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PRESENT ACADEMIC POSITION

- July 2010 – present **Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA**
Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of National Security Affairs, School of International Graduate Studies
Faculty Chair (chair of the NPS Faculty), December 2018 – December 2019
Vice Chair, African Politics Conference Group (November 2017 – November 2019)
- March 2017 – present **Associate Faculty, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS)**
Visiting Lecturer, Graduate School of International Policy and Management
Short Course on terrorism and counter-terrorism in Africa offered in the Master's program in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Peace processes, stabilization and reconstruction (post- and pre-conflict)
- Transitional and interim governance
- International Assistance/Foreign Aid
- U.S. Foreign Policy and Security Policy towards Africa
- Conflict and conflict management in Africa
- Terrorism and Counter Terrorism in Africa
- Ethnic conflict and its management
- South Africa and Southern African politics

EDUCATION

- B.A. Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA (Political Science and Psychology; *magna cum laude*), 1995
- Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (Political Science, concentrations in comparative politics, African politics, and political economy), 2003

PRIOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS, TEACHING/RESEARCH

- January 2003 – June 2010 **Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA**
Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Affairs, School of International Graduate Studies, January 2003 – July 2010.

PRIOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SERVICE

- Dec 2019- Dec 2020 **Faculty Chair Emerita**
Advisory position to incumbent Faculty Chair, member of Faculty Council Executive Board.
- Dec 2018- Nov 2019 **Faculty Chair**
Chair of the NPS Faculty. Served as the leader of the NPS faculty, representative to NPS Academic leadership, NPS administrative leadership, and advocate for faculty interests.
- Dec 2017 – Nov 2018 **Faculty Chair Elect**
Incoming chair of the faculty council/faculty senate. This position supports the incumbent Faculty Chair, attends meetings and sit on the Faculty Executive Board, and represents the Faculty Chair when the Chair cannot attend to official duties.

- January 2016 – December 2018 **Founder and Coordinator, Research Colloquium Series. Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School.**
 Founded a departmental level colloquium series for professors in the NSA department to present ongoing research and obtain feedback. Ran monthly meetings for two years, establishing the program to help build a more interactive research community in the department. Convened the series, met with faculty to determine their interests and desired format, then recruited speakers and ran the monthly sessions for two years.
- February 2008 – September 2011 **Director of Planning and Content, Regional Security Education Program (RSEP), Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)**
 Faculty advisor to the program, in charge of the educational content of the lectures delivered in the RSEP program and for organizing the teams that deliver regional briefs to deploying Carrier Strike Groups and Expeditionary Strike Groups (USN and USMC). The program is run through the Department of National Security Affairs of the Naval Postgraduate School.
- January 2006 – September 2007 **Regional Coordinator for Sub-Saharan Africa, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School.**
 Faculty advisor for students in the Sub-Saharan Africa curriculum. Coordinated schedule of curricular offerings.
- July 2004 – July 2006 **Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School**
Academic Associate for Regional Security Studies, NPS
 Curricular advisor for all of the regional studies programs in the Department of National Security Affairs of the Naval Postgraduate School. This position combines curriculum management and academic advising. In charge of the regional studies programs in the NSA department at NPS. Duties include monitoring the various programs of study, reviewing and revising the programs of study for seven regional curricula, and liaising with program sponsors (Army FAO, Marine FAO, etc). Also primary academic advisor for students in all regional curricula (between 190 – 250 students), monitoring completion of academic requirements, approving thesis proposals, and other academic matters.

SCHOLARSHIP

Ongoing Research Projects

All Intervention is Local: Understanding Government Responses to International Intervention

Multi-year research project (2017-2021) funded by the Minerva Initiative of OSD-Policy. Co-PI Pierre Englebert (Pomona College).

Interventions in fragile and post-conflict states are often designed and implemented by outside actors as technocratic responses to situations of political disorder, state weakness, and civil unrest. The interventions, often built on international best practices, rarely unfold in the ways initially conceived by their designers, however, because in reality, these are highly political processes. We propose to investigate how the ways that local actors and institutional environments engage with these projects during implementation significantly changes their nature, by proposing two related questions. First, how do local political dynamics explain variations in the degree and type of engagement of African regimes with outside actors, particularly in conflict-affected countries where international and local agents share sovereignty? Second, how do these variations condition the course of the intervention and the actions of the interveners?

When we ground the analysis of the dynamics of interventions in fragile states in basic concepts and theories of African politics, how does this shift our understanding of process? What seeming puzzles, inconsistencies, and unexpected dynamics become more understandable – perhaps things that could have been anticipated? This research links fundamental political concepts such as neopatrimonialism, instrumentalization, extraversion, state historicity, and hybrid governance, to crucial policy issues of relevance to the DoD, such as intervention design, local capacity building and overall complex peace-keeping operations that involve a significant degree of state reform and reconstruction (security sector reform, public sector reform, democratization, etc.). Interventions are conceived technocratically, but they are fundamentally political undertakings. By “bringing the politics back in,” we believe that our research can make new strides in our understanding of how African governments respond to and interact with external interventions, particularly those in conflict affected and fragile states, delivering insights that can be applied to the design and implementation of future interventions.

Peacebuilding through Service Delivery

Multi-year research project (2014-18) funded by the Minerva Initiative of OSD-Policy. Co-PIs Naazneen Barma (NPS) and Naomi Levy (Santa Clara University). Multiple research products.

Scholars and practitioners alike have largely concluded that international efforts to build sustainable peace in post-conflict state must include a focus on building state capacity. It is not necessarily the case, however, that the twin goals of peace- and state-building are mutually reinforcing. This project seeks to improve both the theory and practice of how peace is achieved in post-conflict countries by disentangling the related goals of peace- and state-building. It does so by focusing on the ability of three post-conflict states to provide public services and resolve societal grievances at the local level. It also seeks to understand how externally led peace-building interventions compare with more autonomous and domestically motivated peace processes in achieving sustainable peace and improvements in state capacity. To these ends, we have designed and are implementing a study that varies the external engagement in peace- and statebuilding initiatives, selecting country cases that enable both a cross-national comparison (Cambodia and Laos, and Rwanda and Uganda) and an intertemporal comparison (Uganda in two distinct time periods). We focus on outcomes at the subnational and sectoral levels, where the tangible results of peace- and state-building can be best observed.

Assessing the Impacts of Competitor Influence on U.S. Security Assistance

Multi-year research project (2019 – 2021) funded by U.S. Marine Forces Europe and Africa. Initiated May 2019 and currently in progress.

The United States engages in security sector assistance as a way to build stronger militaries that share the burden of enhancing international stability and to build enduring partnerships and with countries around the globe. Since the 1990s, the United States has been a “preferred provider” for security sector assistance, both in terms of training and equipment provision. In Africa, partners have sought out the USA as a partner to provide high quality training and education, as well as weapons, weapons systems, and military craft. Since the early 2000s, however, as China began to re-engage with Africa, security cooperation officers on the continent have reported that they are seeing their relationships shift and changes in the nature and frequency of requests from partner militaries. Evidence is anecdotal, however, about the true extent of the changes that the U.S. has experienced in regards to the security sector assistance in an era of rising competition from China and Russia. Systematic research and analysis is necessary to understand the nature and scope of competitor influence on U.S. security engagement across the continent. This research complements other USMC funded research at NPS by analyzing trends in security sector assistance in countries with a significant degree of Chinese influence, compared to those without it.

The research will identify a set of target countries and investigate whether (and how) U.S. security sector assistance in those countries has changed in response to competition from Chinese and other emerging powers.

Work under Review

“The War on Terror in Context: Domestic Dynamics of Security Response in Ethiopia and Kenya.” (with Pierre Englebert). R&R at *Third World Quarterly*.

Peer-Reviewed Books

The US Military in Africa: Enhancing Security and Development? (edited by Jessica Piombo). Boulder, CO: First Forum Press (a division of Lynne Rienner Publishers), July 2015.

Institutions, Ethnicity and Political Mobilization in South Africa. New York and Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

Interim Governments: Institutional Bridges to Peace and Democracy? (edited with Karen Guttieri). Washington, DC: USIP Press, December 2007.

Electoral Politics in South Africa: Assessing the First Democratic Decade (edited with Lia Nijzink). New York and Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.

Re-published in South Africa by the Human Sciences Research Council in 2006:

<http://www.hsrcpress.ac.za/product.php?productid=2160>.

Journal Articles

“The Impact of Aid Dynamics on State Effectiveness and Legitimacy.” May 2020. *Studies in Comparative International Development* (with Naazneen Barma and Naomi Levy).

“Disentangling Aid Dynamics in Statebuilding and Peacebuilding: A Causal Framework,” *International Peacekeeping*, 24, no 2 (2017): 187-211. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2016.1252677> (with Naazneen Barma and Naomi Levy).

“Has South Africa Lost its Way? The ANC’s Unfulfilled Promise.” *Foreign Affairs* online, May 12, 2016 (with Cherrel Africa). <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/south-africa/2016-05-12/has-south-africa-lost-its-way>

“Perspective: US Africa Policy: Rhetoric Versus Reality.” *Current History*. May 2012.

“Peacemaking in Burundi: Conflict Resolution versus Conflict Management Strategies,” *African Security* 3, no. 4 (2010): 239-272.

“Political Institutions, Social Demographics and the Decline of Ethnic Mobilization in South Africa, 1994 – 1999,” *Party Politics* 11, no. 4 (July 2005): 447-470.

“Opposition Parties and the Voters In South Africa’s 1999 Election,” with Robert Mattes, *Democratization* 38, no. 3 (Autumn 2001): 101-128.

Book Chapters

“Evolving Civilian and Military Missions,” in *The US Military in Africa: Enhancing Security and Development?* edited by Jessica Piombo. Boulder, CO: First Forum Press (a division of Lynne Rienner Publishers), 2015.

“Civil-Military Relations in the Horn of Africa,” in *Understanding Complex Military Operations: A Case Study Approach*, ed. Karen Guttieri, Volker Franke and Melanne A. Civic. New Jersey: Routledge, 2014.

“Resources and Conflict in Africa,” in *The Handbook of African Security*, ed. James J. Hentz. New Jersey: Routledge, 2013.

- “Civil-Military Relations in an Emerging Democracy: South Africa,” in *The Handbook of Civil-Military Relations*, ed. Thomas Bruneau and Florina Christiana Matei. New Jersey: Routledge Press, 2012.
- “Oil Rents and Politics in Africa,” in *The Handbook of Oil Politics*, ed Robert Looney. New Jersey: Routledge Press, 2012.
- “Beyond Protecting the Land and the Sea: The Role of the US Navy in Reconstruction,” (with Michael Malley) in *Stability from the Sea Naval Roles in Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Operations*, ed. James J. Wirtz and Jeffrey A. Larsen. New Jersey: Routledge Press, 2009.
- “Issues and Debates in Transitional Rule,” (with Karen Guttieri) in *Interim Governments: Institutional Bridges to Peace and Democracy?* ed. Karen Guttieri and Jessica Piombo. Washington, DC: USIP Press, December 2007.
- “Terrorist Financing and Government Response in East Africa,” in *Terrorism Financing and State Response in Comparative Perspective*, ed. Harold Trinkunas and Jeanne Giraldo. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2007.
- “The Results of Election 2004: Looking Back, Stepping Forward,” in *Electoral Politics in South Africa: Assessing the First Democratic Decade*, ed. Jessica Piombo and Lia Nijzink. New York and Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
- “The Institutions of Democracy: Parliament and the Electoral System,” (with Lia Nijzink) in *Electoral Politics in South Africa: Assessing the First Democratic Decade*, ed. Jessica Piombo and Lia Nijzink. New York and Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
- “The Smaller Parties,” in *Election '99: From Mandela to Mbeki*, ed. Andrew Reynolds. New York: St. Martins Press, 1999.

Journal Special Issues - Editor

- Africa's Security Challenges and Rising Strategic Significance*, [Strategic Insights](#), VI, Issue 1 (January 2007).
- Interim Governments: Institutional Bridges to Peace and Democracy?* [Strategic Insights](#) Volume V, Issue 1 (January 2006). Edited with Karen Guttieri.

Invited Presentations

- “All Intervention is Local: Domestic Responses to Insecurity and their Impacts on Security Assistance.” Presentation to the OSD-Minerva Program Annual Review, Washington DC, September 18, 2019.
- “The Domestic Dynamics of Security Force Assistance: Unpacking State Responses to Security Threats.” With Pierre Englebert. Invited by the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) to present paper at the Security Force Assistance Workshop, Accra, Ghana. Convened with the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center (KAIPTC). September 5 – 9, 2019.
- “The Domestic Dynamics of Security Force Assistance: Unpacking State Responses to Security Threats.” Presentation to the one-day workshop on Civilian-Military relationships in Sub-Saharan Africa. Organized by the Department of State Office of Analytic Outreach, in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) and the National Intelligence Council (NIC). April 11, 2019. Invited by State/INR to present the research from the OSD-Minerva project, *All Intervention is Local*.

Conference Papers and Presentations

- “The Will to Live? State Responses to Existential Threats and US Security Sector Assistance in Africa,” with Pierre Englebert. Paper prepared for the European Consortium of African Studies (ECAS) conference, Edinburgh, June 2019.
- “An Empirical Approach to Disentangling Statebuilding and Peacebuilding.” (with Naazneen Barma and Naomi Levy) Paper prepared for the 114th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, “Democracy and its Discontents.” Boston, MA, August 30 – September 2, 2018.

- “An Empirical Approach to Disentangling Statebuilding and Peacebuilding.” (with Naazneen Barma and Naomi Levy) Paper prepared for the 59th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, “Power of Rules and Rules of Power.” San Francisco, CA, April 4 – 8, 2018.
Revised version presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30, 2018.
- “The Effects of Aid Dynamics on State Authority, Effectiveness, and Legitimacy.” (with Naazneen Barma and Naomi Levy) Paper prepared for the 113th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, “The Quest for Legitimacy: Actors, Audiences, and Aspirations.” San Francisco, CA, August 31 – September 3, 2017.
- “International Assistance to Statebuilding: Linking Aid Dynamics to Outcomes,” Presentation on the Fragile States panel at the UNU Wider Development conference, “Responding to Crises,” organized by the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research, September 23-24, 2016.
- “Participation without Democracy? Governance in Rwanda,” paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31 – September 3, 2016.
- “Building Peace by Delivering Public Services: How Does External Engagement Condition the Relationship Between Peacebuilding and Statebuilding?” (with Naazneen Barma and Naomi Levy) Paper presented to the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 16-19, 2016.
- “Statebuilding in Uganda: the Effect of External Intervention on State Capacity.” Paper presented to the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 16-19, 2016.
- “The Effects of External Engagement on Statebuilding in Uganda.” Paper presented to the annual conference of the African Studies Association, November 2015, Hilton Towers, San Diego, CA.
- Revised version of paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (February 2015), and to the ISAC-ISSS Annual Conference on Security Studies in Austin, TX, November 15, 2014.
- “Negotiating Peace: Internal versus External Processes in South Africa and Burundi,” paper presented to the American Political Science Association, September 2011.
- “Islamism, Africa and International Security,” keynote presentation to the conference, “Islamism in Africa South of the Sahara,” Haverford College, Pennsylvania, March 25, 2011.
- “AFRICOM and Non-Kinetic Military Missions: Lessons from the Horn of Africa,” Paper presented to the International Studies Association annual convention, New York, NY, February 15 – 18, 2009.
- “US Engagement with Africa: Why “Doing No Harm” is Harder than it Looks,” paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28 – 31, 2008.
- “WMD and Ungoverned Spaces in Africa: Exploring the Potential for Terrorist Exploitation,” paper presented to the conference, “Ungoverned Spaces,” sponsored by CCMR and DTRA-ASCO, August 2-3, 2007.
- “Negotiating the End of Apartheid in South Africa,” presented to the workshop, “Negotiating with Armed Insurgents,” Naval Postgraduate School, August 2007.
- “Growing Wild? Ungoverned Spaces and Terrorist Proliferation in Africa,” paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2, 2007.
- “Assessing the US Navy’s Role in Reconstruction Operations,” presented to the National University of Singapore-Temasek Defense Systems Institute Workshop on Maritime Security, Singapore, December 4 – 6, 2006.
- “Democracy by the Rules: Shaping Institutions to Retain Power,” paper presented to the 2006 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 19, 2006.

- “Caught in the Crosshairs? The Effect of Diverging Priorities on the War on Terror in Africa,” paper presented to the 46th Annual International Studies Association meetings, San Diego, CA, March 22 – 25, 2006.
- “Terrorist Financing in Africa,” paper prepared for presentation at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30 - September 4, 2005.
- “Issues and Debates in Transitional Governments and Interim Regimes,” (with Karen Guttieri) paper prepared for presentation at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30 - September 4, 2005.
- “Issues and Debates in Transitional Governments and Interim Regimes,” (with Karen Guttieri) paper presented at the conference, “Interim Governments: Institutional Bridges to Peace and Democracy?” at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 14-15 July, 2005.
- “Terrorist Finance and Government Response in East Africa: When Do Area Governments Cooperate?” paper presented at the 46th Annual International Studies Association meetings, Waikiki, HI, March 1 – 5, 2005.
- “Terrorist Finance and Government Response in East Africa,” paper presented at the conference, “Terrorism Financing and State Response in Comparative Perspective,” Naval Postgraduate School, November 2004.
- “Manipulating Legitimacy? International Election Monitoring, Electoral Fraud and Domestic Political Legitimacy,” paper presented to “Hegemony and Its Discontents,” 45th Annual International Studies Association Convention, March 17 – 20, 2004 – Montréal, Québec.
- “Political Institutions, Social Demographics and the Decline of Ethnic Mobilization in South Africa, 1994 – 1999,” paper prepared for presentation at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 28 – 31, 2003.
- “Political Institutions, Social Demographics and the Decline of Ethnic Mobilization in South Africa, 1994 – 1999,” Paper prepared for Presentation at the 19th World Congress of the International Political Science Association in Durban, South Africa, 29 June – 4 July, 2003.
- “Political Institutions, Racialized Politics and Party Dominance in South Africa,” paper prepared for presentation at the 45th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 5-8, 2002.
- “Political Institutions and Racialized Politics in South Africa, 1994 – 1999,” paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2002.
- “Opposition Parties and the Voters In South Africa’s 1999 Election,” with Robert Mattes, paper prepared for presentation at the conference, “Opposition in South Africa’s New Democracy,” June 28 – 30, 2000, Kenton-On-Sea, Eastern Cape, South Africa.
- “In the Shadow of the Past: The Evolving Party System in the ‘New’ South Africa,” paper prepared for delivery at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September 2-5, 1999.
- “Ethnic Conflict and Constitutionalism in Africa,” with Harvey Glickman, paper prepared for the workshop panel “The Construction or Reconstruction of Governments and Systems of Government, Constitutional and Philosophical.” The fifth conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, “Memory, History and Critique: European Identity at the Millennium,” University for Humanist Studies, Utrecht, Holland, August 23, 1996.

Invited Lectures and Talks

- “South Africa After Mandela,” Presentation to the Monterey Bay World Affairs Council. January 30, 2014.
- “Non-Traditional Security Challenges in Africa,” Presentation at the Pomona College Africa Initiative: Voices on Africa, October 30, 2013. Inaugural presentation of the lecture series at Pomona College.

- “Recent Politics and Security in Somalia.” Presentation to UCSD Educational Briefing: 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. Global Leadership Institute, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego; August 12, 2013.
- “Africa, New Producers, and Global Politics,” Presentation to the Joint FAO Program Phase II Course: Energy Security. Arlington, VA: July 16, 2013.
- “Culture, Socio –Political & Economic Dynamics of South Africa,” LDESP Seminar for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. 21 March 2013.
- “Engineering Outcomes through Electoral System Design.” Presentation to the roundtable on Electoral System Reform in South Africa, hosted by the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference Parliamentary Liaison Office (CPLO) of South Africa, March 9, 2012, Cape Town, South Africa.
- “Peacebuilding from the Inside and Out: Comparing South Africa and Burundi.” Presentation to the Political Studies seminar series, Department of Political Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa; March 14, 2012.
- “Islamism, Africa and International Security,” lunch keynote address presented to the symposium, “Islamism in Africa South of the Sahara: Ideas, Ideology; Interactions in Society, Polity and Culture,” organized by Haverford College, Haverford, PA, March 25, 2011.
- Panel Discussant on Promoting Democracy in Post-Conflict Settings, workshop on Reforming Democracy Promotion, co-sponsored by the Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) of Stanford University and the Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) of the Naval Postgraduate School, May 8 – 9, 2008.
- “Can Interim Governments Bring Stability?” Lecture presented at the workshop, “Rule of Law and Governance as Stabilization Tools,” organized by the Center for Technology and National Security Policy in conjunction with the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability Operations Capabilities, at the National Defense University, April 16-17, 2008. Part of the 2008 CTNSP Seminar Series on Stability Operations.
- “Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Africa,” lecture presented to the:
- Navy Corporate Business Course (NCBC) at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, on February 28, 2007.
 - Islamic Culture and Civilization lecture series, sponsored by United States Northern Command, March 2007.
 - Naval Intelligence Business Executive Course (NIBEC) at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, on April 11, 2007.
 - The Naval Network Warfare Command, Annual Leadership Symposium, at the Lockheed Martin Center for Excellence, Suffolk, VA on September 19, 2007.
- “Elections in Nigeria,” presentation to the Monterey Bay World Affairs Council, June 2007.

Working Papers and Other Publications

Perspectives on Security, Disarmament, and Nonproliferation: Views from the United States and South Africa,” Workshop Report Published by the Center on Contemporary Conflict (CCC) Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering WMD (PASCC) Report Number 2014-001, released March 25, 2014.

Available online:

<http://www.nps.edu/Academics/Centers/CCC/PASCC/Publications/2014/2014%20001%20South%20Africa%20Dialogue.pdf> and <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/40222>.

Perspectives on African Security Challenges: Cross Cutting Issues and Policy Implications - Summary Of Capstone Project and Findings. Monterey, CA: Center on Contemporary Conflict (CCC) Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering WMD (PASCC) Report Number 2012-011, released

September 24, 2012.

Available online: <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/34085>.

Reducing Insecurity in Africa: Roles and Responsibilities of the U.S. Military, U.S. Government and Non-Governmental Communities. With Matthew Dearing, Gustav Jordt (USAF), Jason Neal (USN) and Laura Perazzola (USMC). Monterey, CA: Center on Contemporary Conflict (CCC) Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering WMD (PASCC) Report 2012 005, released March 2012.

Available online:

http://www.nps.edu/Academics/Centers/CCC/PASCC/Publications/2012/Reducing_Insecurity_in_Africa.pdf and <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/34342>.

Understanding and Responding to Conflict in Africa: Crisis Response versus Conflict Resolution. DTRA-ASCO Research Report, Report Number ASCO 2010-008.

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a556560.pdf> and <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/25356>.

“Military Provision of Humanitarian and Civic Assistance: A Day in the Life of a Civil Affairs Team in the Horn of Africa.” Center for Complex Operations Case Study Series, National Defense University Press, May 2010. Available online: <http://www.ccoportal.org/cco-case-studies-series> and <http://hdl.handle.net/10945/34084>.

“African Security Challenges: Now and Over the Horizon Workshop Report,” (with Jennifer Perry and Jennifer Borchard) Defense Threat Reduction Agency Advanced Systems and Concepts Office, Report Number ASCO 2009-01 (January 2009). <https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=716129>.

“Ungoverned Spaces and Weapons of Mass Destruction in Africa: Exploring the Potential for Terrorist Exploitation,” Defense Threat Reduction Agency Advanced Systems and Concepts Office, Report Number ASCO 2008-016 (October 2008). www.hsdl.org/?view&did=716226.

Conference Report – Interim Governments: Institutional Bridges to Peace and Democracy? (with Karen Guttieri, assisted by Jennifer Hambleton and Barry Zellen). Proceedings of a workshop held at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, July 14–15, 2005.

<http://www.nps.edu/academics/centers/ccc/conferences/recent/InterimGovernmentsReportJan06.html>.

“The Results of South Africa’s Election 2004: Looking Back, Stepping Forward,” Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper No. 86 (University of Cape Town, South Africa) November 2004.

<http://www.cssr.uct.ac.za/publications/working-paper/2004/results-election-04-looking-back-stepping>.

“The Institutions of Democracy: Parliament and the Electoral System,” (with Lia Nijzink) Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper No. 85 (University of Cape Town, South Africa) November 2004.

<http://www.cssr.uct.ac.za/publications/working-paper/2004/institutions-representative-democracy>.

“Political Institutions, Social Demographics and the Decline of Ethnic Mobilization in South Africa,” Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper No. 63 (University of Cape Town, South Africa) May 2004.

<http://www.cssr.uct.ac.za/publications/working-paper/2004/political-institutions-social-demographics-and>.

“Report on the Performance of the Independent Electoral Commission in the December 2000 Local Elections in the Western Cape,” Press release from the Peace Monitoring Forum of the Western Cape, South Africa, January 24, 2001.

“Time to Reconsider South Africa’s Electoral System?” *The Mail and Guardian* (South Africa), November 24 – 30, 2000.

“Support for Political Parties on the Eve of Local Government Elections,” with Robert Mattes. Media Release from the Public Opinion Service of the Institute for Democracy in South Africa, October 17, 2000.

Executive Education - Programs Organized

Navy Foreign Area Officer Phase II Course, September 12 – 14, 2018, Stuttgart, DE.

Developed and led a three-day seminar to provide advanced regional education to Africa FAOs. Recruited 17 subject matter experts to present on a variety of topics over three days. Responsibilities included devising course content, recruiting speakers, facilitating the course, coordinating feedback, and overall program management. Sponsored by Navy N2.

Joint Foreign Area Officer Phase II Course, June 2- 4, 2015, Arlington, VA.

Developed and led a three-day seminar to provide advanced regional education to Africa FAOs. Recruited 17 subject matter experts to present on a variety of topics over three days. Responsibilities included devising course content, recruiting speakers, facilitating the course, coordinating feedback, and overall program management

Lead program facilitator and lecturer, Educational Program for United States Africa Command. Received funding from USAFRICOM to develop and deliver a week of educational lectures about Africa to the new US Africa Command. Program executed from April 7 – 11, 2008.

Additional programs listed under reimbursable projects, below.

Executive Education - Lectures

Navy Foreign Area Officer Phase II Course, June 2019, Stuttgart, DE.

Attended and lectured in a three-day seminar to provide advanced regional education to Africa FAOs. Sponsored by Navy N2.

Lecturer, Leadership Development and Education for Sustained Peace (LDESP) Program. Lecture title:

“Peacekeeping in Africa: Putting the Sudan Peacekeeping Missions in Context,” presented to the East Africa/Sudan Seminar for Southern European Task Force / US Army Africa (SEATF/USARAF). Vicenza, Italy, June 1-4, 2009.

Co-facilitator and lecturer, Civil-Military Relations Seminar, Republic of Sierra Leone, February 24 – 29, 2008.

Organized by the Center for Civil-Military Relations (Monterey, CA) and the US Embassy in Freetown.

Invited participant in the War Game Simulation on the Gulf of Guinea in Naples, Italy in November 2007.

Sponsored by the Commander, Naval Forces Europe (Sixth Fleet).

“Africa: US Interests and Strategic Considerations,” presented to the Strategic Communication Workshop conducted for OSD by the Center for Executive Education at NPS and the USC Annenberg School for Communication, October 29, 2007.

Lecturer, Leadership Development and Education for Sustained Peace program. Lecture title: “West Africa: Past and Present Regional Tensions and Implications for the Future,” presented to the North Dakota National Guard State in preparation for participation in the State Partnership Program. Bismarck, North Dakota, May 3, 2005.

“The Horn of Africa: Regional Briefing,” “Somalia,” “Sudan,” and “Ethiopia,” multiple presentations onboard the USS Bellau Wood, the USS Comstock, and the USS Denver, 29 May – 2 June 2005, as part of the Regional Security Education Program of the Naval Postgraduate School.

“West Africa: Past and Present Regional Tensions and Implications for the Future,” lecture presented to the Leadership Education for Sustained Partnership Seminar, Ghana/North Dakota National Guard State Partnership Program, Bismarck, North Dakota, 3 May 2005.

“Horn of Africa: Introduction and Overview,” “Conflicts in the Horn of Africa,” “Sudan: Country Focus,” “Somalia: Country Focus,” “Ethiopia and Eritrea,” and “Djibouti: Strategic Ally in the War on Terror,” series of briefings given to RADM Richard Hunt and the staff of the CCSG-6, John F Kennedy Strike Group, at Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida, 24-25 October 2005.

“Background to Conflicts in the Horn of Africa,” briefing at the Headquarters of the 4th Marine Division, Naval Support Activity Center, New Orleans, 4 August 2005.

“The Horn of Africa: Regional Briefing,” and “Southern Africa: Regional Briefing,” presented to the Sub-Saharan Africa Orientation Course (SAOC) of the Joint Special Operations University, Hurlburt Field

Air Force Base, Fort Walton Beach, FL. Repeated briefings in various SAOC courses: 3 – 6 June 2005; 8 – 9 August 2005; and 3 November 2005.

“The Horn of Africa in the Global War on Terror: Understanding Compliance with and Resistance to US Foreign Policy Goals,” presentation to the Haverford College Distinguished Young Alumni lecture series, 21 March 2005, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.

“The Horn of Africa: Regional Briefing,” multiple presentations onboard the USS Bonhomme Richard and the USS Milius, 8-16 December 2004, as part of the Regional Security Education Program of the Naval Postgraduate School.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

NSA Professor of the Quarter. Departmental award in recognition of outstanding teaching, research and publication. January 2008.

LCDR David L. Williams Outstanding Faculty Award. Award presented to the faculty member of the School of International Graduate Studies who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to the learning and intellectual growth of students. March 2006.

NSA Professor of the Quarter. Departmental award in recognition of outstanding teaching, research and publication. January 2006.

World Learning Democracy Fellow. Selected as a member of the Democracy Fellows Program, which placed individuals with USAID missions for a period of one to two years. (Declined.) April 2001.

Irving Louis Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, 1999 Competition Grant Recipient, for Dissertation Research, September 2000 to January 2001.

Carroll L. Wilson Award. Grant administered by the Carroll L. Wilson Foundation to fund a research project on the November 2000 local elections in South Africa.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (award no. 9818765). For field research in South Africa, September 1999 – January 2000.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) summer grant, awarded by the University of California at Berkeley, to study Zulu at the SCALI Summer Language Institute in Madison, Wisconsin, June – July 1998.

Ford Foundation Summer Development Grant for pre-dissertation research in South Africa and Zimbabwe, June to July 1997.

National Science Foundation Democratization Traineeship Fellowship, providing graduate tuition and stipend for a duration of three years. September 1996.

Haverford College Herman Somers Award for best senior thesis in Political Science related to Public Policy. May 1995.

GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Title: Assessing the Impacts of Competitor Influence on U.S. Security Assistance

Grant Type: Research

Sponsor: Marine Forces Europe and Africa

Funding level: \$ 124,000

Dates: May 2019 – January 2021

Principal Investigators: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: The United States engages in security sector assistance as a way to build stronger militaries that share the burden of enhancing international stability and to build enduring partnerships and with countries around the globe. Since the 1990s, the United States has been a “preferred provider” for security sector assistance, both in terms of training and equipment provision. In Africa, partners have sought out the USA as a partner to provide high quality training and education, as well as weapons, weapons systems, and military craft. Since the early 2000s, however, as China began to re-engage with Africa, security cooperation officers on the continent have reported that they are seeing their relationships shift and changes in the nature and frequency of requests from partner militaries. Evidence is anecdotal, however, about the true extent of the changes that the U.S. has experienced in regards to the security sector assistance in an era of rising competition from China and Russia. Systematic research and analysis is necessary to understand the nature and scope of competitor influence on U.S. security engagement across the continent. The research will identify a set of target countries and investigate whether (and how) U.S. security sector assistance in those countries has changed in response to competition from Chinese and other emerging powers.

Title: All Intervention is Local: Understanding Government Responses to International Intervention

Grant Type: Research

Sponsor: Minerva Initiative, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Funding level: \$ 773,357.00 overall (\$374k at NPS)

Dates: January 2018 – December 2021

Principal Investigators: Jessica Piombo (NPS) and Pierre Englebert (Pomona College)

Project Description: Interventions in fragile and post-conflict states are often designed and implemented by outside actors as technocratic responses to situations of political disorder, state weakness, and civil unrest. The interventions, often built on international best practices, rarely unfold in the ways initially conceived by their designers, however, because in reality, these are highly political processes. We propose to investigate how the ways that local actors and institutional environments engage with these projects during implementation significantly changes their nature, by proposing two related questions. First, how do local political dynamics explain variations in the degree and type of engagement of African regimes with outside actors, particularly in conflict-affected countries where international and local agents share sovereignty? Second, how do these variations condition the course of the intervention and the actions of the interveners?

Title: Public Service Provision as Peace-building: How do Autonomous Efforts Compare to Internationally Aided Interventions?

Grant Type: Research

Sponsor: Minerva Initiative, Office of the Secretary of Defense. (Grant number N00014-13-1-0898)

Funding level: \$890,000 overall (\$529k at NPS)

Dates: May 2013 – September 2017

Principal Investigators: Jessica Piombo, Naazneen Barma (NPS) and Naomi Levy (Santa Clara University).

Project Description: The project seeks to improve both the theory and practice of how peace is achieved in post-conflict countries by disentangling the related goals of peace- and state-building. It does so by focusing on the ability of three post-conflict states to provide public services and resolve societal grievances at the local level. It also seeks to understand how externally led peace-building interventions compare with more autonomous and domestically motivated peace processes in achieving sustainable peace and improvements in state capacity. The grant supports field research and analysis in Cambodia, Laos and Uganda between August 2013 and May 2016.

For more information, see: <http://minerva.dtic.mil/>, for a summary of the project, http://minerva.dtic.mil/doc/2013_MinervaResearchSummaries_0905.pdf.

Title: Regional Education Program in Support of the African Partnership Station

Grant Type: Education (short course)

Sponsor: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa (NAVAF) and U.S. Naval Forces, Sixth Fleet

Funding Level: \$126,387

Dates: March –September 2012

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: This project was an educational program in support of engagement activities undertaken by the Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy. Designed and implemented short-instruction on African politics, security, piracy, terrorism; U.S. Foreign Policy towards Africa; and African regional cooperation..

Title: Capstone Synthesis and Policy Implications: African Security Challenges Now and Over the Horizon Project

Grant Type: Research

Sponsor: Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Advanced Systems and Concepts Office

Funding Level: \$82,000

Dates: April 2010 –September 2012

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: This project was to develop, edit and prepare for public distribution a capstone publication that brought together the insights from a series of workshops and reports that DTRA-ASCO had commissioned under the African Security Challenges: Now and Over the Horizon project. This project secured additional content, edited and integrated the work to date into a short executive summary and briefing material oriented towards the USG community as well as a comprehensive edited research report that analyzes challenges to African security and potential policy responses by the USG in general and USAFRICOM in particular. The project report is available from NPS.

Title: Reducing Insecurity in Africa: Roles and Responsibilities of the U.S. Military, U.S. Government and Non-Governmental Communities

Grant Type: Research and Workshop

Sponsor: Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Advanced Systems and Concepts Office

Funding Level: \$220,600

Dates: January 2010 – September 2012

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: This grant was to convene a workshop that would focus on U.S. security engagements in sub-Saharan Africa, identifying the various actors that have attempted to address security concerns through engagements that span the development-security divide. The workshop sought to generate insights into how the development-security nexus defines and shapes security threats; identify the pros and cons of various actor engagements; and to use these insights to develop a set of lessons learned that can be used to help shape strategic thinking in the long term about both the nature of security and of responses to insecurity in Africa. A workshop report is available and an edited volume based on the papers is currently under review at Georgetown University Press.

Title: Regional Education Program in Support of the African Partnership Station

Grant Type: Education (short course)

Sponsor: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa (NAVAF) and U.S. Naval Forces, Sixth Fleet

Funding Level: \$60,000

Dates: April–September 2011

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: This project was an educational program in support of engagement activities undertaken by the Sixth Fleet in Naples, Italy. Specifically, instructors from NPS designed and delivered one week of education in Naples, Italy, at Naval Forces Europe and Naval Forces Africa. The instructors delivered a series of briefings on African politics, security, piracy, terrorism, African regional cooperation, and related activities. Piombo applied for and led this effort.

Title: Responding to Conflict in Africa: Implications of Focusing on Root Causes versus Complex End-States

Grant Type: Research

Sponsor: Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Advanced Systems and Concepts Office

Funding Level: \$62,000

Dates: August 2009 – March 2010

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: This research project evaluated a conundrum facing policymakers in the U.S. government and elsewhere, whether to focus on root causes or complex problems when devising policy to deal with violent conflict. The project developed a research report published by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and a journal article published in *African Security*.

Title: Regional Briefing on the Horn of Africa.

Grant Type: Education (short course)

Sponsor: Commander, U.S. Navy Second Fleet (COM2FLT)

Funding Level: \$27,000

Dates: August 2009 – November 2009

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: Grant to develop and deliver a series of lectures to the command and staff that assumed control over the CJTF-HOA in February 2010. The event is funded directly by the CJTF-HOA training department as a reimbursable project. The program provided two weeks of labor for Piombo and honoraria for additional speakers. Topics will include the Horn of Africa dynamics and piracy in the Gulf of Aden. Two noted experts on the Horn of Africa will participate in this event, as well as a career Foreign Service Officer from the Department of State.

Title: Educational Program for USAFRICOM.

Grant Type: Education (short course)

Sponsor: United States Africa Command (Strategies Plans and Programs Division)

Funding Level: \$45,000

Dates: November 2008 – April 2009

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: The project was sponsored by US Africa Command, Strategy, Plans and Programs Directorate to design and execute an educational program for military and civilian personnel at USAFRICOM. The educational event combined basic introductions to the regions of Africa with higher-level education about special topics chosen by USAFRICOM. In addition to the education, this project brought Colonel Donald Zimmer from USAFRICOM to NPS for a one-week trip in January 2008, during which he met with various departments and organizations to discuss potential collaboration.

Title: Ungoverned Spaces.

Grant Type: Research

Sponsor: Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Advanced Systems and Concepts Office

Funding Level: \$112,000

Dates: April 2007 – April 2008

Principal Investigators: Anne Clunan and Jessica Piombo

Project Description: This research project assessed the command and control challenges that civilian and military planners face when dealing with “ungoverned spaces” and the WMD proliferation and terrorism threats that arise from them. Ungoverned spaces have been widely cited as a key threat to the U.S. government and its interests throughout the world. Often these spaces are seen as synonymous with failed states, or states that are unable to effectively exercise sovereignty. A key goal of U.S. defense strategy is now to improve “effective sovereignty” in such areas, in order to deny sanctuary to WMD proliferators, terrorists, arms- and narco-traffickers, and gangsters. The project aimed to expand our understanding of ungoverned spaces beyond the commonplace notion of “failed,” “failing” or “fragile” states to address spaces within otherwise functioning states that may harbor WMD proliferation networks or facilitate WMD terrorism. It investigated which ungoverned spaces are priority threats to the United States and its allies.

Title: Regional Briefing on the Horn of Africa.

Grant Type: Education (short course)

Sponsor: Commander, U.S. Navy Second Fleet (COM2FLT)

Funding Level: \$24,000

Dates: October – November 2007

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Project Description: Grant to develop and deliver a series of lectures to the command and staff that took control over the CJTF-HOA in February 2008. The instruction focused on the politics, religions and social groups in the Horn of Africa.

Title: Regional Briefing on the Horn of Africa.

Grant Type: Education (short course)

Sponsor: Commander, U.S. Navy Second Fleet (COM2FLT)

Funding Level: \$16,000

Principal Investigator: Jessica Piombo

Dates: October – November 2006

Project Description: Grant to develop and deliver a series of lectures to the command and staff that took control over the CJTF-HOA in February 2007. The event was modeled on the RSEP program, but was funded directly by the CJTF-HOA training department as a reimbursable project. The program provided two weeks of labor for Piombo and provided an honorarium to a second speaker. Topics covered the Horn of Africa, Islam and Egypt.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
Member, 1997 - present
- African Politics Conference Group
Affiliated group of the American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, and African Studies Association
Member, 2004 – present
- United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research
Visiting Scholar, September 2017
- George Mason University, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
Visiting Scholar, July – September 2012.

- University of the Western Cape, South Africa
Visiting Scholar, January – December 2012 (in residence, January – June 2012)
- Center for African Studies, Stanford University
Visiting Scholar, March 2003 – December 2004
- Centre for African Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Visiting Scholar, March 2004 – December 2004
- Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Visiting Researcher, November 2003 – December 2004
- International Political Science Association
Faculty Member, January 2003 – December 2009
- Research Committee 14, “Ethnicity and Politics,” of the International Political Science Association
Board member, July 2003 – July 2009

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

- 2007 -
current **African Politics Conference Group**, Affiliated group of the American Political Science Association.
- Vice Chair, November 2017 – November 2019
 - Chair, Nominations Committee for executive board, August - October 2017
 - Chair, Best Article Committee, 2016
 - Member of the International Studies Association program committee (2007 for 2008 convention, and 2009 for 2010 convention).
 - Nominating committee for executive board of the group, September 2007.
 - Member of APSA program committee; vetted panel proposals in 2008 for 2009 convention.
 - Organized one of the APCG’s panels for the February 2009 ISA convention.
- Ongoing **Reviewer for the following publishers, journals and organizations:**
- Human Sciences Research Council (South Africa) National Researcher Rating Program
 - *British Journal of International Politics*
 - Lynne Rienner Publishers
 - *International Studies*
 - *Comparative Politics*
 - *Party Politics*
 - McGill/Queens University Press
 - Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, for the *Shifts in Governance: Problems of Legitimacy and Accountability* program
- April 2007 **Election Monitor, Nigerian Presidential Elections**, April 2007.
Member of the official observation delegation assembled and deployed by the International Republican Institute (IRI) to observe the April 2007 presidential and parliamentary elections in Nigeria.
- March
2003 – May
2005 **Naval Postgraduate School Liaison to the World Affairs Council of the Monterey Peninsula.**
Member of the Board of Directors for the Monterey Bay World Affairs Council, and official liaison to the Naval Postgraduate School.

- July 2003 – **Board Member**, International Political Science Association Research Council 14: Ethnicity and
July 2009 Politics
- 2003, 2004 **Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School**
& 2005 **Search committee**
Member of search committees for tenure track positions in Asia and the Middle East (four separate years)
- May 1999 – **Peace Monitoring Forum of the Western Cape (South Africa)**
December **Member of Steering Committee and election monitor**,
2000 A coalition of conflict-resolution NGOs in the Western Cape, South Africa, the PMF monitored and mediated at political events during the campaigns for the June 1999 national and December 2000 local elections. Held the position of team leader in the December 2000 elections, responsible for groups in Mannenberg and Heideveld, outside Cape Town.

OVERSEAS RESEARCH

- Ethiopia, Kenya and Burkina Faso; field research on security challenges and government responses, February – July 2019.
- Rwanda, Uganda and South Africa, field research on external engagement in statebuilding and field research location scoping trip, July – August 2015
- Cambodia, field research on external engagement in statebuilding, October 2014
- Uganda, field research on external engagement in statebuilding, September 2014
- Laos, field research on external engagement in statebuilding, June 2014
- South Africa, sabbatical leave and research on peace negotiations in Africa, January – June 2012. Visited Zimbabwe and Swaziland during this trip.
- Djibouti, Kenya and Germany, research on CJTF-HOA and the United States Africa Command's roles in delivering humanitarian assistance. June – July 2008.
- Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya, research on the Combined-Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) and on Theater Security Cooperation Programs in East Africa. May – June 2007.
- Nigeria, election observation and research on Islamism in northern Nigeria, April 2007.
- South Africa; research, May – June 2004.
- South Africa; residency and research, June 2000, September – December 2000.
- South Africa; residency and research, February 1999 – December 1999.
- South Africa and Zimbabwe; research, June – July 1997.

SELECTED WORK HISTORY

- January **Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA**
2003 – *Assistant Professor*, Department of National Security Affairs, School of International Graduate
June 2010 Studies
- 7/00 – 8/00 **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**
Senior Research Assistant
Committee on International Strategic Studies. Research assistant for the pilot project, "NGOs and Democratization," run by Dr. Robert Pastor, Emory University and Dr. Martin Malin, American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

9/00 – 1/01 **Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa)**

2/99 – 1/00 **Visiting Researcher**

Worked with the Public Opinion and Political Information Service units of Idasa in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

10/95 – **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science**

5/96 **Research Assistant**

Richard Joseph, Martin Luther King, Jr. Visiting Professor in Political Science at MIT (1995/6)

COURSES TAUGHT

NS4332 Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict

The goal of this course is to examine issues of ethnicity, ethnic identity and ethnic conflict and democracy in non-Western countries, and to enable students to build a knowledge base about ethnicity and ethnic conflict in their regions of expertise. The course provides students with the theoretical tools and case background to analyze issues of ethnicity and ethnic conflict in multiple-country contexts. The course is divided into three main subject areas: (1) the nature of ethnicity, (2) the nature of and explanations for ethnic conflict, and (3) solutions to ethnic conflict. Weekly course readings present a mix of theoretical approaches and case studies, and will cover all the major areas of the world: Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe. During this course, students develop a portfolio of case studies drawn from countries in the region of their curriculum which they will present to other students in the class. Class meetings are organized around discussion of weekly readings,

NS3321 U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Africa

This course examines U.S foreign policy in Sub-Saharan Africa since 1960, with emphasis on the post-Cold War period. It focuses on three main issue areas: economic policy, governance/democracy promotion, and security and capacity building policies.

NS4311 Contemporary Issues in African Politics

This course provides an introduction to the theory and analysis of conflict and peacemaking in Africa. It covers theoretical perspectives on conflict; analytical tools for identifying the causes and dynamics of deep-rooted conflict; mediation and negotiations as means of resolving conflict, and military responses to conflict (peacekeeping and peace operations). The course focuses on social and political conflict (i.e. conflict between groups and between the state and groups of people), with an emphasis on large-scale violent conflict. It does not focus on inter-personal, familial, or localized conflict. The course is structured around five themes: theories of violent conflict; conflict in Africa; resources, geography and conflict; mediation and negotiations, and African peacekeeping.

NS4055: African Politics through Film and Fiction

This course analyzes how films and fiction have portrayed politics and society in sub-Saharan Africa. Weekly readings will focus on films, documentaries, novels and memoirs, which are (primarily) written/produced by Africans, and discussion will be focused on lessons learned about African politics and culture through these outlets. The class will focus on active discussion and participation by the students. Materials will include both contemporary and historical film and fiction, and will focus on sub-Saharan Africa. French language competency is not required, though some movies with subtitles may be shown. Students will write short reaction papers during the course and one longer paper. The course is open to upper-level students only; prior coursework in African politics is required and the basic history and introductory politics classes are desired.

NS4327 Southern African Politics

The countries of the Southern African region are closely linked by economics, social demographics, and history. This course examines the dynamics of Southern Africa combining detailed studies of individual countries with themes that cross the region, such as migration, trade, regional security, economic development, and post-conflict reconstruction. Some of the topics covered include the level and variety of democracy in the region; attempts by Southern African countries to strengthen regional integration; the role of South Africa as local hegemon; how recent events in Zimbabwe have impacted on regional dynamics; democratization and demobilization in South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique, and the peace and

reconstruction processes in Angola and Mozambique. Designed as an upper-level seminar, the course focuses on discussion and debate of weekly reading assignments. Prior coursework in African Politics is desired, but not required.

NS3011 Research Methods

This course provides students with the basic tools to understand and produce research in relevant areas of history, social science and policy analysis. The general objectives of the course are to make you more critical readers and thinkers and better writers and researchers. The course is designed to help you with your other classes at NPS, which require you to read and analyze large amounts of both primary and secondary material and write research papers. The course will also introduce students to basic elements of research design and methodology. In addition the course will provide information on the thesis process at NPS. By the end of the course, every student should be able to produce a well-designed and well-written research paper or thesis.

NS3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics

This course is designed to provide graduate students with an introduction to the study of Comparative Politics. The discipline of Comparative Politics is diverse, extensive, and lacking in agreement on many of the key concepts. In this course we cannot cover all of the approaches to the discipline, let alone the findings from different theoretical approaches. Rather, we focus on certain of the main classical and contemporary approaches and illustrate them with some of the leading examples of the relevant literature. We take up some of the main questions in the discipline, and focus in particular on how and why states form in different historical eras and world regions, what is democracy and why we care about it, how democratic forms of government are achieved, challenges to democratic consolidation, political economy, and the emerging field of stabilization and reconstruction. The course places major emphasis on gaining an understanding of how we know what we know: what research traditions have been used and are still valuable; whether or not findings from one area of the world can be applied to another; how we conduct “scientific research” when we cannot experiment, etc. The course focuses equally on the substantive material and on research methods and analysis.

NS4080 Research Colloquium

This course guides students in the process to develop a thesis topic and generate a thesis proposal. The first half of the course is devoted to reviewing the most important research design issues students face in selecting and developing a thesis topic. The remainder of the course is devoted to presentation and discussion of thesis proposals.

REFERENCES

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