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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Political Science, University of Florida (expected December 2011). Fields of Study: Comparative Politics; International Relations; Anthropology; African Studies.
- Master of Arts, Department of Political Science, University of Florida (2008).
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and French, Millsaps College. Graduated Magna Cum Laude, with Honors in Political Science, and inducted into Phi Beta Kappa (2001).

DISSERTATION

- *Faith Based Organizations and Public Goods in Africa: Islamic Associations in the Education Sector of the Democratic Republic of Congo* (Committee: Leonardo A. Villalón (chair), Kenneth D. Wald, Benjamin Smith, John F. Clark, Brenda Chalfin).

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS UNDER REVIEW

- "From Devastation to Mobilization: The Muslim Community's Involvement in Social Welfare in Post-Conflict DRC." In *The Wars of the Democratic Republic of Congo: Human Survival and Social Change Amidst Devastation*, eds. John F. Clark and Ann Laudati. Volume under review, publication expected 2012.
- "The Muslim Minority of the Democratic Republic of Congo: from Historic Marginalization and Internal Division to Collective Action." *Les Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines*, special volume on "L'Islam en toute diversité." Under review, publication expected 2012.
- "The New Muslim Public School in the Democratic Republic of Congo." In *Writing Boards and Blackboards: Islamic Education in Africa*, ed. Robert Launay. Volume under review by university press, publication expected 2012.
- "Marginalization of the 'Other': Being Muslim in Colonial Congo." In Leuven University Press series *KADOC Studies on Religion, Culture and Society*. Under review, publication expected 2012.
- "Renovation while Rebuilding: Muslim and Christian Women's Associations in Post-conflict D.R. Congo." *The Power of Gender, the Gender of Power: Women's Labor, Rights and Responsibility in Africa*, eds. Toyin Falola and Bridget Teboh. Africa World Press, Forthcoming 2011.
- Review of Emizet François Kisangani and F. Scott Bobb. *Historical Dictionary of the Democratic Republic of Congo*, 3rd ed. *Africa Studies Quarterly* 11(2-3): 134-135. 2010.

TEACHING

- International Institutions, INR 3502. University of Florida, Fall 2011.
- African Politics, CPO 3204. University of Florida, Summer B 2011.
- African Politics, CPO 3204. University of Florida, Fall 2010.
- African Politics, CPO 3204. University of Florida, Summer B 2010.
- International Relations, INR 2001. Teaching Assistant for Dr. Richard Nolan, University of Florida, Spring and Fall 2008.
- The Politics of Communal Violence in Asia and Beyond, POS 4931. Teaching Assistant for Dr. Benjamin Smith, University of Florida, Fall 2007.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Delores A. Auzenne Doctoral Dissertation Award for writing from the Graduate school at the University of Florida. \$6,500 plus tuition (Spring 2011).
- Graduate Assistantship, Center for African Studies, University of Florida. \$7,500 plus tuition (Spring 2010).
- Dissertation Writing Fellowship, African Power and Politics Program (APPP), Center for African Studies. The APPP is an international research consortium of six institutional members, including the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida, and funded by a grant from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID). \$7,500 plus tuition (Fall 2009).
- Dissertation Fieldwork Research Fellowship, African Power and Politics Program, Center for African Studies at the University of Florida. \$18,500 (2009).
- Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Florida. \$11,200 plus tuition, one semester declined due to dissertation fieldwork abroad (Academic Year 2008-2009).
- Pre-Dissertation Research Stipend, African Power and Politics Program, Center for African Studies at the University of Florida. \$4,000 (Summer 2008).
- Dissertation Research Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of Florida. \$1,500 (Summer 2008).
- Teaching/ Research Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Florida. \$11,200 plus tuition (Academic Year 2007-2008).
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Lingala language study from the Center for African Studies, University of Florida. \$2,500 plus tuition, returned due to cancellation of course (Summer 2007).
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Swahili from the Center for African Studies, University of Florida. \$15,000 plus tuition (Academic Year 2006-2007).
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Swahili from the Center for African Studies, University of Florida. \$2,500 plus tuition (Summer 2006).
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Swahili from the Center for African Studies, University of Florida. \$14,500 plus tuition (Academic Year 2005-2006).

TRAVEL AWARDS

- APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant for paper presentation at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference* in Washington, D.C., APSA. \$250 (2010).
- Prestage-Cook Travel Award, for paper presentation at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference* in Atlanta, GA, SPSA. \$250 (2010).
- From the Department of Political Science, University of Florida, for:
 - 2011 American Political Science Association Conference in Seattle, WA
 - 2010 International Conference on Congo at Catholic University Leuven, Belgium
 - 2010 American Political Science Association Conference in Washington, D.C.
 - 2010 Southern Political Science Association Conference in Atlanta, GA
 - 2008 African Studies Association Conference in Chicago, IL
- From the Center for African Studies, University of Florida, for:
 - 2011 African Studies Association Conference in Washington, D.C.
 - 2010 African Studies Association Conference in San Francisco, CA
 - 2010 Conference on Women, Gender and Sexualities in Africa, University of Texas
 - 2009 African Studies Association Conference in New Orleans, LA
 - 2008 African Studies Association Conference in Chicago, IL
 - 2006 African Studies Association Conference in San Francisco, CA
 - 2005 African Studies Association Conference in Washington, D.C.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- “Fifty Years of Liberation for the Muslim Minority of DRC: from Historic Marginalization to Internal Division and Beyond.” To be delivered at the *African Studies Association Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C. (November 2011).
- “New Hybrid Institutions: Muslim Public Schools in Post-conflict Democratic Republic of Congo.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA (September 2011).
- “From Devastation to Mobilization: The Muslim Community’s Involvement in Social Welfare in Post-Conflict DRC.” *The Wars of the Democratic Republic of Congo Conference* at Florida International University, Miami (March 2011).
- “From Devastation to Mobilization: The Muslim Community’s Involvement in Social Welfare in Post-Conflict DRC.” *African Studies Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA (November 2010).
- “Marginalization of the ‘Other’: Being Muslim in Colonial Congo.” International Conference on *Religion, Colonization and Decolonization in Congo 1885-1960*, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium (November 2010).
- “Islamic Organizations and the Provision of Education: Evidence from the D.R. Congo.” African Politics Conference Group Sponsored Panel at *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C. (September 2010).
- “La Prolifération des Écoles Conventionnées Islamiques en République Démocratique du Congo.” Workshop of the Research Stream on Islamic Education in the Sahel, African Power and Politics Program. Niamey, Niger (June 2010).

- “Renovation while Rebuilding: Muslim and Christian Women’s Associations in Post-conflict D.R. Congo.” *University of Texas Conference on Women, Gender and Sexualities in Africa*, Austin, TX (March 2010).
- “The Role of Islamic Faith Based Organizations in Providing Public Goods in the D.R. Congo.” *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA (Jan. 2010).
- “Islamic Organizations and the Provision of Education: Evidence from the D.R. Congo.” *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (November 2009).
- “The Politics of Non-State Actors in Contemporary Africa: the Case of Islamic Organizations in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (November 2008).
- Panel Chair and Organizer. “Non-State Actors and Contested Authority in Contemporary Africa.” *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (November 2008).

PRESENTATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- “Religion in Africa: the Case of D.R. Congo.” Invited Lecture to Undergraduate *African Experience* course, University of Florida (February 2010).
- “The Role of Islamic Faith Based Organizations in Providing Public Services in the D.R. Congo.” Political Science Department Brownbag Series, University of Florida (Jan. 2010).
- “Islamic Organizations and the Provision of Education: Evidence from the D.R. Congo.” *Students in African Studies Association*, University of Florida (November 2009).
- “Non-Governmental Organizations Replacing the State in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” Invited Lecture to Undergraduate Anthropology Course *Modern Africa*, University of Florida (October 2009).

SERVICE

- Graduate Student Coordinator, Students in African Studies Association (SASA), University of Florida (2010-2011).
- Graduate Student Member, Search Committee for new faculty hire in field of African Political Economy, Department of Political Science (Fall 2009).
- Editorial Board Member, *African Studies Quarterly* (2005-2011).
- Graduate Student Mentor for Incoming Students, Department of Political Science (2006, 2007).

FIELDWORK AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Dissertation Research: Maniema Province, Kisangani, and Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (January – June 2009).
- Pre-dissertation Research: Maniema Province, Democratic Republic of Congo (June – July 2008).
- United States Peace Corps Volunteer. Community Health Agent in a rural village in the Maradi Region, Niger (2002-2004).
- Study Abroad Student, School for International Training/ Intern for the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. Geneva, Switzerland (Fall 1999).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- African Studies Association
- African Politics Conference Group
- American Association of University Women

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- French. Reading, writing, and speaking proficiency.
- Swahili. Reading, writing, and speaking proficiency.
- Hausa. Speaking proficiency.