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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Florida, May 2019

Exam fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (high pass)

M.A. Political Science, University of Florida, May 2015

M.A. International Affairs, Texas A&M University, May 2011

B.S. Political Science, Appalachian State University, August 2008

Publications

Institutionalizing Electoral Uncertainty and Authoritarian Regime Survival (with Michael Bernhard and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2019. *European Journal of Political Research*, online first. DOI: 10.1111/1475-6765.12355

Judicial Independence and Civil Liberties in Transitional Democracies: The Case of Kenya (with Mumo Nzau). 2019. *Human Rights Quarterly* 41(2), 465-496. DOI:10.1353/hrq.2019.0034

Vying for a Man Seat: Gender Quotas and Sustainable Representation in Africa, 2018, *African Studies Review* 60(1), 185-214. DOI:10.1017/asr.2017.136.

When and Where Do Elections Matter? A Global Test of the Democratization by Elections Hypothesis, 1900-2010 (with Valeriya Mechkova, David Altman, Michael Bernhard, and Staffan Lindberg), 2017, *Democratization* 25(3), 422-444. DOI:10.1080/13510347.2017.1369964

Foreign Aid, Democracy, and Gender Quota Laws, 2017, *Democratization* 24(6), 1103-1141.
DOI:10.1080/13510347.2016.1278209

Book Manuscripts

Varieties of Democracy: What do we know about Democratization After 220 Years? (co-editor with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg).

The Strategic use of Gender Quotas in Authoritarian Regimes: Institutional Adaptation and Cooptation.

Working Papers

A New Approach to Studying Democratization: Failed versus Successful Episodes (with Staffan I. Lindberg, Patrik Lindenfors, Anna Lührmann, Laura Maxwell, Juraj Medzihorsky, Richard Morgan, and Matthew C. Wilson).

Establishing Pathways to Democracy Using Domination Analysis (with Vanessa Boese, Seraphine F. Maerz, Patrik Lindenfors, and Staffan I. Lindberg)

Democracy and Social Forces (with Michael Bernhard), available at [APSA preprints](#).

Tribeless and democratic youth? Political attitudes of Kenyan students toward ethnicity and democracy (with Narelle Gilchrist and Sebastian Elischer).

The Malawian Voter: Determinants of Voting Behavior in a Democratizing Context (with Kim Yi Dionne and Boniface Dulani).

Teaching Experience

University of Gothenburg

Varieties of Democracy and Democratization (SK2222), Lecturer (16 hours), Spring 2020

MA Thesis Supervisor (20 hours), Martin Lundstedt, Spring 2020

University of Florida

Women and Politics in Africa (AFS 4330), Guest Lecturer (2 weeks), Spring 2019

Politics of Authoritarianism (CPO 4053), Instructor, Spring 2017

Junior Fellows Research Program (POS 4911), Instructor, Fall 2016

Grants & Accolades

National

African Studies Association, Graduate Student Paper Award, 2017

U.S. Department of Education, FLAS Fellow (Kiswahili), 2012/2013, 2013/2014, Su. 2014 (declined)

University of Florida

Dissertation Fellowship Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), Sp. 2019

Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, Sp./Su. 2019 (declined)

Dauer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, 2017

Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Political Science, 2016/2017

Summer Research Award, Department of Political Science, 2016

Dissertation Fellowship Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), Su. 2016

O. Ruth McQuown Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), 2015/2016

Texas A&M University

Mosbacher Scholarship, Bush School of Government & Public Service, 2010/2011

Scowcroft Fellowship, Bush School of Government & Public Service, 2009/2010

Conference Participation

(P)resenter, (C)hair, (D)iscussant

Best Practices in Academic Research workshop, Essex, 17-18 October 2019 (P,D)
ECPR Empirical and Theoretical Approaches to Parliaments, Konstanz 26-28 Sep 2019 (P,D)
V-Dem Research Conference, Gothenburg 23-24 May 2019 (P,D,C)
International Studies Association, Toronto 27-30 Mar 2019 (P)
Southern Political Science Association, Austin 17-20 Jan 2019 (P)
American Political Science Association, Boston 30 Aug-02 Sep 2018 (P)
African Studies Association, Atlanta 28 Nov-02 Dec 2018 (P)
Policy Dialogue Day, Gothenburg 10 May 2017 (P)
V-Dem Research Conference, Gothenburg 8-9 May 2017 (P)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago 5-8 Apr 2017 (P,D)
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 30 Aug-03 Sep 2017 (P)
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 1-3 Dec 2016 (P)
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia 1-4 Sep 2016 (P)
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego 19-21 Nov 2015 (P)
American Political Science Association, San Francisco 3-6 Sep 2015 (P)
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis 20-23 Nov 2014 (P)
Florida Political Science Association, St. Augustine 08 Mar 2014 (P)
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans 9-11 Jan 2014 (P)

Consultancies, Policy Engagement, & International Development

Swedish Embassy Rwanda & Sida, Rwanda Data Portrait, Apr–Sep 2019
U.S. Department of Defense, Assessment of Kenya C-IED Training Program, Jan–Sep 2017
USAID, Women’s Leadership Program, University of Rwanda, June–July 2014
Princeton University, Corruption and Social Norms (P.I.: Betsy Palluck), Nigeria, July–August 2013
U.S. Department of State, Enhancing Military Food Security for D.R. Congo, May 2010–Aug 2010; May 2011–June 2012

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