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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999
Dissertation: *Disjunctured Boundaries: Refugees, Hosts, and Politics in Tanzania*
Fields of Study: Comparative Politics (Africa), International Relations
Certificate: International Development and Social Change

M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1995

A.B., Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 1993
Certificates: African Studies Program, Teacher Preparation Program

Professional Experience

Associate Dean for Research and Interdisciplinary Collaboration, College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 2024 to present
Interim Associate Dean, College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 2023 to June 2024
Interim Divisional Dean, Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March to June 2023
Executive Director, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 2021 to December 2023
Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2020 to present
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2008 to 2020
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2002 to 2008
Fulbright Scholar, United States International University, Kenya, 2005-2006
Part-time Lecturer, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2000-2002
Program Associate for Africa, American Council on Education, Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development, 2000-2002
Senior Research Assistant, Foreign Policy Studies Program, Brookings Institution, 1999-2000

Research

Books

- Whitaker, Beth Elise, and John F. Clark. 2018. *Africa's International Relations: Balancing Domestic and Global Interests*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Wolfgang Reinicke and Francis Deng with Jan Martin Witte, Thorsten Benner, Beth Whitaker, and John Gershman. 2000. *Critical Choices: The United Nations, Networks, and the Future of Global Governance*. Ottawa: International Development Research Centre.

Journal Articles

- Whitaker, Beth Elise, and Elizabeth Iams Wellman. 2024. "Voice Through Votes and Remittances: Diaspora Efforts to Influence Elections." *International Migration Review* 58(3): 1306-1320.
- Walsh, James Igoe, Justin M. Conrad, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2024. "Rebel Human Rights Abuses During Civil Wars: Introducing the Rebel Human Rights Violations Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 61(3): 477-488.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise, and John Andrew Doces. 2023. "Naturalize or Deport? The Distinct Logics of Support for Different Immigration Outcomes." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 49(7): 1898-1918.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise, and Jason Giersch. 2021. "Strategic Calculations? Partisan Differences in Support for Puerto Rican Migration to the Mainland United States." *Migration Studies* 9(3): 534-555.
- Wellman, Elizabeth Iams, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2021. "Diaspora Voting in Kenya: A Promise Denied." *African Affairs* 120(479): 199-217.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2020. "Refugees, Foreign Nationals, and *Wageni*: Comparing African Responses to Somali Migration." *African Studies Review* 63(1): 18-42.
- van der Haer, Roos, Christopher Faulkner, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2020. "Rebel Funding and Child Soldiers: Exploring the Relationship between Natural Resources and Forcible Recruitment." *European Journal of International Relations* 26(1): 236-262.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise, James Igoe Walsh, and Justin Conrad. 2019. "Natural Resource Exploitation and Sexual Violence by Rebel Groups." *Journal of Politics* 81(2): 702-706.
- Conrad, Justin, Kevin Greene, James Igoe Walsh, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2019. "Rebel Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict Duration." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(3): 591-616.
- Cogley, Nathaniel, John Doces, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2019. "Which immigrants should be naturalized? Which should be deported? Evidence from a survey experiment in Côte d'Ivoire." *Political Research Quarterly* 72(3): 653-668.
- Honorable Mention, Best Article Award, American Political Science Association Migration and Citizenship Section
- Kropf, Martha, Samuel Jacob Grubbs, John Szmer, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2019. "American Politics Course Redesigns: The Effect of Propensity Score Matching on Predicting Learning Outcomes." *Journal of Political Science Education* 15(4): 459-473.
- Walsh, James Igoe, Justin Conrad, Beth Elise Whitaker, and Katelin Hudak. 2018. "Funding Rebellion: The Rebel Contraband Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 55(5): 699-707.

- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2017. "Migration within Africa and Beyond." *African Studies Review* 60(2): 209-220.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise and Salma Inyanji. 2015. "Diaspora Voting and Ethnic Politics in Kenya." *Afrique Contemporaine* 256(4): 73-89.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2015. "Playing the immigration card: the politics of exclusion in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana." *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 53(3): 274-293.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise and Jason Giersch. 2015. "Political Competition and Attitudes towards Immigration in Africa." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 41(9-10): 1536-1557.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2011. "The Politics of Home: Dual Citizenship and the African Diaspora." *International Migration Review* 45(4): 755-783.
- Radcliff, Elizabeth G., Elizabeth F. Racine, Larissa R. Brunner, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2011. "Association Between Family Composition and the Well-Being of Vulnerable Children in Nairobi, Kenya." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 16(6): 1232-1240.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2010. "Soft Balancing Among Weak States? Evidence from Africa." *International Affairs* 86(5): 1109-1127.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2010. "Compliance Among Weak States: Africa and the Counter-Terrorism Regime." *Review of International Studies* 36(3): 639-662.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise, and Jason Giersch. 2009. "Voting on a Constitution: Implications for Democracy in Kenya." *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* 27(1): 1-20.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2008. "Reluctant Partners: Fighting Terrorism and Promoting Democracy in Kenya." *International Studies Perspectives* 9(3): 254-271.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2008. "Funding the International Refugee Regime: Implications for Protection." *Global Governance* 14(2): 241-258.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2007. "Exporting the Patriot Act? Democracy and the 'war on terror' in the Third World." *Third World Quarterly* 28 (5): 1017-1032.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2006. "Talking about the Neighbors: The Discourse on Refugees in Tanzanian Politics." *African Review of Foreign Policy* 4(1): 24-44.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2005. "Citizens and Foreigners: Democratization and the Politics of Exclusion in Africa." *African Studies Review* 48(1): 109-126.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2003. "Refugees and the Spread of Conflict: Contrasting Cases in Central Africa." *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 38(2&3): 211-231. [Reprinted in Rose Kadende-Kaiser and Paul J. Kaiser, eds. *Phases of Conflict in Africa*. Toronto: de Sitter Publications, 2005.]
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2002. "Changing Priorities in Refugee Protection: The Rwandan Repatriation from Tanzania." *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 21(1&2): 328-344. [Revised version published in Gil Loescher, Mark Gibney, and Niklaus Steiner, eds. *Problems of Protection: UNHCR and the Protection of Refugees and Human Rights*. New York: Routledge, 2003.]
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2002. "Refugees in Western Tanzania: The Distribution of Burdens and Benefits Among Local Hosts." *Journal of Refugee Studies* 15(4): 339-358.

Book Chapters

- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2014. "African Reactions to U.S. Counterterrorism Policies: Kenya, From Reluctance to Resolve." In Maya Kandel, ed. *U.S. Strategy in Africa*. Paris, France: Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'Ecole Militaire (IRSEM), Ministry of Defense.

- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2004. "Between Victims and Killers: Dilemmas of the International Operation for Rwandan Refugees." In Nitza Nachmias and Rami Goldstein, eds. *The Politics of Forced Migration: A Conceptual, Operational and Legal Analysis*. Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2001. "Creating Alternatives: Refugee Relief and Local Development in Western Tanzania." In Ondine Barrow and Mike Jennings, eds. *The Charitable Impulse: Relief, Development and Non-Governmental Organisations in North East Africa*. Oxford: James Currey.

External Grants and Fellowships

- American Political Science Association, Funding to host the 2015 Africa Workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, on "Conflict and Political Violence." Co-leaders: John F. Clark, Pamela Mbabazi, Kennedy Mkutu, and Beth Elise Whitaker
- Minerva Research Initiative Award, U.S. Department of Defense, "Natural Resources and Armed Conflict," 2013-2016 (funded for \$825,537); PI: James Igoe Walsh; Co-PIs: Victor Asal, Justin Conrad, Michael Findley, James Piazza, and Beth Elise Whitaker
- Fulbright Scholar Research/Teaching Award, U.S. Department of State, "U.S.-Kenyan Relations in the Context of the War on Terror," Nairobi, Kenya, 2005-2006
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, "Refugees, Hosts, and the Struggle for Resources in Northwest Tanzania," 1997-1998
- P.E.O. Scholar Award, International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood, 1997-1998
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, Institute for the Study of World Politics, 1996-1997
- U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Program, Advanced Intensive Swahili course in Tanzania, Council on African Studies, Yale University, 1996

Selected Invited Research Presentations

- "Border Proximity and Support for Free Movement in Africa." Department of Political Science speaker series (via Zoom), Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, October 1, 2021.
- "Border Proximity and Support for Free Movement: Evidence from Africa." Conference on International Boundaries in a Globalizing World, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, May 2-3, 2019.
- "Refugees and Migration in Africa." Analytic exchange on African migration hosted by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research and the National Intelligence Council, National Press Club, Washington, DC, November 16, 2018.
- "Migration within Africa and Beyond." Haverford College, Haverford, PA, October 9, 2018.
- "Voting Behavior of Diaspora Populations: The Case of Kenya." Haverford College, Haverford, PA, October 9, 2018.
- "Migration and Security in Africa and Beyond." U.S. National Security Africa Analyst Development Seminar, National Defense University, Washington, DC, May 15, 2018.
- "Rebel Funding Strategies and Conflict Dynamics in Africa." East Africa Regional Seminar, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, September 15, 2016.
- "Rebel Finance and Sexual Violence." Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University, January 29, 2016.

- “Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa.” Joint Foreign Area Officer Program Africa Course, U.S. Department of Defense & Naval Postgraduate School, Arlington, VA, June 3, 2015.
- “Playing the Immigration Card: The Politics of Exclusion in Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana.” Baraka Lecture Series, University of Florida, Gainesville, January 23, 2015.
- “Security and Stability in Africa.” Naval Air Systems Command Leadership Development Seminar, Naval War College, Newport, RI, September 23, 2014 and April 14, 2015.
- “Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa.” MINERVA/SMA Lecture Series on Africa Teleconference, U.S. Department of Defense, May 1, 2014.
- “Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa.” Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar: Conflict in Africa, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, January 9, 2014.

Selected Recent Conference Papers

- “Trapped in a Conflict Zone: Rebel Restrictions on Civilian Movement.” Presented at the author workshop for the *Journal of Refugee Studies* Special Issue on “Mobility Control and State (Trans)Formation, Consolidation, and Survival in Conflict Settings,” Danube University Krems (Austria), March 2025.
- “Climate Indicators and Migration Intentions: Evidence from Africa.” (Co-authored with Michael Ewers, Alexander Kustov, and Jacob Scheff) Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2024; revised version presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2025.
- “Living on the Edge: Border Proximity and Migration Attitudes in Africa.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2024.
- “Divergent Opinions over Diaspora Voting? Evidence from Inside and Outside Kenya.” (Co-authored with Elizabeth Iams Wellman) Presented at the Southeast Regional Seminar on African Studies, Charlottesville, March 2023; earlier version presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, January 2023.
- “Border Proximity, Ethnicity, and Attitudes Toward Migration in Africa.” Presented at the Winthrop University Interdisciplinary Movements Conference, February 2023; earlier versions presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2022 and the virtual annual meetings of the African Studies Association, November 2021, and the International Studies Association-Northeast, November 2021.
- “Rebel Restrictions on Civilian Movement.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, January 2022.
- “Who Should be Sent Home? An Experimental Analysis of Attitudes toward Deportation.” (Co-authored with John Doces) Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, January 2022; earlier version presented on a virtual panel of the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle, September 2021.
- “Explaining Rebel Targeting of Refugee Camps.” (Co-authored with Kerstin Fisk) Presented at the virtual annual meeting of the International Studies Association, April 2021; earlier versions presented at the African Studies Association annual meeting, November 2020, and the American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2020.
- “Undocumented Immigrants and Support for Deportation.” (Co-authored with John Doces) Presented at the virtual annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association,

- January 2021; earlier version presented at the virtual annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2020.
- “Gendered Warfare: How Sexual Violence Compares to Other Forms of Abuse.” (Co-authored with Hannah Stephens) Presented at the Carolinas Conflict Consortium, Charlotte, NC, January 2020; earlier version presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2019.
- “Partisan Response: Puerto Rican Migration and U.S. Politics after Hurricane Maria.” (Co-authored with Jason Giersch) Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020.
- “Border Proximity and Support for Free Movement: Evidence from Africa.” Presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston, MA, November 2019.
- “Voting Behavior of Diaspora Populations: Evidence from Kenya.” Presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, December 2018; earlier version presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2018; earlier version presented at the joint meeting of the Southeast Regional Seminar on African Studies and the South-East Africa Network, Gainesville, Florida, January 2018.
- “Naturalization or Deportation? Partisanship and Immigration Attitudes.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018; earlier version presented at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Brisbane, Australia, July 2018.
- “Diaspora Support and Conflict Duration.” (Co-authored with Isaac Setliff) Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017.
- “Avoiding the Resource Curse: Results from a Survey Experiment in Kenya.” (Co-authored with James Igoe Walsh and Kennedy Mkutu) Presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 2016; revised version presented at the Southeast Regional Seminar in African Studies, Charleston, SC, January 2017.

Other Publications

- Book review of *Navigating Cultural Memory: Commemoration and Narrative in Post-Genocide Rwanda*, by David Mwambari (Oxford University Press, 2023). 336 Pp. \$83. Hardback. ISBN: 9780190942304.” *African Studies Review*, January 2025.
- “[Border proximity and attitudes toward free movement in Africa](#).” Afrobarometer Working Paper No. 200, June 20, 2023.
- “[Marking World Refugee Day: What Do the Experts Say?](#)” (compiled by Alex Braithwaite and Miranda Simon), Political Violence at a Glance, June 20, 2022.
- Book review of *Courting Migrants: How States Make Diasporas and Diasporas Make States*, by Katrina Burgess (Oxford University Press, 2020). *Perspectives on Politics*, September 2021.
- “[Why Resource-Exploiting Rebels Are More Likely To Forceably Recruit Children](#),” (co-authored with Roos Haer and Christopher M. Faulkner), Leiden Security and Global Affairs Blog, September 12, 2019.
- “[Migration and the Politics of Exclusion in Africa](#),” Italian Institute for International Political Studies, Dossier on African Migration, July 16, 2019.

- [“Why some rebel groups force kids to fight: it depends on how they are funded,”](#) (co-authored with Roos van der Haer and Christopher Michael Faulkner), *The Conversation*, June 26, 2019.
- [“Understanding Africa’s International Relations,”](#) (co-authored with John F. Clark), *Democracy in Africa*, October 11, 2018.
- [“What the ‘s—hole’ debate gets wrong about Africa,”](#) (co-authored with Christopher Day), Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, January 18, 2018.
- “2016 Kenya Diaspora Survey: Summary Report.” (Co-authored with Shem Ochuodho) Kenya Diaspora Alliance, January 2017.
- [“The Politics of Closing Refugee Camps,”](#) *Political Violence @ a Glance: Expert Analysis on Violence and Its Alternatives*, June 22, 2016.
- [“This is what you need to know about xenophobia and this Sunday’s elections in Côte d’Ivoire,”](#) (co-authored with Koffi P. Charles-Hector Yao-Kouamé), Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, October 19, 2015.
- “Funding Rebels: Resources, Crime, and Conflict in Africa,” (co-authored with James Igoe Walsh and Justin Conrad), *Africa Research Initiative Newsletter*, National Intelligence University, August 2014.
- [“Why it’s hard for the U.S. to fight terrorism and promote democracy in East Africa,”](#) Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, October 8, 2013.
- “Debating African Politics.” *Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group*, September 2013.
- U.S.-South African Research and Training Collaborations: An Inventory*. New York: Social Science Research Council, 2004.
- “Association of African Universities Charts Goals for 21st Century.” *International Higher Education* 23, 2001.
- “Rumors, Hopes and Fears: Tanzanian Thoughts on Rwandan Refugees Sixteen Months after Their Departure.” *Milestone: Information Bulletin Produced by UNHCR Branch Office Dar es Salaam* 2 (2), April-June 1998.
- “The Long March Home.” (Short article about the repatriation of Rwandan refugees from Tanzania in December 1996.) *UCIS Global View* vol. 12, University Center for International Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 1997.
- “Faces in the Crowd: Counting heads and deciding fates in a camp for Rwandan refugees.” *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, October 23, 1996.

Consulting

- U.S. Department of Defense, Academy for Defense Intelligence: Co-led two half-day seminars on African international relations for incoming analysts, October-November 2021.
- U.S. Department of Defense, Academy for Defense Intelligence: Co-led five half-day seminars on African international relations for incoming analysts, January-March 2021.
- Naval Postgraduate School: Track two strategic dialogue about nuclear non-proliferation with U.S. and South African counterparts in Pretoria, South Africa, September 2013.
- University of Delaware: Taught a three-day seminar on Sub-Saharan Africa for incoming officials at Africa Command (AFRICOM), U.S. Department of Defense, August 2011.

U.S. Department of State, Intelligence Community Associates Program: Prepared background reports and provided consultation to U.S. government officials on refugee and security issues in Africa, 2004 to 2010.

University of Delaware: Taught a three-day seminar on Sub-Saharan Africa for incoming officials at Africa Command (AFRICOM), U.S. Department of Defense, August 2008.

U.S. Department of Defense: AFRICOM Academic Symposium, Landsdowne, VA, June 9-11, 2008.

U.S. Department of State: Conference on Africa: Prospects for Growth and Governance, Arlington, VA, May 14, 2007.

U.S. Department of State: Future Scenarios for Africa, Arlington, VA, January 24, 2005.

Social Science Research Council: Developed database and analyzed content of research and training collaborations between U.S. and South African institutions, 2001-2002, 2004.

Save the Children Fund (UK): Developed proposal for \$2 million project to support education in Mtwara, Tanzania, which was funded by the British government, 1997-1998.

University of Natal at Pietermaritzburg, Institute of Natural Resources: Wrote report about impact of refugees in Tanzania, with regard to the development of a nickel mine, 1998.

HelpAge International-Tanzania: Developed project proposal for a research project on older people in Tanzania, 1998.

ACTIONAID-Tanzania: Conducted an in-depth study on poverty and development in villages in a division of Kigoma Rural District, Tanzania, 1997.

CARE International-Tanzania: Organized and supervised implementation of a baseline survey on household livelihood security for the Kagera Environment Programme, 1996-1997.

Teaching

Courses taught:

Interdisciplinary Research Methods
Comparative Politics
International Politics
African Politics
African International Relations
Senior Seminar: The Politics of Humanitarian Assistance
Senior Seminar: The Politics of International Migration
Politics of Developing Nations
Refugee Studies
U.S.-African Relations
Global and Intercultural Connections

Service

Professional (selected)

Co-convenor, Conference within a Conference on Borders and Migration, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2025

Member, International Advisory Board, *Traveling Memories, Silences and Secrets: Life Narratives of Violence Among Refugees from Africa's Great Lakes Region Project*

(funded by European Research Council, PI David Mwambari, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium)

Co-convener, Conference within a Conference on Borders and Migration, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2024

Treasurer, Migration and Citizenship Section, American Political Science Association, 2021 to 2023

Convener, Conference within a Conference on Borders and Migration, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, Florida, January 2023

Co-leader, American Political Science Association Pre-Conference Dissertation Workshop on Migration and Citizenship, Montreal, Canada, September 2022

Convener, Conference within a Conference on Borders and Migration, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, January 2022

Member, Best Dissertation Award selection committee, Migration and Citizenship Section, American Political Science Association, 2021

Member, Selection committee for the Malcolm Jewell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Political Science Association, 2020

Convener, Conference within a Conference on The Politics of Migration, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020

Section Chair, “Refugees and Borders,” 2019 African Studies Association Annual Meeting

Chair, Best Book in African Politics Award Selection Committee, African Politics Conference Group, 2018

Executive council member, Migration and Citizenship Section, American Political Science Association, 2017 to 2019

Section Chair, “Institutions and Migration,” 2017 African Studies Association Annual Meeting

Member, American Political Science Association/African Studies Association Steering Committee, 2016 to 2019

Co-leader, American Political Science Association 2015 Africa Workshop, “Conflict and Political Violence,” United States International University, Nairobi, Kenya, July 2015

Chair, African Politics Conference Group (600-member related group of the American Political Science Association, the African Studies Association, and the International Studies Association), 2010 to 2012

Graduate Education Advancement Board, The Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002 to present

Commencement Speaker, Inaugural Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 17, 2003

University/Department (selected)

Steering Committee Member, Center for Migration and Diaspora Studies, 2023 to present

Convener, Nexus: Networking Across Disciplines planning committee, 2022 to present

Co-coordinator, Migration Research Network, UNC Charlotte, 2021-2023: Received Inclusive Excellence Grant with Center for Professional and Applied Ethics to support a series of events in 2022-23 on migration in Charlotte

Convener, Climate Migration Working Group, 2021 to present

Personally Speaking Event Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2021-2023

Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) Task Force, Academic Affairs, 2021-22

Faculty Advisor, UNC Charlotte College Democrats, 2003-2005, 2014-2023
Board of Directors and Faculty Advisor, Niner United (UNC Charlotte's Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Methodist campus ministry), 2017 to 2024
Director, Political Science Honors Program, 2015 to 2021
Faculty Executive Committee/Faculty Council (and ad-hoc Fall Planning Advisory Group summer/fall 2020), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences representative, 2019-2021
Personally Speaking presentation, "Africa's International Relations," College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, UNC Charlotte, October 28, 2020
Selection Committee, Bonnie Connie Early-Career Professor for Teaching, Spring 2020
Self-Study Committee, Honors College, 2019-2020
49er Democracy Experience Campus Committee, 2019-2020
Keynote speaker, "Discover," New Student Convocation, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, August 19, 2019
Fulbright U.S. Student Application Review Committee, UNC Charlotte, 2009 to 2020
Associate Chair and Undergraduate Director, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2011 to 2014
Coordinator, African Studies Academy, 2009 to 2015

Community (selected)

Presentation on "Africa's International Relations (or the story of my book)," Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, July 21, 2021
Seminar Leader, "Africa: Beneath the Headlines," (weekly seminar for 13 teachers from Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools), Charlotte Teachers Institute, 2019
Presentation on "U.S. Policy Toward Africa: Change or Continuity?" Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, July 22, 2019
Presentation on "Refugees and Global Migration," Great Decisions Series, UNC Charlotte Center City, February 6, 2019
Presentation on "Peace vs. Justice: Debating the International Criminal Court in Africa," Senior Scholars, Providence United Methodist Church, May 25, 2018
Presentation on "The Politics of Migration: Lessons from Africa," Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, August 8, 2017
Presentations on "College 101" and "College 102," information sessions on college application process for refugee teenagers in Charlotte, Refugee Support Services, Galilee Ministries, June 16, 2017 and October 21, 2017
Seminar Leader, "Africa: Moving Beyond Popular Culture," (weekly seminar for 13 teachers from Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools), Charlotte Teachers Institute, 2015
Presentation on "U.S. Policy toward Africa," Great Decisions Series, UNC Charlotte Center City, January 21, 2015
Presentation on "Cell Phones, Gorillas, and the Forgotten War in Congo," St. Peter's Catholic Church Social Justice Lecture Series, Hosted at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC, April 27, 2014
Radio program on "Embassies, Ambassadors, and Foreign Service," Charlotte Talks WFAE 90.7 FM (Charlotte National Public Radio station), September 17, 2012
Presentation on "Promoting Democracy," Great Decisions Series, Charlotte Country Day School, January 17, 2012

Radio interview on the political situation in Rwanda, Radio France International, Excerpts broadcast on RFI's international news program on May 12, 2010
Presentation on "Democracy and Violence in Kenya," Great Decisions Series, Charlotte Country Day School, February 9, 2010
Radio interview on the situation in Kenya, Radio Times WHYY 90.9 FM (Philadelphia National Public Radio station), January 16, 2008
Presentation on "Refugee Experiences: The Path to Charlotte," Women of Vision community organization, Charlotte, North Carolina, January 16, 2008
Radio interview on the situation in Darfur, Sudan, Charlotte Talks WFAE 90.7 FM (Charlotte National Public Radio station), November 28, 2007
Radio interview on "The Crisis in Sudan," Charlotte Talks WFAE 90.7 FM (local National Public Radio station), February 1, 2005

Honors and Awards

American Political Science Association (APSA) Member of the Month, August 2019
Finalist, Bank of America Award for Excellence in Teaching (university's most prestigious teaching award), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2010 and 2015
James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Thesis by a Graduate Student, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1996
Distinguished Teacher Candidate Award, New Jersey State Commissioner of Education, 1993

Professional Associations

African Politics Conference Group
African Studies Association
American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
North Carolina Political Science Association
Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies

Languages

Swahili, French

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