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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor August 1, 2020-  
Department of Political Science  
University of Louisville

## EDUCATION

**Indiana University** **Bloomington, IN**  
Department of Political Science  
Doctor of Philosophy July 2020

Major Fields: Comparative Politics and Public Policy  
Minor in African Democratization

Dissertation: “*Women’s Participation in Community Life and Politics in Mali and Burkina Faso: French Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Associational Life*”

Dissertation Committee: Lauren M. MacLean (Chair), Michael D. McGinnis, Gardner Bovingdon, Maria Grosz-Ngate'

**SOAS, University of London** **London, UK**  
M.Sc. Development Studies December 2006

Master’s Thesis: “A Help or a Hindrance? The Impact of Politics on Decentralization in Kerala, India and South Africa”

**Whitworth University** **Spokane, WA**  
B.A. International Studies and French (with highest honors) May 2004

Minor in Peace Studies; semester study abroad at the University of Provence, Aix en Provence, France;  
January-term study abroad program in South Africa

## PUBLICATIONS

2019. “Why rural Malian women want to be candidates for local office: changes in social and political life and the arrival of a gender quota” *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 57:3 September 2019

## Manuscripts Under Review

“Connecting Malian and Burkinabe women’s local experiences of livelihood security to how they participate in politics” Revise and Resubmit at *World Development*

## Invited Contributions and Book Reviews

2016. “African Studies, Global Studies, and Disciplinary Positioning” in “Critical Area Studies

Symposium: African Studies and the Challenge of the ‘Global’ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” *Africa Today* 63, 92: 103-106.

2014. “Review, *Identity, Citizenship and Political Conflict in Africa*, by Edmond J. Keller, *Journal of Modern African Studies* 52 (4): 671-672. 2014 (with Lauren M. MacLean).

### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

Social Science Research Council, Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship  
(12 months 2016-2017, \$19,500)

Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Indiana University Office of the Vice President for International Affairs  
(summer 2015, \$3,300)

Graduate Student Summer Research Award, Indiana University Ostrom Workshop  
(summer 2015, \$4,600)

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Indiana University Ostrom Workshop Graduate Fellowship, (Academic Year 2018-2019)

Carleton T. Hodge Prize for Excellence in African Studies, Indiana University African Studies, (2018)

Arthur F. Bentley Dissertation Research Fellowship, (spring 2018)

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, African Studies Program, Indiana University, (Academic Year 2014-2015)

FLAS Award, African Studies Program, Indiana University to support intensive Bamanankan language study at University of Mali, Bamako, Mali (Summer 2014)

FLAS Fellowship, African Studies Program, Indiana University, (Academic Year 2013-2014)

Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis Semester Fellowship, (Spring 2013)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

“More political participation with less livelihood security? Connecting women’s livelihoods and political participation in rural West Africa” Paper African Studies Association (ASA) annual meeting, November 21, 2019, Boston, MA.

“Local Government Participation and Women’s Livelihoods in Rural Mali and Burkina Faso,” Mid-West Political Science Association Conference April 5, 2019, Chicago, IL.

“Transformations in Local Government and Women's Livelihoods in Rural Mali and Burkina Faso,” African Studies Association (ASA) annual meeting, November 30, 2018, Atlanta, GA.

“Why Women in Rural Burkina Faso Participate More in Local Politics than Women in Rural Mali,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, August 31, 2018 Boston, MA.

“French Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Associational Life: Women’s Participation in Community

Life and Local Government in Burkina Faso and Mali,” Indiana University African Studies Program Spring Colloquium, March 2, 2018, Bloomington, IN.

Critical Area Studies Symposium: “African Studies and the Challenge of the ‘Global’ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Discussant, April 29, 2016, Bloomington, IN.

“French Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Associational Life: Women’s Participation in Community Life and Local Government in Burkina Faso and Mali,” Ostrom Workshop Research Series, March 30, 2016, Bloomington, IN.

“French Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Lived Experience: Women’s Contributions to Community Life and Local Government in Burkina Faso and Mali,” Indiana University African Studies Program Spring Colloquium, March 4, 2016, Bloomington, IN.

“Decentralization in Mali and Burkina Faso: Implications for Public Service Provision, Citizenship, and Identity Formation for Women (and Men),” Mid-West Political Science Association Conference, April 8, 2016, Chicago, IL.

“Women’s Participation in Community Life and Local Government in Burkina Faso and Mali,” paper presented at the ASA annual meeting, November 21, 2014, San Diego, CA.

“Legacies of Colonialism and Contemporary Voter Participation in French West Africa,” paper presented at the ASA annual meeting, November 22, 2014, Indianapolis, IN.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Louisville**

Introduction to Comparative Politics	fall 2020
African Politics	fall 2020

### **Indiana University**

#### *Instructor of Record*

African Politics	spring 2020
Gender and Sexuality Politics	fall 2019

#### *Associate Instructorships at Indiana University:*

Introduction to International Studies	fall 2017
Introduction to American Politics (led 3 independent discussion sections)	spring 2016
Introduction to American Politics	fall 2015
Politics of Gender and Sexuality (Guest lecture, “Women, Development, and Democracy”)	fall 2014
Food Politics	fall 2012

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Comparative Politics, African Politics, the Political Economy of International Development, Indigenous and Ethnic Politics, Gender and Politics, Field Research, Qualitative Research Methods, Introduction to Public Policy, Public Policy in Developing Countries, Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Governance and Development Outcomes

## **OTHER INDIANA UNIVERSITY WORK EXPERIENCE**

### *Africa Today*

Editorial Assistant	summer 2018
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Contacted potential reviewers; monitored receipt of submissions and assigned internal editors; assisted with the aggregation of reviewer comments for authors; assisted in the review of manuscript revisions.

### **Deborah and Randall Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development**

Tobias Center Fellow, School of Global and International Studies                      spring 2018  
Assisted with administrative tasks for the newly-created Tobias Center. Co-organized the Data Driven Development in Africa workshop that brought 11 scholars from sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, and North America to Indiana University to discuss ongoing research projects related to development in Africa.

### **PROFESSIONAL WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**                      Washington, D.C.  
**West Africa Intern, Program Assistant, Program Officer**                      January 2008- June 2012

**American Planning Association (APA)**                      Washington, D.C.  
**Certification Maintenance Program Associate**                      July 2007- January 2008

**ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Program**                      Mavelikara, Kerala, India  
Volunteer spoken English teacher                      September 2004-August 2005

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Indiana University:  
Gender and Politics Search Committee  
Graduate Student Representative                      fall 2019

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association  
African Politics Conference Group  
African Studies Association  
Mid-West Political Science Association  
Mande Studies Association

### **RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

Point Sud, Bamako, Mali  
Institut des Sciences des Sociétés (INSS), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

### **METHODS TRAINING**

Institute on Multi-Method and Qualitative Research at Syracuse University, (summer 2015)  
*Modules taken:* discourse analysis, ethnography, fieldwork, and interpretation and history

### **LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES**

French, full professional competency  
Bamanankan/Jula, intermediate proficiency

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDY, WORK, AND FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

Mali (2009, 2010, 2014, 2016-2017); Burkina Faso (2015, 2016-2017); Senegal (2017);  
Togo (2010, 2012); Cote d'Ivoire (2011); Guinea (2010); Ghana (2009); United Kingdom (2005-2006);  
India (2004-2005); South Africa (2004); France (2003)