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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California

Department of National Security Affairs
Assistant Professor (2015-Present)

V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg

Department of Political Science
Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2016-2018)

EDUCATION

Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

PhD, Political Science (2015)
MA, Political Science (2010)

Dissertation: *Which Jobs for Which Boys? Party Financing, Patronage and State Capacity in African Democracies*
Syracuse University Doctoral Prize for Outstanding Dissertation

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut

BA, High Honors in Social Studies (2001)

RESEARCH

Publications

“Democracy for All: Conceptualizing and Measuring Egalitarian Democracy” (with Staffan I. Lindberg), forthcoming in *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Under Review/Working

“The Determinants of Government Program Success: A conjoint experiment with government employees in Ghana, Malawi and Uganda” (with Adam Harris and Brigitte Seim), presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.

“Beyond Sequencing: State Capacity Types and Regime Outcomes” (with Steven Lloyd Wilson), presented at the annual conference of the V-Dem Institute, Gothenburg, May 2017.

“Continuity and Change in Ghana’s Public Service” (with Daniel Appiah and E. K. Sakyi), presented at the Quality of Government Institute (U of Gothenburg) Winter Internal Conference, Budapest Hungary, January 2017.

“Patronage and Productivity: How Party System Institutionalization Promotes State Capacity in African Democracies” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2016, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Which Jobs for Which Boys? Party Financing for Patronage” Presented at the Quality of Government Institute/V-Dem Lunch Seminar Series, May 2016, Gothenburg, Sweden.

- “Honorable Mention” for Best Graduate Student Paper by the African Politics Conference Group section of the American Political Science Association.
- Koff Award for best paper in comparative politics awarded by the Syracuse University Department of Political Science.

“State Capacity and World Bank Project Success” (with Jonathan Hanson) Presented at the Annual Conference of the V-Dem Institute, May 2016, Gothenburg, Sweden.

“Leviathan’s Latent Dimensions: Measuring State Capacity for Comparative Political Research” (with Jonathan Hanson). Invited presentation at the World Bank Political Economy Lunch Speaker Series, March 2013, Washington, DC.

Non Peer-Reviewed

“New Perspectives on States and Regimes,” Winter 2017 Newsletter of the APSA-Comparative Democratization Section, (co-editor with Staffan I. Lindberg).

“Rethinking Brokers in Distributive Politics” (with Abdul-Gafaru Abdulai) Appearing in the February 2015 Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group.

GRANTS & AWARDS

External

- **British Academy/DFID Anti-Corruption Evidence (ACE) Program** (£25,000) for the Civil Service Reform and Anti-Corruption Program survey in Ghana (2015-2016)
- **Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship** (\$7,500) for dissertation research on state capacity in Benin and Ghana (2013-2014)

Naval Postgraduate School

- **Democratization and State Capacity in sub-Saharan Africa** (\$64,000) for Research Initiation Program research, publications and reports (2017)

Syracuse University

- **Syracuse University Dissertation Fellowship** (2014-2015)
- **Ketcham Award for Excellence in Research on Democracy, Maxwell School** (2013)
- **Department of Political Science Cohn Award for Dissertation Research** (2013, 2014)
- **Moynihan Institute International Summer Research Grants** (2012 and 2014)
- **Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship** (2009-2010 and 2011-2012)

TEACHING

Graduate Courses

- Politics and Government of Sub-Saharan Africa (NS3311), Naval Postgraduate School
- Political Economy of Development (NS4053), Naval Postgraduate School
- Comparative Political Economic Systems (NS3041), Naval Postgraduate School
- African Political Economy (NS4301), Naval Postgraduate School

Undergraduate Courses:

- Political Economy of Development, Syracuse University, Summer 2013

Other:

- Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Political Theory (PSC 382), Syracuse University, Fall 2010.
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics (PSC 121), Syracuse University, Spring 2009.
- Certificate in University Teaching, Syracuse Future Professoriate Program, 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, University of Ghana, Department of Public Administration, 2013-2014, 2017.
- Social Studies Teacher, Mount Snow Academy, West Dover, Vermont, 2001-2002.

THESIS & DISSERTATION ADVISING

Naval Postgraduate School PhD Dissertation Committee

- Andrea Stanley, “Humanitarian Assistance and Civil-Military Coordination in Disaster Relief” (ongoing)

Naval Postgraduate School Masters Thesis Primary Advisor

- Jeff Drewiske “The Muted Voice of the Catholic Church in Angola” (2016)*
- Brent Oglesby “Extended Stay: Success or Failure in Mandate Extension in Africa” (2017)*
- Stephanie Lastinger “The Political Economy of Post-Conflict Development in Rwanda and Burundi” (2017)
- Lauren Guibert “Logistics Effectiveness and Ineffectiveness in Niger’s Military” (2017)*

Naval Postgraduate School Masters Thesis Secondary Advisor

- Mark Jackson “Rising Sun Over Africa: Japan’s New Frontier for Military Normalization (2016)*
- Ellen Canup “Entrepreneurs and Informal Finance in Kenya” (2016)*
- Amy Roznowski “Energy Security Strategies: An Analysis of Tanzania and Mozambique” (2016)*
- Jacob Aldean “Participatory and Deliberative Processes in Rwanda” (2017)

* Recognized as an award winning thesis (top 10% in the department).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

State & Regional Field Director, Obama for America (2007-2008)

Directed all field operations in Nevada (general election) and West Virginia (primary election), regional field operations in the Nevada, New Mexico Caucuses, Texas and Mississippi caucuses and primaries.

Project Manager, Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada, Gardnerville, Nevada (2005-2006)

Managed a quantitative and qualitative community assessment survey of over 1500 Tribal members. Oversaw the writing and production of report for submission to the Washoe Tribal Council.

Deputy Executive Director, Tahoe-Baikal Institute, South Lake Tahoe, California (2005 – 2006)

Oversaw all programmatic and organizational development activities, including the annual Summer Environmental Exchange, policymaker exchange programs, fundraising and board and alumni relations.

SERVICE (SELECTED)

Academic:

- Search Committee, Naval Postgraduate School Department of National Security Affairs (2017)
- Professional Development Workshop Organizer, U of Gothenburg Department
- Visiting Scholars Program Coordinator, V-Dem Institute, U of Gothenburg (2016-2017)
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Syracuse U Department of Political Science (2010-2011)
- Graduate Studies Committee, Syracuse U Department of Political Science (2009-2011)
- Research volunteer, Maxwell School Transnational NGO Fellowship program (2010)

Other:

- U.S. Commission on Civil Rights State Advisory Committee (2014-present)
- Volunteer Adaptive Ski Instructor, Disabled Sports USA, various locations (2003-present)
- Board Member, The Tahoe Project (2012-present)
- Fundraising and Program Committees, the Tahoe-Baikal Institute (2009-2013)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

APSA Africa Workshop on Distributive Politics

Maputo Mozambique, July 2014: Research presentation and short-courses on distributive politics.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

Syracuse University, June 2013: Courses on Process Tracing, Field Research, Experimental Research, Qualitative and Quantitative Causal Inference

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan. June-July 2011.

Courses on Maximum Likelihood Estimation and Time Series Analysis.

Links Workshop on Social Network Analysis, Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky. June 2009. Introduction to Social Network Analysis.

LANGUAGES

French (advanced speaking, reading and writing)

Malagasy (intermediate speaking)

Spanish, Russian, Twi (basic speaking and reading)