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Education

Degrees

PhD, Political Science, University of Florida, 2018

Dissertation: Monitoring Elections in Africa: Investigating the Role of Regional Actors

MA, Political Science, University of Florida, 2013

BA, Economics and African Studies, Smith College, 2010

Professional Positions

Academic Affiliations

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Smith College, 2021-present

McPherson/Eveillard Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Government, Smith College, 2019-2021

Lecturer, Department of Government, Smith College, 2018-2019

Research Affiliate, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 2016-2017

Other Professional Positions

Testing and Orientation Coordinator, Amherst College, 2017-2018

Managing Editor, African Studies Quarterly, University of Florida, 2014-2015

Electoral Assistance Project Intern, United Nations Development Programme, Lilongwe, Malawi, 2013

Political Affairs Intern, African Union Southern African Regional Office, Lilongwe, Malawi, 2011

Publications

Book Chapters

Forthcoming. "International and domestic observers' roles in enhancing the credibility of Malawi's 2019 elections." In *Malawi's 2019 Tripartite Elections* eds. by Edge Kanyongolo and Nandini Patel. Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press.

Mwaba. 2015. "Observing the 2014 Tripartite Elections." In *The 2014 Malawi Tripartite Elections: Is Democracy Maturing?* eds. Nandini Patel and Michael Wahman. Lilongwe: National Initiative for Civic Education, pp. 158-174.

Book Reviews

Mwaba. 2019. 'Foreign Intervention in Africa after the Cold War' looks at new players and old powers in Africa's conflicts. Review of *Foreign Intervention in Africa after the Cold War: Sovereignty, Responsibility, and the War on Terror* by Elizabeth Schmidt. *The Washington Post*, July 12, 2019. Available here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/07/12/foreign-intervention-africa-after-cold-war-looks-new-players-old-powers-africas-conflicts/?tid=sm_li_monkeycage

Mwaba. 2019. Book Review: The African Union: Autocracy, Diplomacy and Peacebuilding in Africa, eds. Tony Karbo and Tim Murithi. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, pp. 172-173. Available here: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022278X1800071X>

Op-Eds and Blog Articles

Mwaba. 2020. "Addressing a pandemic on a continental level" *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], April 2, 2020. Available here: <https://africasacountry.com/2020/04/addressing-a-pandemic-on-a-continental-level>

- Balogun, Emmanuel and **Anna Kapambwe Mwaba**. 2019. “How will the African Union respond to the military overthrow in Sudan?” *The Washington Post*, April 24, 2019. Available here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/04/24/how-will-african-union-respond-military-overthrow-sudan/?utm_term=.32ec654e6f79
- Mwaba. 2019. “The African Union called on Congo to suspend its election’s results. That’s unprecedented.” *The Washington Post*, January 21, 2019. Available here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2019/01/21/the-african-union-called-on-congo-to-suspend-its-elections-results-thats-unprecedented/?utm_term=.c840d4a87315
- Mwaba. 2018. “When Rex Tillerson toured some of Africa’s ‘shithole’ countries” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], March 9, 2018. Available here: <http://africasacountry.com/2018/03/when-rex-tillerson-toured-some-of-africas-shithole-countries/>
- Mwaba. 2018. “When is a coup a coup?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], February 28, 2018. Available here: <http://africasacountry.com/2018/02/when-is-a-coup-a-coup/>
- Mwaba. 2017. “The African Union is now complete, but at what cost?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], May 3, 2017. Available here: <http://africasacountry.com/2017/05/the-african-union-is-now-complete-but-at-what-cost/>
- Mwaba. 2015. “Will the new African Center for Disease Control really be an African CDC?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], April 27, 2015. Available here: <http://africasacountry.com/will-the-new-african-centres-for-disease-control-really-be-an-african-cdc/>
- Mwaba. 2015. “Should the African Union Run a Country?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], April 2, 2015. Available here: <http://africasacountry.com/tshould-the-african-union-run-a-country/>

In Progress

- “Agency via Institutionalization: The African Union and Election Observation in Malawi” (Invited to revise and resubmit)
- “Incomplete Roadmaps: Re-assessing Electoral Monitoring Guidelines”
- “Shifting Dynamics: The Politics of Election Observation”
- “Elections Without Observers? Malawi 2019 vs. 2020”
- Reclaiming Agency: The Role of African Organizations in Continental Politics* (Book Manuscript)

Grants, Fellowships, & Stipends

External

Yale MacMillan Post-Doctoral Fellowship in African Studies, AY 2018-20 (declined)

Internal

Smith College

Committee on Faculty Compensation and Development Student Research Assistance Grant, Summer 2022

Committee on Faculty Compensation and Development Student Research Assistance Grant, 2019-20

Committee on Faculty Compensation and Development Student Research Assistance Grant, 2018-19

Department of Government Research Travel Grant, Summer 2019

University of Florida

Department of Political Science Summer Conference Travel Grant (\$350), 2017

Department of Political Science Summer Graduate Research Award (\$3000), 2016

Department of Political Science Conference Travel Grant (\$300), 2016

Research Assistantship, Department of Political Science (\$13,500), 2016

Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award – Summer 2015 (\$5000), 2015

Department of Political Science Departmental Summer Research Award (\$1000), 2015

Center for African Studies Travel Grant to attend the Annual African Studies Conference (\$400), 2014

African Studies Quarterly Managing Editor, Center for African Studies, University of Florida (\$14,715), Academic Year 2014-2015
 Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant (\$1500), 2014
 Department of Political Science Departmental Summer Research Award (\$800), 2014
 Research Assistantship, Center for African Studies, University of Florida (\$13,500), Academic Year 2013-2014
 Center for African Studies Travel Grant to attend the Annual African Studies Conference (\$500), 2013
 Department of Political Science Departmental Summer Research Award (\$750), 2013
 Center for African Studies Summer Pre-Dissertation Grant (\$1000), 2013
 Madelyn M. Lockhart Summer Research Award (\$1000), 2013
 Center for African Studies Travel Grant to attend the Annual African Studies Conference (\$400), 2012
 Research Assistantship, Center for African Studies, University of Florida (\$13,500), Academic Year 2012-2013

Awards

Artinian Travel Award, *Southern Political Science Association*, 2019
 University of Florida International Center Outstanding International Student Award, 2014

Conference and Workshop Participation

Conference Papers

“Elections Without Observers? Malawi 2019 vs. 2020” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 16-20, 2021 (virtual)
 “Election Observation in Africa as a Measure of IO Performance” Paper to be presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 25-28, 2020. (cancelled due to COVID-19)
 "Incomplete Roadmaps - Re-assessing Electoral Monitoring Guidelines" Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, Texas, January 17-19, 2019.
 “Election Observation in Africa: The Role of Regional and International Institutions” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 29-December 1, 2018.
 “Eurasian Experimentation with Electoral Systems: Exception or Generalizable?” Co-authored with Dr. Bryon Moraski. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 6-9, 2018.
 “Moving beyond the domestic: the effect of regional organizations on attitudes towards democracy” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, March 16-19, 2016
 “20 Years of Democracy: The Role of Party Politics in Malawi” Paper presented at the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington D.C., October 30-November 1, 2014
 “Institutional Design & Election-Monitoring: Determinants of Influence” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 3-6, 2013
 “Malawi 2014: Electoral Assistance and the Challenge of Democratic Consolidation” Paper presented for Students in African Studies at the Center for African Studies, Gainesville, Florida, October 16, 2013
 “Establishing Free and Fair: Are International Election Observers Truly Neutral?” Paper presented at the Africa and African Diaspora Graduate Student Association Symposium, Florida International University, February 2-3, 2012

Workshops

International Summer Policy Institute, Bringing the Gap, To be held in Washington D.C., June 16-20, 2022

Other Presentations

- “A conversation with Anna Mwaba on the African Union, election monitoring, and more” Interview on Kim Yi Dionne’s Ufahamu Africa podcast, August 5, 2017. Available here: <https://ufahamufrica.com/2017/08/05/ep25-a-conversation-with-anna-mwaba-on-the-african-union-election-monitoring-and-more/>
- “Making Sense of the Shadow Market: Election Monitors and their Biases” Guest lecture for Dr. Bryon Moraski’s *Comparative Elections* Undergraduate Seminar, Department of Political Science, Gainesville, Florida, April 8, 2015

Courses Taught

- “International Relations in Africa,” Smith College, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2020
- “Elections Around the World,” Smith College, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2022
- “Comparative Regionalization,” Smith College, Fall 2018, Fall 2019 (Seminar)
- “Problems in Political Development,” Smith College, Spring 2019
- “Contemporary African Politics,” Smith College, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Advising

Fiona Ward Shaw, (BA Smith), STRIDE Fellowship Co-Advisor

Service

College

Engagement in Action Committee, Office of Equity and Inclusion, Smith College, AY 2020

Library Committee, Smith College, AY 2021-24

Profession

Section Head for International Organizations & Cooperation, Annual Midwest Political Science Conference, April 7-10, 2022

Reviewer for *Ghana Studies*

References

Available upon request