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Higher Education

Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles, Political Science, September 2003
M.A. University of California, Los Angeles, Political Science, June 2001
M.Div. Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Theology, May 1993
B.A. University of Notre Dame, Psychology and Economics, May 1987

Books

Christianity, Islam, and Liberal Democracy: Lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).

Articles and Book Chapters

“Participation, Human Dignity, and Human Development: The Challenge of Establishing a Causal Relationship” in Carozza, Paolo and Clemens Sedmak (Eds.), *Dignity and Human Development*. 2020. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press.

“Hope and Human Dignity: Exploring Religious Belief, Hope, and Transitions out of Poverty in Oaxaca, Mexico” with Bruce Wydick and Travis Lybbert in Paolo and Clemens Sedmak (Eds.), *Dignity and Human Development*. 2020. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press.

“Believing and Belonging: Religion, National Identity, and the Integration of Migrants in Italy” in Stefan Mükkel (Ed.), *Migration and Solidarity*. 2020. Berlin: Duncker and Humblot.

“Faith-Based Education in a Changing Social, Economic, and Political Context: Perspectives from Catholic Educators in Kenya.” Co-authored with T.J. D’Agostino and John Mugo. *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 17(4) 2019, pp. 76-88.

“Exploring mistreatment of women during childbirth in a peri-urban setting in Kenya: experiences and perceptions of women and healthcare providers.” Co-authored with Jackline Oluoch-Aridi, Vania Smith Oka, and Elyn Milan. *Reproductive Health* (2018) 15:209.

“Transnational Evangelical Christianity and Political Culture in Sub-Saharan Africa,” in Tschudin, Alain et al. (Eds.). *Extremisms in Africa*. Auckland Park, South Africa: Jacana Media, 2018. pp. 327-350.

“Election Ink and Turnout in a Fragile Democracy.” Co-authored with Karen Ferree, Danielle Jung, and Clark Gibson, *British Journal of Political Science*, 2018. 0: 1-17, doi: 10.1017/S0007123418000121.

“To Whom Do We Turn? How Christians Respond to Religious Persecution” in Philpott, Daniel and Timothy Shah (Eds.) *Under Caesar’s Sword: Christians and Religious Persecution in the 21st Century*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018. pp. 70-101.

“The Roman Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Civic Engagement in Sub-Saharan Africa.” (with Ani Sarkissian), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(3) September 2017, 536-557.

“Understanding How Christians Respond to Religious Persecution: Evidence from Kenya and Nigeria.” *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, 2017, 15(1), pp. 31-42.

“Violent Religious Extremism and U.S.-Africa Policy.” *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 2016, Vol. 14(2), pp. 93-100.

“Religious Diversity and Religious Tolerance: Lessons from Nigeria.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 2016, Vol. 60(4), pp. 617-644.

“Religious Diversity and Violent Conflict: Lessons from Nigeria,” *The Fletcher Forum for World Affairs* [Winter 2014] Vol. 38:1, pp. 153-168.

“Christianity, Islam and Political Culture in Africa: The Case of Nigeria”, in *Religion, Religious Institutions and Politics in Africa*, 2012. Edited by Edmond Keller. Johannesburg, South Africa: University of South Africa Press.

2008. “Ethnically Dominated Party Systems and the Quality of Democracy: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”. Afrobarometer Working Paper Series, East Lansing: Michigan State University (Michael Bratton, Editor).

2008. “Christian Democracy”, in Darity, William A., Jr. *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2nd edition. 9 vols. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008

2005. “Muslim Women and Civil Society in sub-Saharan Africa”, in the *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Volume 2, Suad Joseph (ed.). Leiden, The Netherlands: E.J. Brill Academic Publishers, pp. 47-49.

Works Submitted

Article: “Can student body diversity foster interethnic trust, tolerance, and patriotism? The Role of Friendship in Kenya.” Co-authored with Jaimie Bleck, John Mugo, Danice Guzman, and Jackline Oluoch-Aridi, Submitted to American Journal of Political Science, January 2024.

Works in Progress

Book Manuscript:, 'Religion, Immigration, and National Identity' with interest of Oxford University Press, New York.

Article: "Elections and National Identity in Africa: How Voting Affects the Way Africans Identify Themselves"

Grants and Sponsored Programs

2017. AWARDED. \$40,000 Global Gateway Grant by Notre Dame International/Office of research for project: ‘Religion and the Integration of Migrants and Refugees in Europe’

2017. AWARDED. \$20,000 Grant by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies for research project: ‘Religion and the Integration of Migrants and Refugees in Europe’

2017. AWARDED. \$20,000 Grant by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies for research project: ‘Religion and the Integration of Migrants and Refugees in Europe’

2017. AWARDED. \$70,000 Grant by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies for research cluster/program project: Education and Integral Human Development

2014. AWARDED. \$96,000 by the John Templeton Foundation to supplement \$279,000 grant [awarded in 2011] for project: “Religion and Health Enhancing-Behaviors in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Effectiveness of Religious versus Political Leaders at Waging Public Health Campaigns” [A Randomized Controlled Trial due to be completed in December 2014.] Co-PI: Molly Lipscomb, University of Virginia

2014. AWARDED. \$75,000 by the United States Agency for International Development [USAID] for project: “Public Health, Good Governance, and Democratic Politics” [A Randomized Controlled Trial due to be completed in December 2014. Co-PI: Molly Lipscomb, University of Virginia

2012. AWARDED: \$85,000 by the Verizon Foundation for project: “The Impact of Text-Messaging to Improve Health-Seeking Behavior in Nnindye, Uganda.” In collaboration with Dennis Haraszko of Ford Program at Notre Dame and Juan Carlos Guzman of the Initiative of Global Development at Notre Dame.

2011. AWARDED: \$279,000 by the John Templeton Foundation for project: “Religion and Health Enhancing-Behaviors in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Effectiveness of Religious versus Political Leaders at Waging Public Health Campaigns”.

2011. AWARDED: \$29,000 by Tony Blair Faith Foundation (UK) for Research Project: “Religion and Health Enhancing-Behaviors in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Effectiveness of Religious versus Political Leaders at Waging Public Health Campaigns”.

2010. \$100,000 from the Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative [PCRI] of the John Templeton Foundation. Project Title: “The Roman Catholic Charismatic Movement in Sub-Saharan Africa: Its Causes and Consequences”.

2006. The John Templeton Foundation [Metanexus Institute]. \$150,000 grant for project entitled: “Religiosity and Political Culture: Christians, Muslims and Spiritual Capital in Sub-Saharan Africa”. Principal Investigator.

Administrative Positions

Since joining the faculty, I have served as founding director of the Ford Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies (2007-2018), assistant provost for internationalization with responsibility for Notre Dame’s presence in Brazil, Ireland, and Kenya (2018-2020), and vice president and associate provost for interdisciplinary initiatives (2020-2023). I was appointed religious superior of the Holy Cross Community at Notre Dame in August of 2019 and served in that role until January of 2024.