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My desire to teach is driven by a passion to develop humanistic perspectives and empower students to think critically about the interconnectedness of our global landscape. My goal is to impart scientific skills that will shape students' professional careers, academic research, or community engagement on a local and global scale.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science 2017—2024	Northwestern University Major: <i>Comparative Politics and International Relations</i> Fields of Examination: African Politics, Middle East, American Politics, Asian Politics, (Comparative Politics & International Relation) Dissertation Committee: William S. Reno, Alvin Tillery, Alexander J. Thurston, and Jaimie Bleck Dissertation: My dissertation investigates the difficult question of why some communities mobilize to fight violent extremist Islamists (“jihadists”) while other communities in seemingly similar situations see little or no armed mobilization. My research examines’ patterns of resistance of varying levels of violent armed groups mobilization in Africa, a region undergoing an accelerating process of state collapse and violent insurgency very different from the rebel wars of the past.
M.A., Political Science 2017—2020	Northwestern University Major: <i>Comparative Politics /International Relations</i>
B.A., Political Science 2013—2017	University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) Major: <i>Political Science</i> and Minor: <i>Education</i> (Dean’s List, 2016)
A.A., Liberal Arts Studies 2009—2012	Madison Area Technical College Madison, Wisconsin (Dean’s List, 2011)
Associate degree, Communication Studies 2005—2008	Borough of Manhattan Community College New York
B.A., International Studies 2001—2003	University of The Gambia The Gambia, West Africa

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Qualitative and Quantitative Methods Training 2017	Northwestern University Department of Political Science
Qualitative and Data Management for Media Personnel 2003	United States Telecommunication Training Institute Washington, D.C.

PUBLICATIONS, COMMENTARIES, & ARTICLES

ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS

- “Youth and Protest: How “Gambia” Ended Decades of Autocratic Rule,” *Canadian Journal of African Studies* (CJAS), Published with DOI: 10.1080/00083968.2023.2254859. Publication date, December 15, 2023. Access via this (under: Elections, Protests and Social Movements): <https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/african-studies/>
- Forthcoming publication with the *Routledge Taylor & Francis Group*, a contributing chapter “Managing Mali’s Transitional Agreement Through the Politics of Insecurity” in a book *Whose Peace? Understanding Transitional Government in Africa*.
- Currently under review with the special issue with the *Terrorism & Political Violence* is “Community Response to Radicalization in West Africa.”
- Article, “Anti-French and Pro-Russian Sentiment in Francophone Africa, Mali & Burkina Faso,” *Conflict Journal Studies*, under review January 2024.

BOOKS

- Book chapter from my dissertation on “Networks of State Surveillance and Information-gathering Capabilities in Weak States,” under review, *Oxford University Press*, June 2023
- Authoritarian & Democratic Transitional Breakdown in The Gambia (1994-2021), *Xlibris*, submitted in February 2024 (Under Review)

PAPERS & REPORTS-In Progress

- “The Role of the UN (UNISMA) in the Fight Against Terrorism in the West African Sahel” is under review with *Africa Today Journal*.
- Dilemma of Insecurity and Civil Society Participation in Malian Politics (Joint publication), *Afrosaharo Community Research Network* (afrosaharo.org), 2021.
- Proliferation of Lethal Arms and Ammunition in Mali, Small Arms Survey, December 1th to December 30th, 2019.
- “Self-Defence Groups (militias) and the State Relationship in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger”
- “The Role of Ethnic Inequality in Explaining Al-Qaeda’s Differential Success in Mali, Sub Saharan Africa”
- Why DRC is Poor in Human Development Despite its Available Abundant Natural Resources? Foreign Policy Paper (Academic term Paper), Northwestern University, February, 2019.

SELECTED MEDIA COMMENTARIES & ARTICLES

- *US-based Gambian Accuses Barrow of Delaying Security Reform to Keep Ecomig*, March 2021. Available at <https://standard.gm/us-based-gambian-accuses-barrow-of-delaying-security-reform-to-keep-ecomig0/>
- *Jammeh Is To Blame For Foni’s Problems*, Standard news and Gambian news, 2019. <http://www.gambianews24.com/jammeh-is-to-blameforfonis-problems/>, 2019.
- *Twenty-Two Years of Yahya Jammeh’s Authoritarian Durability in The Gambia*, Kairo News, 2018. <http://www.kaironews.com/the-role-of-jammehs22years-of-authoritarian-durabilityin-thegambia/>
- *Gambia, Speed is Essential in Governance: Are We a Nation Without Ideas and Passions?* Freedom newspaper. April 2018.
- *Gambia: On the Murder of Deyda Hydara*, all Africa.com, January 14, 2005. <https://allafrica.com/stories/200501140574.html>
- *Conflict between individual rights and collective rights; as fracas over graveyard looms high in the Baddibus*, Daily Observer newspaper (Human Rights opinion column), January 2002.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2021-Present	Founder, Afrosaharo-Center for Community Research Network Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2014-2017	Founder and Executive Member, Undergraduate Advocacy for Human Rights University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison WI
2003-2007	Journalist (Correspondent), The Voice Magazine Almere, The Netherland
1998-2001	Journalist, Citizen FM Radio & Newspaper (BBC Relay Radio Station), The Gambia, West Africa
1997-2003	Journalist, Daily Observer Newspaper Bakau, The Gambia, West Africa

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Comparative/IR Middle East Politics January 2024 – Present	DePaul University , Chicago IL.
Guest Instructor, Politics of Civil War 2022	Gaston Berger University (L'Université Gaston Berger) Saint-Louis, Senegal
TA, American Politics and Capitalism 2020	Northwestern University Evanston, IL.
TA, Politics of Middle East, and North Africa (MENA), Field Research 2019, 2020	Northwestern University Evanston, IL.
TA, International Security (includes topics in Conflict Resolution & International organizations) 2019	Northwestern University Evanston, IL.
TA, African Politics 2018	Northwestern University Evanston, IL.
Instructor, Comparative Politics 2017, 2018	University of The Gambia , West Africa
Instructor, Ethics and Lebel 2000-2001	Gambia Press Union

AWARDS, GRANTS, & HONORS

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS & GRANTS:

- Fulbright- Hays- Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (DDRA), U.S. Department of Education, (\$30, 000), 2021 – 2022.
- Social Science Research Council-International Dissertation Research Fellow (SSRC-IDRF), 300 Cadman Plaza West 15th Floor Brooklyn, NY USA (\$29, 000), 2020 – 2022.
- Fellow, Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP), Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio (\$11, 000), May – August 2016.

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDS & GRANTS

- Graduate Research Fund, *Political Science Department*, Northwestern University, 2019.
- Minar Memorial Summer Award, *Political Science Department*, Northwestern University, 2018.
- Selected Fellow, *Buffett Institute for Global Studies (War & Society Working Group)*, Northwestern University award, Research Sponsor in Mali (\$5000), June 2018 .
- Middle East and North African Studies Award, *Northwestern University*, Research sponsor in Mali (\$5000), July 2018
- Selected Fellow, Panofsky Award, *Program of African Studies, Northwestern University*, Research Sponsor in The Gambia (\$5000), September 2017.
- Selected Fellow, The Great People-Int'l Studies Scholarship at *the University of Wisconsin Division of International Studies*, Research study of Culture & Conflict in Rovinj, Croatia (\$10,000), May – July 2014.
- Selected Scholar, *Roland E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program*, a U.S. Department of Education funded program, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$10, 000), May – July 2015.

INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

- Invited Participant in the edited book volume “Whose Peace? Understanding Transitional Government in Africa with Routledge” Workshop hosted at Ghana, Accra on March 4 – 7, 2024. The workshop was organized by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs.
- “The Politics of Community Resilience to Armed Jihadism in West Africa,” Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS) for New Faces Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Invited Speaker, September 2023.
- Sciences PO Centre De Research International Conference in Paris (in France), Topic “Not the praetorian alternatives, we witnessed before.” Analyses of the relations between the “security forces” and the society and elites, beyond coups.
- Invited Speaker and Paper Presented: “Politics of Community Radicalization in West Africa.” May 2023.
- Mali, Burkina Faso and the Role of the Jihadists Conflict in the Region, American Prestige, Presentation on the “State of the Sahel” w/Lamin Keita and Alex Thurston, January 18, 2023.
- “Community Response to Radicalization in West Africa,” U.S. Embassy Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, July 2022.
- “Politics of Community Resilience to Armed Jihadism in West Africa,” SSRC-IDRF 2022 Workshop, virtual gathering of the 2020-2021 Fellows, Final Research presentation of the findings from the fieldwork: Dissertation filed research topic presented, May 13, 2022.
- “The Diaspora and the Political Change in Africa,” Northwestern University, Invited Speaker, Qatar, January 2021
- “Politics of Insecurity and Civil Society Participation in Malian Politics,” 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference, joint paper presented, September 30th, 2021.
- “Authoritarian Breakdown in The Gambia,” Annual International AFRISEM Conference, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, May 2019.
- “The Role of Ethnic Inequality in Explaining Al-Qaeda’s Differential Success in Mali,” 25th Annual National Ronald E. McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair, Lake Lawn Resort Delevan, Wisconsin, May 2017.
- “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion,” Roland E. McNair Annual Conference, Washington DC / University of Maryland-Baltimore, September 23, 2016 – September 25, 2016
- “First Generation of College Students and the Legacy of Roland E. McNair Symposium,” 24th Annual Conference, University of Berkeley, California, August 2016
- “AL Qaeda’s differential Success in the Sahel,” Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP), Ohio State University, Columbus 2016.
- “A New Politics of Human Rights,” Law School, Annual Research Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015.
- “Post-Conflict, Culture and Integration of Society,” Rovinj, Croatia, University of Wisconsin Madison Study Abroad, July 2014.
- “Immigration in the African American Awareness: Representation, Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 2014.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICES

Coordinator, AFRICEM, Program of African Studies (Graduate student forum for seminars), Northwestern University, 20018- 2021

Member, *Graduate Student Teaching Conference Committee*, Northwestern University, 2018- 2019

Member, *American Political Science Association*, 2020 -Present

Member, *Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy*, Northwestern University, 2018 Present

Tutor, *The Division of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Educational Achievement (DDEEA)*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2016 – 2017

Legal Researcher, *Sarjo Law Firm*, Madison, Wisconsin, April 2014 – April 2017

