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EDUCATION

- 2012 -present **PhD, University of Florida, GPA: 3.96**
Political Science (Comparative Politics, Political Methodology)
- 2012-2015 **MA, University of Florida, GPA: 3.96**
Political Science
- 2009-2011 **MA, Texas A&M University, GPA: 4.0**
International Affairs (Bush School of Government & Public Service)
- 2004-2008 **BS, Appalachian State University, GPA: 3.97**
Political Science (International and Comparative Politics)

Methods Training & Expertise: STATA; ArcGIS; survival analysis; maximum likelihood estimation; linear models; time-series cross-sectional analysis; mixed methods design; content analysis; process tracing; focus groups; survey design; data collection; data coding; literature review; field logistics; and enumerator training.

Language Skills: English (native); Kiswahili (advanced)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2014-present **Research Assistant/Lecturer,**
University of Florida, Department of Political Science, V-Dem Project
- 2014 **Research Assistant, Women's Leadership Project**
Center for Global Connections, Michigan State University (Kigali, Rwanda)
- 2013 **Research Assistant, Anti-Corruption and Accountability Field Experiment**
Department of Psychology, Princeton University (Port Harcourt, Nigeria)
- 2013 **Political Science Content Tutor**
University of Florida Athletics Association
- 2011-2013 **Research Assistant, Kim Yi Dionne**
Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
- 2011-2012 **Program Coordinator, Enhancing the Food Security of the FARDC**
Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture (Kisangani/ Kinshasa, D.R. Congo)
Funded by the U.S. Department of State, in conjunction with U.S. AFRICOM/ DoD
- 2010-2011 **Graduate Assistant Researcher**
Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs, Texas A&M University
- 2010 **Graduate Student Intern, Enhancing the Food Security of the FARDC**

COURSES TAUGHT

Spring 2017 **Politics of Authoritarianism (CPO 4053), University of Florida**

RESEARCH

Forthcoming

- Edgell, Amanda B. **“Foreign Aid, Democracy, and Gender Quota Adoption.”** *Democratization*.

Under Review

- Nzau, Mumo and Amanda B. Edgell. **“Judicial Independence and Civil Liberties in Transitional Democracies: The Case of Kenya.”**

Invited to Resubmit

- Edgell, Amanda B., Valeria Mechkova, Michael Bernhard, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2015. **“When and Where do Elections Matter? A Global Test of the Democratization by Elections Hypothesis, 1900-2010.”** Paper also presented at: Varieties of Democracy Conference, May 2015, Gothenburg, Sweden; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 02-06 September 2015, San Francisco, CA.

Works in Progress

- Bernhard, Michael, Staffan Lindberg, and Amanda Edgell. **“Suicide by Competition? Authoritarian Institutional Adaptation and Regime Fragility.”** Paper prepared for the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 31 August to 04 September 2016, Philadelphia, PA.
- Edgell, Amanda B. **“Vying for the ‘man’s seat’ – Constituency Magnitude and Female Candidature for Non-Quota Seats in Uganda and Kenya.”** Paper prepared for the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 30 November – 04 December 2016, Washington, DC.
- Edgell, Amanda B. **“Crowing Hens or Party Pawns? Impacts of a Gender Quota – the Case of the National Parliament of Uganda.”** Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 19-22 November 2015, San Diego, CA.
- Edgell, Amanda B. **“Democratic Experiments and Gender Quota Laws in sub-Saharan Africa.”** Paper presented to the 57th African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 20-23 November 2014, JW Marriott Indianapolis Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana. Also presented at the Conference on the Social Sciences (CSS), 29 March 2014, University of Florida in Gainesville, FL; and History Graduate Society Symposium, 29 March 2014, University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.
- Edgell, Amanda B. **“Institutions and Women’s Legislative Representation in sub-Saharan Africa, 1943-2013.”** Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, 09-11 January 2014, Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, LA; and Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) Annual Meeting, 08 March 2014, Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL.
- Dionne, Kim Yi, Boniface Dulani, and Amanda B. Edgell. **“The Malawian Voter: Evaluating Influences on Voting Behavior in a Democratizing Context”** Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA, March 28-30, 2013.

- Edgell, Amanda B. and Eric J. Lake. “**Preeminence and Political Science Education for Undergraduates: Content and Network Analysis of Gateway Course Syllabi.**” Paper prepared for submission to TBD conference.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- Edgell, Amanda B. 2016. “**Review of Rachel Beatty Riedl. 2014. *Authoritarian Origins of Democratic Party Systems*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 265 pp.**” *African Studies Quarterly*, 16:2, pp.131-132.
- Edgell, Amanda B., Valeria Mechkova, Michael Bernhard, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2015. “**When and Where do Elections Matter? A Global Test of the Democratization by Elections Hypothesis, 1900-2012.**” Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 8. Gothenburg, Sweden: University of Gothenburg.
- Edgell, Amanda B. 2015. “**Dataset Review: Quality of Government Standard Data.**” *Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group*, 11:2, pp.8-9.
- Edgell, Amanda B. 2013. “**Review of Jean-Michel Severino and Olivier Ray. 2012. *Africa’s Moment*. David Fernbach (transl.). Malden, MA: Polity Press. 317pp.**” *African Studies Quarterly*, 13:4 (Winter), pp.142-143.

Policy papers and reports

- Edgell, Amanda B. and Matthew Messer. 2011. “**What drives informality in the Zambian Economy? Characteristics, Motivations, and Policy Implications.**” Paper submitted to the annual meeting for the Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), Stanford University, 9-10 December 2011.
- Edgell, Amanda B., et al. 2011. “**Registration, Job Growth, and Labor Productivity in Zambia**” Paper presented to the World Bank and Zambia Ministry of Labor, May 2011.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- 2017 Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, PA *presenter*
- 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA *presenter*
 African Studies Association 59th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC *presenter*
- 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA *presenter*
 African Studies Association 58th Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA *presenter*
- 2014 African Studies Association 57th Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN *presenter*
 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA *presenter*
 Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, St. Augustine FL *presenter*
 History Graduate Society Symposium, Gainesville FL *invited presenter*
 Conference on the Social Sciences, Gainesville FL *presenter*
 Demography and the Challenge of Social Change in the African Sahel, Gainesville FL
 University of Florida Informatics Institute Inaugural Symposium, Gainesville, FL
 US-Africa Higher Education Partnerships Symposium, Gainesville, FL
- 2013 African Studies Association 56th Annual Meeting, Baltimore MD
 Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), MIT
 Islam in Africa Symposium, University of Florida
 Gwendolyn M. Carter Conference, University of Florida
- 2011 Lone Star National Security Forum, Texas A&M/ UT-Austin
- 2010 Ansary Foreign Policy Conference, Texas A&M

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SERVICE, MEMBERSHIPS, AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2015-present Steering Committee, Founder, Women in Political Science (WiPS), University of Florida
Social Change & Development in Africa Working Group, University of Florida
- 2015-2016 Makerere University, Faculty of History, Affiliated Researcher
School for International Training Uganda, Affiliated Researcher
Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Faculty of Social Science, Affiliated Researcher
Junior Fellow Mentor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Florida
- 2014-present Political Science Graduate Student Council, University of Florida
Sahel Politics Research Group, University of Florida
African Studies Association (ASA)
African Politics Conference Group (APCG)
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
Florida Political Science Association (FPSA)
- 2013-present American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2012-present African Studies Quarterly (ASQ), University of Florida, Editorial Board
- 2010-2011 Aggies for International Development (AID), Texas A&M University
- 2007-2008 Internationalization Task Force, Appalachian State University
- 2005-2008 International Appalachian (INTAPP), Appalachian State University
- 2004-2008 International Relations Association, Appalachian State University

GRANTS & ACCOLADES

- 2016 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Dissertation Fellowship, University of Florida
Summer Research Support Award, University of Florida
- 2015 African Flagship Languages Initiative (AFLI), Advanced Kiswahili (Summer 2015)
U.S. Dept. of Education, Foreign Area Language Studies Fellow (Summer), (*declined*)
O. Ruth McQuown Fellowship, University of Florida
APSA Graduate Student Travel Grant
Graduate Student Council (GSC) Travel Grant, University of Florida
- 2014 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Travel Grant, University of Florida
Center for African Studies Travel Award, University of Florida
Department of Political Science, Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Florida
Prestage-Cook Graduate Student Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association
Dauer Fellowship for attendance at ICPSR, University of Florida (*declined*)
U.S. Dept. of Education, Foreign Area Language Studies Fellow (Summer), (*declined*)
Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) Graduate Student Grant, (*declined*)
- 2013 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Travel Grant, University of Florida
Graduate Student Council (GSC) Travel Grant, University of Florida
Center for African Studies Travel Award, University of Florida
U.S. Dept. of Education, Foreign Area Language Studies Fellow (Academic Year)
U.S. Dept. of Education, Foreign Area Language Studies Fellow (Summer) (*declined*)
Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) Graduate Student Grant, MIT
- 2012 U.S. Dept. of Education, Foreign Area Language Studies Fellow (Academic Year)
- 2011 Leadership Certificate, Bush School of Gov. & Public Service, Texas A&M University

- 2010 Mosbacher Scholarship, Bush School of Gov. & Public Service, Texas A&M University
Summer Travel Grant, Bush School of Gov. & Public Service, Texas A&M University
- 2009 Scowcroft Fellowship, Bush School of Gov. & Public Service, Texas A&M University
Technology Grant, Bush School of Gov. & Public Service, Texas A&M University
- 2008 University Honors, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Appalachian State University
Departmental Honors, Department of Political Science, Appalachian State University
Outstanding Political Science Graduate, Comparative Politics, Appalachian State University
Academic Achievement Award, Appalachian State University
Dean's List, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Appalachian State University
Chancellor's List, Appalachian State University
- 2007 Edward M. Allen Scholarship, Department of Political Science, Appalachian State University
Academic Achievement Award, Appalachian State University
Dean's List, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Appalachian State University
Chancellor's List, Appalachian State University
- 2006 Edward M. Allen Scholarship, Department of Political Science, Appalachian State University
Academic Achievement Award, Appalachian State University
Dean's List, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Appalachian State University
Chancellor's List, Appalachian State University
- 2005 Academic Achievement Award, Appalachian State University
Dean's List, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Appalachian State University
Chancellor's List, Appalachian State University