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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### BOSTON COLLEGE

2023-present Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science  
Faculty Affiliate, African and African Diaspora Studies Program  
Faculty Affiliate, Environmental Studies Program

2017-2023 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science

### INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN TOULOUSE

2023 Visiting Researcher

### UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

2022-present Research Associate

### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, KELLOGG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

2016-2017 Visiting Research Fellow

## EDUCATION

2017 Cornell University, Ph.D. in Government  
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

2007 Northwestern University, B.A. in Political Science & International Studies

## BOOK

2022. *Land Politics: How Customary Institutions Shape State Building in Zambia and Senegal*.  
New York: Cambridge University Press.

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* by Franklin Obeng-Odoom and in *Commonwealth  
& Comparative Politics* by Dominika Koter

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2023. "Mutual Dependence and Expectations of Cooperation" (with Adam Harris). *The Journal of Politics*, 85 (1), pp. 192-208.

2023. "Land and Legibility: When do Citizens Expect Secure Property Rights in Weak

States?” (with Karen Ferree, Ellen Lust, and Melanie Phillips). *American Political Science Review*, 117 (1), pp. 42-58.

2022. “The Power of the Pen: Informal Property Rights Documents in Zambia.” *African Affairs*, 121 (482), pp. 81-107.

2021. “What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya.” (with Amy Erica Smith and Jaimie Bleck). *Perspectives on Politics*.

2019. “Elite Defection and Grassroots Democracy Under Competitive Authoritarianism: Evidence from Burkina Faso.” (with Sarah Andrews). *Democratization*, 26 (4), pp. 626-644.

2017. “Selecting the State or Choosing the Chief? The Political Determinants of Smallholder Land Titling.” *World Development*, 100, pp. 94-107.

2016. “Immigrant Political Economies and Exclusionary Policy in Africa.” *Comparative Politics*, 48 (4), pp. 517-537.

## **CHAPTERS IN EDITED ACADEMIC VOLUMES**

2019. “Traditional Leaders and Development in Africa.” *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

## **OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

2023. Review of The Scarce State. *Perspectives on Politics*.

2021. Review of Political Violence in Kenya. *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 59 (1), pp.125-126.

2020. “What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya.” (with Amy Erica Smith and Jaimie Bleck). Notre Dame, IN: *Kellogg Institute for International Studies Working Paper #437*.

2015. “The Status of Customary Land and the Future of Smallholder Farmers Under the Current Land Administration System in Zambia.” (with Brian Mulenga). Lusaka, Zambia: *Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI) Working Paper 101*.

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“Community Capacity or State Weakness? Customary Institutions and Nonstate Security Provision in Burkina Faso.”

“State Reach and Gender Norms: Examining the Uptake of Equitable Land Rights,” (with Adam Harris and Ellen Lust).



2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2022 European Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2021 Governance and Local Development Institute, University of Gothenburg  
 2021 Boston Working Group in African Political Economy (B-WGAPE), MIT  
 2021 Faculty Seminar, Oakton Community College  
 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2020 Digital Scholarship Research Group, Boston College  
 2019 African Studies Association Annual Meeting  
 2018 American Political Science Association  
 2018 Boston University, African Studies Center  
 2018 African Studies Association Annual Meeting  
 2017 Northwestern University, Program of African Studies  
 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2017 Varieties of Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame  
 2016 African Studies Association Annual Meeting  
 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2015 African Studies Association Annual Meeting  
 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 2013 Summer Institute on Contested Global Landscapes  
 2012 Land Deals Politics Initiative Conference  
 2012 International Studies Association Annual Meeting  
 2012 Institute for Social Sciences Conference, Cornell University

## **OTHER CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (SELECTED)**

### *Discussant:*

B-WGAPE, Yale University (2023, 2019)  
 European Political Science Association (2022)  
 American Political Science Association (2023, 2021, 2018, 2017)  
 African Studies Review, Pipeline for Emerging African Studies Scholars Workshop (2019)  
 APSA Research Development Group for African Scholars Workshop (2018)  
 African Politics Conference Group, Online Colloquium (2018)  
 Varieties of Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame (2017)

## **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

Malawi, Kenya, Zambia, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Madagascar.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), Zambia. 2012, 2013-2014.  
*Affiliated Researcher*

US Peace Corps, Burkina Faso. 2007-2009.  
*Community Health Development Volunteer*

**LANGUAGES:** English (native), French (advanced), Mooré/Burkina Faso (intermediate).