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**EDUCATION**

2011            PhD, Government, Cornell University  
2008            MA, Government, Cornell University  
2003            BA, Political Science, University of Chicago

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2018-Present   Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame  
2011- 2018     Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame  
2016-Present   Senior Research Advisor, Ford Program for Integral Human Development

**PUBLISHED BOOKS**

2019. Electoral Politics in Africa, 1990-2015: Continuity in Change, with Nicolas van de Walle. Cambridge: *Cambridge University Press*.

Reviewed in *Foreign Affairs*, *The Washington Post's* Monkey Cage Blog, *African Studies Review*

2015. Education and Empowered Citizenship in Mali. Baltimore: *Johns Hopkins University Press*.

Finalist for *African Politics Conference Group Book of the Year*

Reviewed in *Foreign Affairs*, *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Journal on Education in Emergencies*, *Political Studies Review*, *the Journal of Global South Studies*, *Teachers College Record*, and the *Comparative Education Review*

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS**

2021. "Social Interaction and Technology Adoption: Experimental Evidence from Improved Cookstoves in Mali," with Jacopo Bonan, Pietro Battiston, Philippe LeMay-Boucher, Stefano Pareglio, Bassirou Sarr, and Massimo Tavoni. *World Development*, 144, 105467.

2021. "Service Provision, Citizenship and Governance: Exploring the Role of Islam in Mali," with Alexander Thurston. *The Oxford Handbook on Politics in Muslim Societies*. Eds. Melani Cammett and Pauline Luong Jones. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2021. "What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya" with Amy Erica Smith and Lauren Honig, *Perspectives on Politics*, Forthcoming.

2020. "Migration Aspirations from a Youth Perspective: Focus Groups with Returnees and Youth in Mali," with Ali Lodermeier. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 58 (4): 551-577.

2020. "Who leads? Village Development Committees and Local Governance in Southern Malawi," with Emily Maiden and Danice Guzman. *Governance*:

<https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12544>

2020. "Challenges of Research in a Conflict Environment: Experiences in Northern and Central Mali," with Boukary Sangaré. In Doing Fieldwork in Areas of International Intervention: A Guide to Research in Violent and Closed Contexts. Eds, Berit Bliesemann de Guevara and Morten Boas. Bristol: *Bristol University Press*.

2019. "Change and Continuity in African Electoral Politics since Multipartyism," with Nicolas van de Walle. *Encyclopedia of African Politics*. Ed. Nicolas Cheeseman. Oxford: *Oxford University Press*.

2018. "Making North–South Research Collaborations Work," with Chipó Dendere and Boukary Sangaré. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51.3 (2018): 554-558.

2018. "Is Women's Empowerment Associated with Political Knowledge and Opinions? Evidence from Rural Mali," with Kristin Michelitch. *World Development* 106: 299-323

2018. "Weak States and Uneven Pluralism: Lessons from Mali and Kyrgyzstan," with Igor Logvinenko. *Democratization*, 25(5), 804-823.

2017. "Capturing the Airwaves, Capturing the Nation? A Field Experiment on State-Run Media Effects in the Wake of a Coup," with Kristin Michelitch. *Journal of Politics*, 79 (3): 873-889.

2016. "The Malian Crisis and the Lingering Problem of Good Governance," with Abdoulaye Dembele, and Sidiki Guindo. *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development*, 5 (1): 1–18.

2015. "The 2012 Crisis in Mali: Ongoing Empirical State Failure," with Kristin Michelitch. *African Affairs*, 114 (457): 598-623.

2013. "Islamic Schooling in Malian Democracy: Disaggregating Parents' Political Behavior." *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 51 (3): 377-408.

2013. "Valence Issues in African Elections: Navigating Uncertainty and the Weight of the Past," with Nicolas van de Walle. *Comparative Political Studies*. 46 (11): 1394–1421.

2013. "Education for All? Education for Whom? Education for What?" with Mody Bouboucar Guindo. *Development in Practice*, 23 (8): 1004–1017.

2011. "Parties and Issues in Francophone West Africa: Towards a Theory of Non-Mobilization," with Nicolas van de Walle. *Democratization*. 18 (5): 1125-1145.

### **HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS**

2014-2015	American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
2012	Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation Award in African Politics 2011
2010	Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellow
2009	APSA Africa Workshop Fellow

Boren Fellow, National Security Education Program  
 Cornell Peace Studies Fellow, Institute for Social Science Fellow

## GRANTS

2019	Office of Research Grant and Kellogg Institute Grant (\$20,000) for Study of Governance, Accountability, and Civil Society in Mali
2019	ISLA Grant for Citizenship and Secondary Education in Kenya (\$10,000)
2019	Youth Futures in the Sahel Conference Grant (\$10,000), Kellogg Institute at the University of Notre Dame
2018	Catholic Relief Services: Youth and Electoral Violence in Ghana (\$140,000)
2018	Kellogg Institute: Youth and Migration in Mali and Spain (\$9,900)
2017	Provost's Insider Project, University of Notre Dame (\$15,000)
2016	Notre Dame Keough School Goal 16 Grant (\$5,000)
2015	Notre Dame Kellogg Institute Research Grant (\$8,143)
2014	Notre Dame ISLA Subvention Grant (\$5,000)
	USAID DRG Innovation Grant (\$90,000)
	Notre Dame Kellogg Institute Research Grant (\$19,860)
2013	Notre Dame Kellogg Institute Research Grant (\$9,880)
2012	National Science Foundation Seed Grant (\$24,999)
	Spencer Foundation Research Grant (\$39,999)
	Honorable Mention 2011 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics (\$500)
	USAID contribution of equipment for Good Morning Timbuktu Research Project (\$4,500)
	ISLA Large Biennial Grant (\$8,375.00)
	ISLA Small Research Grant (\$2,500)
2011	Notre Dame Kellogg Institute Research Grant (\$9,992)
	ISLA Small Research Grant (\$2,500)
	APSA Study of Women and Politics Research Grant (\$1,114)
2010	LaFeber Grant for Co-authored Paper with Nicolas van de Walle
2009	Cornell Einaudi Institute Summer Travel Grant
	Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant
	APSA Africa Workshop Fellow Research Grant
2008	LaFeber Grant for Africa and Central Asia Conference
2007	Contentious Politics Pre-Dissertation Research Grant

## POLICY-ORIENTED PUBLICATIONS

2020. "Mali's Persistent and Fragile Democracy," with Marc-Andre Boisvert and Boukary Sangare. *American Political Science Association Newsletter*, Fall 2020, "Autocracy and Democracy," Eds. Hanisah Binte Abdulllah Sani, Pauline Luong Jones, and Dan Slater.

2018. *"I Joined to Save my People: Children and Non-State Armed Groups in Mali,"* with Marc-Andre Boisvert and Boukary Sangare, *Cradled by Conflict: Child Involvement with Armed Groups in Contemporary Conflict*. Eds. Siobhan O'Neil and Kato Van Broeckhoven. *United Nations University*.

2015. "This is what citizens say is needed to end Mali's insecurity," with Sidiki Guindo and Abdoulaye Dembele. *Washington Post, Monkey Cage Blog*, November 27, 2015.

2015. "Can Indigenous Associations Foster Trust, Tolerance, and Public Goods? Exploring the Role of Grins in Rebuilding Civil Society and Democracy in Post-Conflict Mali." with Philippe LeMay-Boucher, Jacopo Bonan, and Bassirou Sarr. USAID Democracy Fellows and Grants Program Final Report.

2015. "Mali: The Mali Crisis," In *Encyclopedia of Modern Ethnic Conflicts*. Ed. Joseph R Rudolph. Santa Barbara: ABC LIO Greenwood.

2015. "On the primacy of weak public service provision in rural Africa: Malians redefine 'state breakdown' amidst 2012 political crisis " with Kristin Michelitch. *Afrobarometer Working Paper Series 155*, [www.afrobarometer.org](http://www.afrobarometer.org)

2013. "Voices from Fragile States: The Resilient Problem of Human Development." with Kristin Michelitch. UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research: *WIDER ANGLE MARCH 2013*. (Another version appeared on the *Monkey Cage Political Science Blog*)

2012. "Mali," In *Analysis of Democratic Governance: Countries in the Crossroads 2011*, Ed. Jake Dizard, Freedom House: 383-404.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

2019. *Ethnic Politics and State Power in Africa. The Logic of the Coup-Civil War Trap*. By Philip Roessler. *African Studies Review*.

2018. *Beyond Ethnic Politics in Africa*. By Dominika Koter. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00083968.2018.1558730>

2016. *Bargaining for Women's Rights: Activism in an Aspiring Muslim Democracy* by Alice Kang. *International Feminist Journal*. 18 (3), pp. 511-512.

2013. *Multi-ethnic Coalitions in Africa: Business Financing of Opposition Election Campaigns* by Leonardo Arriola. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 51 (3): 533-534.

### **WORKING PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS**

"Personality, Community, and Politics Assessing the Five Factor Model in a Collectivist Setting," with Paul Friesen and Kevin Fridy.

“Drinking Tea with the Neighbors: Social Capital and Social Trust in Mali,” with Jacopo Bonan, Philippe LeMay-Boucher, and Bassirou Sarr.

“Youth in West and Central Africa: Quests for Inclusion and the Future of Governance,” with Trevor Lwere and Boukary Sangare

“Can Student Body Diversity Foster Inter-ethnic Trust and Tolerance?” with Robert Dowd, Danice Guzman, Jackie Oluoch-Aridi, and John Mugo.

“Youth Patterns of Political Attitudes and Engagement: Lessons from Northern Ghana,” with Kevin Fridy and Paul Friesen.

“Indigenous Associations and Public Goods Provision: Experimental Evidence from Grins in Mali,” with Jacopo Bonan, Philippe LeMay-Boucher, and Bassirou Sarr

“Exploring the Rally Effect in a Weak States: Citizens’ Attitudes Towards Leaders and Foreign Interveners in Mali,” with Lauren Honig, Sidiki Guindo and Andrea Pena-Vasquez

“Dressing for Success: An Evaluation of a Local Governance Training and Uniform Distribution in Malawi,” with Tushi Baul, Danice Guzman, Emily Maiden, Juan Valdez, and Boniface Dulani

“Out of Africa: Electoral failure and the future of political Islam in West Africa” with David Siddhartha Patel

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

American Political Science Association, Women’s Mentoring Workshop, 2021

American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Dissertation Prize, 2021

American Political Science Association, Powell Prize for Outstanding Graduate Mentoring, Committee Member, 2020

African Politics Conference Group Book Award Committee Chair, 2020

MPSA Section Chair, Politics of Developing Countries, 2020

Political Behavior, Editorial Board, 2018- Present

MPSA Program Committee, Comparative Politics Poster Chair, 2014

Education Section Chair, African Studies Association, 2012

African Politics Conference Group Best Article Committee 2012

Reviewer: British Journal of Political Science, The Canadian Journal of African Studies, Lynne

Rienner Press, World Development, National Science Foundation, Comparative Political

Studies, Electoral Studies, the Journal of Modern African Studies, American Political Science

Review, American Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, World Politics

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Athletic Board, 2017- Present

Kellogg Faculty Advisory Board, 2018 – Present

Ford Family Program Senior Research Advisor, 2016-Present

Notre Dame Initiative on Race and Resilience Advisory Council, 2021-Present  
 International Development Studies Minor Advisory Committee, 2011- Present

### **INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Drinking Tea with the Neighbors: Informal Clubs, Social Trust, and Trustworthiness in Mali,”  
 University of Georgia

“Keeping Faith with the Sahel: The Role of Religious Leaders in Justice & Peace in the Sahel,”  
 CRS and USAID Panel, March 2021

“Democratic Survival in the Muslim World: Mali,” University of Michigan, September 2020

“Islam and Politics in Mali,” Pomona College, March 2020

“Social Clubs as Social Capital?” University of Milan, October 2018

“Social Clubs as Social Capital? Exploring Trust and Tolerance in Mali,” with Jacopo Bonan,  
 Philippe LeMay-Boucher, and Bassirou Sarr, Northwestern Conference on the Sahel, May 2017

Invited Mali Briefings: African Symposium 2020, Institute for Defense Analysis, March 2020;  
 Mali Briefing, November 2018; George Arnold Symposium for Education, Conflict, and the  
 State, the New School, October 2015; Governance and Security in the Sahelian States  
 Roundtable, July 2014; Johns Hopkins SAIS, April 2013; Institute for Defense Analysis, March  
 2013; USAID, April 2012; “Malian Elections Roundtable,” Columbia University Institute for  
 African Studies, April 2012; The World Bank, May 2012; The State Department, October 2011  
 and October 2012.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Field Research Methods (Grad, Undergrad)  
 Globalization in Africa (Undergrad)  
 Democracy and Citizenship in Africa (Undergrad)  
 Education, Citizenship, and Democracy (Undergrad)  
 African Elections (Undergrad)

### **GRADUATE THESIS ADVISING**

Andrea Peña-Vasquez (Co-Chair)  
 Paul Friesen (Co-Chair)  
 Shana Scogin (Co-Chair)  
 Emily Maiden (Co-chair), 2019 PhD, Assistant Professor University of Northern Florida

### **UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING**

2012: Adam Cowden, Selected for Gates Cambridge Scholarship  
 2013: Tara Lucian  
 2014: Will Miller and Robert “Beau” Dolan  
 2016: Meghan Gallagher  
 2019: Nicole Waddick

2021: Patrick McCabe, Selected as Truman Scholar

**LANGUAGES**

French - Highly Proficient; Bamana – Proficient; Portuguese – Beginner

**RESEARCH SKILLS**

Computer: Stata, Excel, Powerpoint, LaTeX, Causal Map Ap

**AFRICA COUNTRY EXPERIENCE:**

Angola, Congo (Brazzaville), Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, and Uganda