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Education

Doctoral student in Government, Harvard University Expected 2014
Recipient of Ardis and Robert James Graduate Fellowship
Graduate Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

B.A. Political Science, Emory University 2006
Summa cum laude
Thesis: "Explaining government policies toward the Lebanese in Liberia"

Work experience

The National Bureau of Economic Research Abuja and Kano, Nigeria
Research Assistant, July 2010-August 2010
Interviewed NGO representatives about governance interventions in Nigeria;
Conducted literature survey of governance-oriented field experiments

Professor Robert Bates, Harvard University Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant, March 2010-June 2010
Collected and analyzed data on executive competition scores for African countries

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation New York, NY
Assistant Program Officer, July 2008-Jun. 2009
Recruited applicants for dissertation fellowships and postdoctoral research grant awards that relate to violence; Assisted with proposal review process

Global Rights Monrovia, Liberia
Fellow, Dec. 2006-Sept. 2007
Facilitated trainings for local civil society groups in Liberia on topics including monitoring project impact and working with the media; Conducted assessment of a paralegal program in Makeni, Sierra Leone

Constitutional Rights Project Abuja, Nigeria
Intern, Oct. 2007-Nov. 2007
Researched and wrote report on the 2003-2007 Nigerian National Assembly;
Conducted interviews with senior government officials and attended legislative sessions

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs Washington, DC
Project Assistant for Central and West Africa, Jun. 2006-Sept. 2006
Researched and wrote briefing memos about political events in Nigeria, The
Gambia, and Guinea-Bissau; Provided logistical support for Nigeria field office

Carter Center Atlanta, GA
Human Rights Office Intern, Jan. 2005-Aug. 2005
Wrote memos for senior Carter Center staff on topics such as the operating
conditions for human rights defenders in Tunisia and International Criminal Court
activity in Uganda; Worked on two high-level conferences for international
human rights defenders

Publications

2010. "The Lebanese in Post-Conflict Liberia." In *Rebuilding Sustainable Communities for Children and Their Families After Disasters: A Global Survey*, ed. Adenrele Awotona. New Castle upon Tyne, United Kingdom: Cambridge Scholars Publishing: Chapter 16. April.

2010. "Overview of the Lebanese Community in Liberia." In *Bradt Travel Guide: Liberia*. Forthcoming.

2009. "NGO-run Blog on Charles Taylor's Trial Captures Sierra Leonean and Liberian Audiences." The Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Harvard University: Justice and Human Rights Domain, August. <http://hausercenter.org/jhr/?p=290>

2009. "Kurdish Station in Turkey Seen as Progressive and Political Maneuver." *Tennessee Tribune*, January.
http://www.tennesseetribune.info/media/Sec_A_JAN_15TH_FINAL.pdf

2008. "Liberian Government Pressures Comium to Renegotiate Contract." *Balancing Act*, December. http://www.balancingact-africa.com/news/back/balancing-act_432.html

2008. "Churches Provide Crucial Support for Liberians." *Minnesota Christian Chronicle*, October. http://www.mcchronicle.com/Articles/Oct08/Art_Oct08_02.html

2008. "On List of Priorities for Liberians in Minnesota, Trial of Charles Taylor Near the Bottom." *Minnesota Christian Chronicle*, June.
http://www.mcchronicle.com/Articles/Jun08/Art_Jun08_08.html

2007. Photographs of Monrovia Central Prison. *IRIN*, UN News Agency, September.
<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=74205>

2007. "Audit of the Nigerian National Assembly." Constitutional Rights Project, April.

Presentations

Guest lecturer: 2010. "Trading Groups in West Africa: Questions for Anthropologists." Upper-level undergraduate anthropology course at Harvard University called African Intersections: Contemporary Problems in the Anthropology of Africa, Cambridge, MA, March.

Guest lecturer: 2009. "Domestic Violence in Post-Conflict Countries." Presented at a course called Domestic Violence: Cognitive Behavior Approaches to Family Treatment, part of Mercy College's Graduate Program in Counseling, New York, May.

Presenter and panel moderator: 2008. "The Lebanese in Post-Conflict Liberia." Paper presented on the panel "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities After Wars," at the conference Rebuilding Sustainable Communities for Children and their Families after Disasters, University of Massachusetts – Boston, November.

Guest lecturer: 2006. "Ethical Issues while Conducting Research in Developing Countries." Upper-level undergraduate anthropology course at Emory University called Methods in Cultural Anthropology, Atlanta, February.

Presenter: 2005. "Uganda and the Relationship between International Justice and Conflict Resolution." Embracing Conflict: Creating Opportunities for Change, Columbia College, May.

Grants

- 2010 Awarded \$3,500 from Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard for a summer of Hausa language study in Kano, Nigeria
- 2005 Awarded \$4,000 from Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory for undergraduate thesis research in Monrovia and Tubmanburg, Liberia
- 2005 Awarded \$830 from Emory's Department of Political Science for undergraduate thesis research

Professional affiliation

American Political Science Association

African Studies Association

Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters, University of Massachusetts - Boston

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