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EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVE

Political scientist with extensive experience in qualitative and quantitative research and analysis as well as honed skills in written and oral communication about politics and history in the developing world. Looking to leverage interpersonal and leadership skills, cultural adaptability and resourcefulness attained from years of independently planned and organized travel and research abroad under conditions of limited resources. Seeking to move into a career in public service as an analyst of foreign political affairs and adviser on international issues

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Florida, 2010-present (ABD)

Fields:

Major: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology

Minor: International Relations

Dissertation:

“British Colonial Legacies and Democratic Survival,” a study of why democratic institutions survive in some contexts and temporal periods but break down in others.

M.A. Political Science, University of Florida, 2013

B.A. International Politics & French, Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA, (Magna cum Laude) 2009

RESEARCH AREAS

Democratization

Politics of Developing Countries

Colonial Legacies

WORK and VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Dept. of Political Science, U. of Florida, African Politics Search Committee, 2014

Graduate Student Representative

Served as graduate student representative on hiring committee. Coordinated meetings of job candidates and students to meet and discuss hiring needs of graduate student population. Gathered and analyzed data from student assessments of candidates and communicated these positions to faculty on hiring committee.

Participated in hiring committee discussions, assessments and decisions.

African Studies Quarterly, U. of Florida, Center for African Studies

Managing Editor, 2012-2014

Ran weekly meetings of the Internal Review Board, an inter-disciplinary group of graduate students who review and provide an initial screen of manuscript submissions prior to external peer review. Managed all correspondence with authors and internal and external reviewers. Formatted and edited new issues for publication. Managed journal’s website. Organized journal’s information table at the Annual African Studies Association Meeting, including scheduling graduate student volunteers and creating an information pamphlet for distribution at the Conference.

Book Review Editor, 2010-2012

Attended and participated in all weekly Internal Review Board meetings. Managed all correspondence with book reviewers. Organized database of books sent for review. Processed book mailings to reviewers. Organized and formatted book review submissions for quarterly publication.

Internal Review Board Member, 2010-present

Actively volunteered to review numerous manuscript submissions as initial screening to determine a manuscript's eligibility for external peer review. Wrote reports about manuscript appropriateness and readiness for external review. Presented information about reviewed manuscripts at weekly meetings.

Political Science Graduate Student Council, University of Florida, 2011-2012

Comparative Politics Field Chair

Served as liaison between graduate students, faculty and administration. Attended and participated in regular Graduate Student Council Meetings

TEACHING

Instructor, Developing Nations, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2016

Designed syllabus and lesson plans for class of undergraduate students. Completed course instruction, grading, and student mentoring. Course focused heavily on improving students' reading comprehension, research, and writing skills. Group and individual student mentoring included extensive written and oral feedback on students' assignments including a major research paper to facilitate personal development.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“British Colonial Legacies and African Democracy” Invited by the Area Studies Division in the College of Language and Area Studies of NSA's National Cryptologic School (NCS) to give a briefing on democratization in Africa in former British colonies, August 2016

“Boko Haram in Political Context” Islam in African Working Group. University of Florida, March 2013

“The Origins of Ethnic Politics in Nigeria” Midwest Political Science Conference. Chicago, April 2012

LANGUAGE, REGIONAL/CULTURAL and SPECIAL TRAINING

Language Proficiency Levels (ILR Language Scale) [self-assessed]

- Hausa: L2 Reading / L1+ Listening / L1 Speaking
- French: L2 Reading / L2 Listening / L1+ Speaking

Hausa Language Training:

Intermediate, University of Ghana, 2015

Intermediate, School of Oriental and African Studies at London University, 2013

Intermediate, Boston University, 2012

Beginner, Summer Cooperative African Language Institute, U. of Florida, 2011

French Language Training:

Undergraduate minor, Juniata College

Took courses in grammar, translation and speaking as well as substantive courses on French film and literature taught in the French language

Study Abroad, Université Catholique de Lille, 2007

Focused on grammar and translation while studying history and political science in substantive courses held in French language.

Research Methodology Training:

Institute of Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2013

Took courses on research design, concept formation, methods of case study selection and comparison, typological theory, process tracing, comparative historical analysis, counterfactual analysis, and interview, archival and field research techniques. Program emphasizes strengths and limitations of different approaches as well as relationships among them to facilitate combining methods. Synthesized the methodological knowledge to develop own multi-method research design presented to colleagues.

Quantitative Methods Training, University of Florida, 2010-2014

Completed statistical research program in linear regression and maximum likelihood estimation. Personal research includes work in Event History Analysis. Training in Stata statistical software.

FIELDWORK and OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE

Ghana, Research Affiliate, Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), 2015

Conducted interviews with academics, current and former politicians, and non-governmental actors about their experience and knowledge about the country's multiple democratic transitions and independence movement. Collected archival data from the late colonial period at the National and various Regional Archives. Attended conferences and edited reports for CDD-Ghana concerning contemporary democratization programs in the country and West Africa broadly.

Mauritius, Research Affiliate, University of Mauritius, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, 2014-2015

Conducted interviews with academics and current and former politicians about their experiences with the transition to independence and subsequent democratization. Collected archival data from the late colonial and early independence period at the National Archives and the National Library.

Malaysia, Research Associate, University of Malaya, Dept. of Economics and Administration, 2014

Conducted interviews with academics, former politicians and journalists about the country's independence transition and democratic breakdown in 1969. Collected archival data from the late colonial period at the National Archives.

Singapore, University of Singapore, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), 2014

Collected archival data concerning political actors and events in the late colonial and early independence period of Malaysia at the ISEAS private collections.

United Kingdom, UK National Archives, 2013

Collected demographic, economic and political archival data from the late colonial period for all former British colonies.

Nigeria, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Rotary International, 2010

Furthered international understanding between citizens of the U.S. and Nigeria by serving as an ambassador of goodwill. Gave presentations at numerous Rotary Clubs and Conferences in Nigeria and in the U.S. Worked with the Vantaged Teen Center, a non-governmental organization focused on providing skills and training to women and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Senegal and The Gambia, 2007

Study Abroad. Took semester course in African Politics at Juniata College. Participated in three-week study abroad focused on issues of politics, history and society, including visits with organizations working on policy making, women's rights, press freedom, economic development, health care, and agricultural policy.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS and AWARDS

Summer Research Award, Dept. of Political Science, U. of Florida, 2016

Created original dataset on all former British colonies and democratic stability.

NSEP David L. Boren Fellowship, Institute for International Education, 2015

Used Fellowship funds to study Hausa and conduct interview and archival research in Ghana in 2015. Produced working paper entitled: "Legacies of Limited Administration in a British Colony: Democratic

Breakdown in Ghana.” Accepted to present forthcoming paper entitled: “Democratic Breakdown and Survival: A Tale of Two Transitions in Ghana” at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. December 2016.

**Eligible for exempted service appointment under Schedule A (r) and non-competitive conversion to career status under NDAA FY 13.*

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2014-2015

Used Fellowship funds to conduct interview and archival research in Malaysia and Mauritius, 2014-2015.

Produced working paper entitled: “From Independence to Democratic Breakdown: Political Transitions in Malaysia.” Presented research at University of Malaya in 2015 and Midwest Political Science Conference in 2016.

Graduate School Doctoral Research Award, U. of Florida, 2013

Conducted interview and archival research in Malaysia and Mauritius, 2014-2015. Produced working paper entitled: “From Independence to Democratic Breakdown: Political Transitions in Malaysia.” Presented research at University of Malaya in 2015 and Midwest Political Science Conference in 2016.

Center for African Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, U. of Florida, 2013

Conducted archival research on the history of colonial institutional development in Nigeria at the UK National Archives. Presented research entitled: “Democratic Breakdown in Nigeria: Assessing Legacies of Colonial Institutions” at the Students in African Studies Association (SASA), U. of Florida, 2013.

Dept. of Political Science Summer Research Award, U. of Florida, 2013

Used grant to conduct archival research and collect aggregate demographic, economic and political colonial period data on all former British colonies at the UK National Archives. Produced working paper entitled: “Democratic Survival in Former British Colonies: A Statistical Analysis” in 2016.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Dept. of Political Science, U. of Florida, 2012

Awarded for seminar paper entitled: “British Colonial Rule: a typology of authority structures” later presented as a dissertation research proposal at the Comparative Politics Colloquium in 2013 as “British Colonial Legacies and Democratic Survival.”