legacies by Ken Opalo,” *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol 58, No. 4 (2020): 527-530.

“Understanding the Dynamics of Violent Conflict in Contemporary Africa,” review of *War and Conflict in Africa* by Paul Williams, *Africa Review of Books*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (2018): 5-7.

“The Great Lakes Region and Southern African in Historical and Contemporary Perspective,” *Africa Review of Books*, Vol 11, No. 1 (2015): 10-12.

“Maneuver Warfare as an ‘African Way of War’?” *Africa Review of Books*, Volume 9, No. 1, (2013): 9-10.

“Hegemonic Regime Survival and Legitimation in Uganda: A Review Essay,” *Africa Review of Books*, Volume 7, No. 1 (2011): 4-5.

RECENT RESEARCH PROJECT WITH ONLINE WORKING PAPERS

Political Settlements and Revenue Bargains in Africa. This was a Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) funded project, 2017-2022, with Anne Mette Kjaer (Aarhus University, Denmark) as the Principal Investigator and other colleagues from Denmark, Tanzania and Uganda. An edited book volume from this research project was published by Oxford University Press, 2024.

Working papers I co-authored and are available on the project website:

<https://ps.au.dk/forskning/forskningsprojekter/political-settlements-and-revenue-bargains-in-africa>

- Mapping the Revenue Terrain in Uganda (with David Bakibinga).
- Recent Revenue Bargains in Uganda: Policies, Politics, and the Law (with David Bakibinga and Dan Ngabirano).

- Demand and Supply of Campaign Finance in Tanzania and Uganda (with Jamal Msami and Ole Therkildsen).
- The Politics of Tax Exemptions in Tanzania and Uganda.
- Campaign Financing and the Politics of Revenue Bargaining in Tanzania and Uganda (with Jamal Msami and Ole Therkildsen).

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

African Political Thought and Civil Military Transformation, book monograph.

Encyclopedia of African Politics, co-editing with Anne Mette Kjaer (Aarhus University, Denmark) and Alecia Ndlovu (University of Cape Town), under contract with Edward Elgar, UK, and planned for publication 2025.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING CONSULTANCIES

Democracy, Rights and Governance Assessment, USAID, 2023

Supporting Inclusive Political Transitions in Africa, UNDP, 2022

Elite Manipulation of Security Sectors, United States Institute of Peace (USIP), 2021-2022

US State Department's Foreign Service Institute (FSI), 2022- 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate courses

The Politics of Global Inequality (senior writing seminar), spring 2024

Politics of the World Economy, fall 2020, spring 2023.

Introduction to International Relations, winter 2016, winter 2017, and fall 2018.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, fall 2016, winter 2017, fall 2019, spring 2020, and fall 2021.

Introduction to the African Diaspora, fall 2018, spring 2018, fall 2018, spring 2019, fall 2019, spring 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021, and fall 2021, fall 2022, spring 2023, fall 2023, and spring 2024.

The African Diaspora and Liberation Struggles, fall 2017

The Politics of Global Inequality, winter 2017, Spring 2024.

The Political Economy of Africa's Development, spring 2013

Democratization in Africa, spring 2013

The Politics of International Economics (Makerere University), 2010

Graduate courses

International Political Economy, fall 2023

Contemporary African Politics, fall 2017, spring 2019, spring 2021, fall 2022

The History of Public Policy (Makerere University), 2009

I served as a Teaching Assistant at Northwestern University for the following courses:

International Political Economy (with Professor Stephen Nelson), spring 2016.

Politics of Africa, advanced undergraduate seminar (with Professor Jeff Rice), winter 2016.

Introduction to Law in the Political Arena (with Professor Alisa Kaplan), fall 2015.

Globalization (with Professor Stephen Nelson), spring 2014.

Introduction to International Relations (twice with Professor Michael Louriaux), spring 2012 and spring 2013.

Introduction to Comparative Politics (twice with Professor Rachel Riedl), fall 2011 and fall 2012.

African Politics, advanced undergraduate seminar (with Professor William Reno), winter 2012.

The Politics of Humanitarian Intervention (with Professor Jeff Rice), fall 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, South Africa
- Five-year Kofi Annan fellowship for PhD study awarded by the Program of African Studies and The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2010-2015
- One-year graduate assistantship awarded by Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2015-2016
- One-year pre-doctoral/Mphil fellowship by the South-South Exchange Program for Research on the History of Development (Sephis), tenable at the Centre for Studies in the Social Sciences, Calcutta-India, 2008-2009
- Three-year undergraduate scholarship by the Government of Uganda, at Makerere University, Kampala, 2001-2004

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- A \$3,000 Junior Faculty Development Award by NC State University's Office for Research and Engagement.

- A \$4,000 Professional Faculty Development Award, NC State University.
- A \$2,500 travel grant by NC State University's Office for Global Engagement.
- Recognized as an outstanding graduate student in the department of political science, Northwestern University, 2015/2016 with a prize award.
- A \$50,000 seed grant (with William Reno and Christopher Day) from Northwestern University, 2016.
- A \$5,000 dissertation research grant for fieldwork in Ethiopia and Rwanda by the Buffet Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015
- A \$3,000 Graduate Research Grant for fieldwork in Ghana, by the Graduate School, Northwestern University, March 2014.
- A \$2,500 grant by the Equality Development and Globalization Studies program and a \$1,500 grant by the Department of Political Science, Northwestern University both for fieldwork in Rwanda and Ethiopia, May 2014.
- Several pre-dissertation exploration and actual dissertation fieldwork grants given by the Buffet Institute for Global Studies and the Panofsky grant of the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University, 2012-2015.

CONFERENCE AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

- "The Poisoned Chalice of the Coup D'état in Africa," Triennial Conference of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, Dakar-Senegal, December 2023
- "Reform Rebels and Civil-Military Relations in Africa," Annual Conference of the Inter University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society, Reston, VA, October 2023.
- "Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa: The Coup and Political Thought," Conference at Sciences Po, Paris (co-convened with Cornell and Northwestern), May 2023.
- "African Political Thought and Civil-Military Transformation," Inter University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society conference, Ottawa, October 2022.
- "The African Diaspora, Africa, and Liberation Struggles," keynote at the African Studies Association of Africa, University of Cape Town, April 2022.
- "Africa's Security Landscape and the US Engagements," presented to the Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) trainers, Fort Bragg, April 28, 2021.
- "Developments in the Great Lakes of East and Central Africa: Prospects and Retrogress," presented to Foreign Area Officers, US Department of Defense, April 15, 2021.
- "The 'Coup Taboo' and Persistence of Authoritarianism in Africa," International Studies Association annual conference, April 2021.
- "Africa's Regional Security Complex: Pushing Up from the Bottom Tier," International Studies Association annual conference, April 2021, and African Studies Association annual conference, November 2020.
- "Uganda's Role in the Great Lakes Region," roundtable at the US State Department, July 2019.
- "Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa," African Studies Association annual conference, Boston, November 2019.

- “Campaign Financing and Revenue Bargains in Tanzania and Uganda,” African Studies Association annual conference, Boston, November 2019.
- “The Pan-African Agenda and African International Relations,” International Studies Association annual conference, Toronto, March 27-30, 2019.
- “Militarism and the Challenge of Decolonizing Knowledge in Uganda,” African Studies Association annual conference, Atlanta, November 29-December 1, 2018.
- “Revisiting the Pan-African Agenda: African Diaspora, Liberation Struggles and Contemporary Betrayal,” 15th General Assembly of Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, Dakar, December 17-21, 2018.
- “Shrinking Democratic Space in Uganda?” Keynote presentation at a national symposium, Makerere University, Kampala, June 7, 2018.
- “Politics of Inclusive Coalition in Ghana and Uganda,” African Studies Association, Chicago, November 2017.
- “Bridging the Gap between Political Parties and Parliamentary Caucuses in Uganda,” Keynote Presentation at the meeting of the Inter-Party Organization for Dialogue Council and Parliament of Uganda, Kampala, April 27, 2017.
- “The Role of the Youth in Shaping National Politics in Uganda,” Keynote Address at a post-election dialogue by the Uganda Youth Network (UYONET), Kampala, December 19, 2016.
- “Elite Defection and the 2016 Ugandan Elections,” African Studies Centre, University of Oxford, April 22, 2016.
- “Coalition Politics and Institutional Transformation: Ethiopia and Rwanda in Comparative Perspective,” African Studies Association, November 2015, San Diego
- “Political Uncertainty and Service Delivery in Uganda,” International Conference on Governance and Services Delivery in Developing Countries, August 2015, Kampala
- “Mutual Partnership or Strategic Paternalism: Chinese FDI to Africa,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013 and 2014, Chicago
- “Challenges to Policy Implementation in Uganda,” keynote presentation at a national public policy dialogue, Uganda Management Institute, March 2014, Kampala
- “Embedding Neoliberalism in Uganda: The Role of Cooperatives,” presentation at a dissemination workshop on Reviving the Cooperative Movement in Uganda, Kampala, December 18, 2013
- “Political Networks and Authoritarian Regime Survival,” African Studies Association, November 2013, Philadelphia

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), 2017-Present
- International Studies Association, 2016-Present
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2012-2014
- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2014-2017
- African Studies Association (ASA), 2012-Present
- South East Research Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS), 2020-Present

UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental and Campus Service

- Member of North Carolina State University's Honorary Degrees Committee, 2023-Present.
- Member of the Executive Committee, School of Public and International Affairs, 2020-2022.
- Graduate School Associate: representing the Graduate School on PhD committees, 2017-Present.
- Finalists' interviewer for NC State University's Parks Scholarships, 2021.
- Patron for the African Student Union, 2018-2020.
- Member of the Advisory Board and Assessment Committee, Africana Studies Program, 2017-Present.
- Department representative to the library, 2020-2022.
- Advised dozens of Master's capstone papers and served on one committee for a PhD in Public Administration.

Non-Campus Professional Service

- Weekly Op-Ed columnist for Uganda's *Daily Monitor* newspaper.
- PhD external examiner for Politics and Government, Edith Cowan University, Perth Australia.
- PhD external examiner for the department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- PhD external examiner for the department of political science, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.
- Founding Secretary for Society for Justice and National Unity, a think-tank based in Kampala.
- Board Member and Committee Chair, Child Restoration Support Organization (CROSO), a nonprofit, Chicago-IL, 2017-2019
- Board President, North American Masaba Cultural Association, a Ugandan diaspora organization, 2018-2019
- Member of Steering Committee for South East Research Seminar in African Studies, USA.
- Executive Board Member, Triangle Institute for Security Studies (consortium of Duke University, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Central University, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

Research Service, Past and Present

- Country expert for Bertelsmann Transformation Index, Germany.
- Country coding expert for Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) research project, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Country peer reviewer for Transparency International's (IT) Government Defense Integrity index, UK.
- Co-Chair Uganda Studies Group of the African Studies Association, 2021 – to date.

Publishing Reviewer Service

- Book manuscript reviewer for Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, CO
- Book manuscript reviewer for Zed Books Publishers, London
- Book manuscript reviewer for Stanford University Press
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *African Studies Review*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *African Affairs*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Armed Forces & Society*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Review of African Political Economy*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Modern African Studies*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Asian and African Studies*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Modern Africa: Politics, History and Society*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Democratization*
- Journal manuscript reviewer for *Defense Studies*

Journal Editorial Board Membership

- *Armed Forces & Society*, 2023- to date
- *Civil Wars*, 2020 – to date
- *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 2019 – to date

REFERENCES

1. William Reno, PhD

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