

RACHEL SIGMAN

Department of National Security Affairs
Naval Postgraduate School
1411 Cunningham Road
Monterey, CA 93943 USA

+1 (831) 656-3985 (office)
+1 (775) 315-0431 (mobile)
rlsigman@nps.edu
www.rachelsigman.com

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California

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

V-Dem Institute, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

- Non-Resident Research Associate (2018-Present)
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2016-2017)

EDUCATION

Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

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

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut

- BA, Social Studies with High Honors (2001)

RESEARCH

Book Manuscript

Making Patronage Work: The Politics of State Performance in African Democracies

Publications

“Democracy for All: Conceptualizing and Measuring Egalitarian Democracy”
Political Science Research and Methods, [Online First](#), April 2018 (with Staffan I. Lindberg)

“Neopatrimonialism and Democracy: An Empirical Investigation of Africa’s Political Regimes”
Routledge Handbook of Democratization in Africa, edited by Gabrielle Lynch and Peter Von Deopp,
[forthcoming](#) (with Staffan I. Lindberg)

“The State of the World 2017: Autocratization and Exclusion?”
Democratization, [Online First](#), June 2018 (with Anna Lührmann et. al)

Under Review

“Which Jobs for Which Boys? Patronage for Political Finance” (*Revise and Resubmit*)

- Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Student Paper by the African Politics Conference Group section of the American Political Science Association, 2015
- Koff Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics Syracuse University, 2015

“Oiling the Bureaucracy? Political Spending, Bureaucrats, and the Resource Curse”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago, November 2017
(with Adam Harris, Jan Meyer-Sahling, Christian Schuster, Kim Sass Mikkelsen)

“Election Security and Democratic Civil-Military Relations in Ghana”

Working/In Progress

“The Determinants of Government Program Success: A Conjoint Experiment with Government Employees in Ghana, Malawi and Uganda”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017 (with Adam Harris and Brigitte Seim)

“Beyond Sequencing: State Capacity Types and Regime Outcomes”

Presented at the V-Dem Institute Conference, Gothenburg, May 2017 (with Steven Lloyd Wilson)

“Continuity and Change in Ghana’s Public Service”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, November 2016
(with Daniel Appiah and Emmanuel Kojo Sakyi)

“Patronage and Productivity: The Effects of Patronage on State Capacity in African Democracies”

Presented at the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2016

“State Capacity and World Bank Project Success”

Presented at the Annual Conference of the V-Dem Institute, Gothenburg, May 2016 (with Jonathan Hanson)

[“Leviathan’s Latent Dimensions: Measuring State Capacity for Comparative Political Research”](#)

Presented at the World Bank, Washington, March 2013 (with Jonathan Hanson)

Other

Book Review: *States in the Developing World*, edited by Miguel Centeno, Atul Kohli, Deborah Yashar with Dinsha Mistree

Perspectives on Politics, forthcoming 2018

[“Will Ghana First Protests Threaten a U.S. Military Agreement?”](#)

Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog, April 2018

[“New Perspectives on States and Regimes”](#)

Newsletter of the APSA-Comparative Democratization Section, Winter 2017

[“Rethinking Brokers in Distributive Politics”](#)

Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group, February 2015 (with Abdul-Gafaru Abdulai)

Datasets

[Varieties of Democracy](#) (V-Dem) Dataset & Codebook v6, v7, v8 (with Michael Coppedge et. al)

State Capacity Dataset v0.9 (with Jonathan Hanson)

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- University of Nottingham, British Academy/DFID Anti-Corruption Evidence (ACE) Program for research on Civil Service Reform and Anti-Corruption in Ghana (2015)
- Syracuse All-University Dissertation Prize for Best Dissertation in Political Science (2015)
- Syracuse University Department of Political Science Dissertation Fellowship (2014-2015)
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Public Administration, University of Ghana (2013-2014)
- Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship for dissertation research on state capacity in Benin and Ghana (2013-2014)
- Ketcham Award for Excellence in Democracy Research, Syracuse University (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)
- Fulbright Fellow, U.S. Student Program Madagascar, Department of State/Institute for International Education (2004-2005).

INVITED TALKS, LECTURES & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- “Neopatrimonialism and Democracy” Policy Dialogue Day, Gothenburg, May 2018
- “Neopatrimonialism and Democracy” World Bank, Washington, April 2018.
- “Measuring the Quality of Public Administration” Guest Lecture at the University of Ghana Executive MPA program, Legon, Ghana, February 2017.
- “Continuity and Change in Ghana’s Public Service” Quality of Government Institute Winter Internal Workshop, Budapest, Hungary, January 2017.
- “Beyond Sequencing: State Capacity Types and Regime Outcomes” Workshop on Disentangling the State-Regime Nexus, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, November 2016.
- “Expert Surveys in Comparative Politics: The V-Dem Project” ECPR Research Sessions, Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, July 2016.
- “Measuring Governance with Expert Surveys” Institute for Security Studies Workshop on Political Settlements in Fragile States: Measuring Governance Trajectories, Korbel School, University of Denver, Denver, June 2016.
- “Political Finance and Patronage in Africa” Quality of Government/V-Dem Institute Lunch Seminar Series, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, May 2016.
- “Patronage and Productivity: The Politics of State Capacity in African Democracies” Talk delivered to the Maxwell African Scholars Union, Syracuse University, November 2014.

- APSA Africa Workshop on Distributive Politics, Centre for Research on Governance and Development, Higher Institute of Public Administration, Maputo, Mozambique, July 2014.
- Regular Guest Lectures, University of Ghana Department of Public Administration, Legon, Ghana, September 2013 – July 2014.
- Measuring State Capacity, World Bank Political Economy Working Group, March 2013 (with Jonathan Hanson)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

African Studies Association: 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012
 American Political Science Association: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2011
 International Studies Association: 2011
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2015
 Southern Political Science Association: 2014
 V-Dem Institute Annual Conference: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

TEACHING

Graduate

- 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

- Political Economy of Development, Syracuse University, Summer 2013

Teaching Assistant

- Contemporary Political Theory, Syracuse University, Fall 2010.
- Introduction to American Politics, Syracuse University, Spring 2009.

ADVISING

Naval Postgraduate School PhD Dissertation Committee Member

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

Naval Postgraduate School Masters Thesis Primary/Co-Advisor

- Rodney James (in progress)
- Yahaya Camara (in progress)
- Ben Collier (in progress)
- Timothy Petrov (in progress)
- Mike Devito (in progress)
- Jjemba Ssejjemba “Refugee Policies in Kenya and Uganda” (2018)

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

Naval Postgraduate School Masters Thesis Second Reader

- Kopano Baruti (in progress)
- Djibril Hassane Guindo (in progress)
- Gumersindo Santiago Rodriguez (in progress)
- Gregory Seitz (in progress)
- Soonwoo Choi “Opaque Nuclear Strategies” (2017)
- Evan Wiczorek “Ethnic and Religious Identity in the Central African Republic” (2017)
- Jacob Aldean “Participatory and Deliberative Processes in Rwanda” (2017)
- Amy Roznowski “Energy Security Strategies: An Analysis of Tanzania and Mozambique” (2016)*
- Ellen Canup “Entrepreneurs and Informal Finance in Kenya” (2016)*
- Mark Jackson “Rising Sun Over Africa: Japan’s New Frontier for Military Normalization (2016)*

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

SERVICE

Professional

- Journal Referee: *American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Democratization, Governance, Government and Opposition, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics*
- Co-Editor, APSA Comparative Democratization Section Newsletter (2016-2017)

Navy/Department of Defense

- AFRICOM Joint FAO Course II: Assistance with planning and coordination, lectures on political regimes and instability in Africa, Stuttgart, September 2018.
- Briefing on African Security Landscape, Naval Postgraduate School Center for Executive Education, November 2015.

University

- Latin America Search Committee, Naval Postgraduate School Department of National Security Affairs (2017)
- Visiting Scholars Program Coordinator, V-Dem Institute, U of Gothenburg (2016-2017)
- Graduate Student Representative to the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University (2010-2011)
- Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University (2009-2011)

Community

- U.S. Commission on Civil Rights California State Advisory Committee (2014-present)
- Volunteer Adaptive Ski Instructor, Disabled Sports USA, various locations (2003-present)

CONSULTING

- German Development Institute/V-Dem Institute, Political Equality and Exclusion (2018)
- World Bank/V-Dem Institute, Measuring Governance as Exclusion (2018)
- University of Nottingham, Civil Service Reform and Corruption in Ghana (2017)
- Green Technology Leadership Group, Research Associate (2012-2013)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Certificate in University Teaching, Syracuse Future Professoriate Program, 2014
- 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
- 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 (beginning speaking)

REFERENCES

Available by request