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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999
Fields of Study: Comparative Politics (Africa), International Relations
Certificate: International Development and Social Change

M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1995

A.B., Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 1993
Certificates: African Studies Program, Teacher Preparation Program

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2008 to present

Associate Chair and Undergraduate Director, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2011 to 2014

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2002 to 2008

Fulbright Scholar, United States International University, Kenya, 2005-2006

Part-time Lecturer, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2000-2002
Program Associate for Africa, American Council on Education, Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development, 2000-2002

Senior Research Assistant, Foreign Policy Studies Program, Brookings Institution, 1999-2000

Research

Books

Whitaker, Beth Elise, and John F. Clark. Forthcoming 2018. *Africa's International Relations: Balancing Domestic and Global Interests*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Wolfgang Reinicke and Francis Deng with Jan Martin Witte, Thorsten Benner, Beth Whitaker, and John Gershman. 2000. *Critical Choices: The United Nations, Networks, and the Future of Global Governance*. Ottawa: International Development Research Centre.

Journal Articles

- Conrad, Justin, Kevin Greene, James Igoe Walsh, and Beth Elise Whitaker. Forthcoming. "Rebel Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict Duration." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
- Walsh, James Igoe, Justin Conrad, Beth Elise Whitaker, and Katelin Hudak. 2018. "Funding Rebellion: The Rebel Contraband Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research*.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2017. "Migration within Africa and Beyond." *African Studies Review* 60(2): 209-220.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise and Salma Inyanji. 2015. "Diaspora Voting and Ethnic Politics in Kenya." *Afrique Contemporaine* 256(4): 73-89.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2015. "Playing the immigration card: the politics of exclusion in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana." *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 53(3): 274-293.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise and Jason Giersch. 2015. "Political Competition and Attitudes towards Immigration in Africa." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 41(9-10): 1536-1557.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2011. "The Politics of Home: Dual Citizenship and the African Diaspora." *International Migration Review* 45(4): 755-783.
- Radcliff, Elizabeth G., Elizabeth F. Racine, Larissa R. Brunner, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2011. "Association Between Family Composition and the Well-Being of Vulnerable Children in Nairobi, Kenya." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* (July 2011).
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2010. "Soft Balancing Among Weak States? Evidence from Africa." *International Affairs* 86(5): 1109-1127.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2010. "Compliance Among Weak States: Africa and the Counter-Terrorism Regime." *Review of International Studies* 36(3): 639-662.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise, and Jason Giersch. 2009. "Voting on a Constitution: Implications for Democracy in Kenya." *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* 27(1): 1-20.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2008. "Reluctant Partners: Fighting Terrorism and Promoting Democracy in Kenya." *International Studies Perspectives* 9(3): 254-271.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2008. "Funding the International Refugee Regime: Implications for Protection." *Global Governance* 14(2): 241-258.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2007. "Exporting the Patriot Act? Democracy and the 'war on terror' in the Third World." *Third World Quarterly* 28 (5): 1017-1032.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2006. "Talking about the Neighbors: The Discourse on Refugees in Tanzanian Politics." *African Review of Foreign Policy* 4(1): 24-44.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2005. "Citizens and Foreigners: Democratization and the Politics of Exclusion in Africa." *African Studies Review* 48(1): 109-126.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2003. "Refugees and the Spread of Conflict: Contrasting Cases in Central Africa." *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 38(2&3): 211-231. [Reprinted in Rose Kadende-Kaiser and Paul J. Kaiser, eds. *Phases of Conflict in Africa*. Toronto: de Sitter Publications, 2005.]
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2002. "Changing Priorities in Refugee Protection: The Rwandan Repatriation from Tanzania." *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 21(1&2): 328-344. [Revised version published in Gil Loescher, Mark Gibney, and Niklaus Steiner, eds. *Problems of Protection: UNHCR and the Protection of Refugees and Human Rights*. New York: Routledge, 2003.]
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2002. "Refugees in Western Tanzania: The Distribution of Burdens and Benefits Among Local Hosts." *Journal of Refugee Studies* 15(4): 339-358.

Book Chapters

- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2014. "African Reactions to U.S. Counterterrorism Policies: Kenya, From Reluctance to Resolve." In Maya Kandel, ed. *U.S. Strategy in Africa*. Paris, France: Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'École Militaire (IRSEM), Ministry of Defense.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2004. "Between Victims and Killers: Dilemmas of the International Operation for Rwandan Refugees." In Nitza Nachmias and Rami Goldstein, eds. *The Politics of Forced Migration: A Conceptual, Operational and Legal Analysis*. Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise. 2001. "Creating Alternatives: Refugee Relief and Local Development in Western Tanzania." In Ondine Barrow and Mike Jennings, eds. *The Charitable Impulse: Relief, Development and Non-Governmental Organisations in North East Africa*. Oxford: James Currey.

External Grants and Fellowships

- John F. Clark, Pamela Mbabazi, Kennedy Mkutu, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2014. "Conflict and Political Violence." Proposal to the American Political Science Association to host the 2015 Africa Workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Minerva Research Initiative Award, U.S. Department of Defense, "Natural Resources and Armed Conflict," 2013-2016 (funded for \$825,537); PI: James Igoe Walsh; Co-PIs: Victor Asal, Justin Conrad, Michael Findley, James Piazza, and Beth Elise Whitaker
- Fulbright Scholar Research/Teaching Award, U.S. Department of State, "U.S.–Kenyan Relations in the Context of the War on Terror," 2005-2006
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, "Refugees, Hosts, and the Struggle for Resources in Northwest Tanzania," 1997-1998
- P.E.O. Scholar Award, International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood, 1997-1998
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, Institute for the Study of World Politics, 1996-1997
- U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Program, Advanced Intensive Swahili course in Tanzania, Council on African Studies, Yale University, 1996

Recent Invited Research Presentations

- "Rebel Funding Strategies and Conflict Dynamics in Africa." East Africa Regional Seminar, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, September 15, 2016.
- "Rebel Finance and Sexual Violence." Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University, January 29, 2016.
- "Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa." Joint Foreign Area Officer Program Africa Course, U.S. Department of Defense & Naval Postgraduate School, Arlington, VA, June 3, 2015.
- "Playing the Immigration Card: The Politics of Exclusion in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana." Baraka Lecture Series, University of Florida, Gainesville, January 23, 2015.
- "Security and Stability in Africa." Naval Air Systems Command Leadership Development Seminar, Naval War College, Newport, RI, September 23, 2014 and April 14, 2015.
- "Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa." MINERVA/SMA Lecture Series on Africa Teleconference, U.S. Department of Defense, May 1, 2014.

“Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa.” Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar: Conflict in Africa, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, January 9, 2014.

Recent Conference Papers

“Rebel Funding and Child Soldiers: Exploring the Relationship between Endowments and Forcible Recruitment.” (Co-authored with Roos van der Haer and Christopher Faulkner) Presented at the Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, University of Antwerp, June 2017.

“Diaspora Support and Conflict Duration.” (Co-authored with Isaac Setliff) Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017.

“Avoiding the Resource Curse: Results from a Survey Experiment in Kenya.” (Co-authored with James Igoe Walsh and Kennedy Mkutu) Presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 2016; revised version presented at the Southeast Regional Seminar in African Studies, Charleston, SC, January 2017.

“Rebel Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict Duration.” (Co-authored with Justin Conrad, Kevin Greene, and James Igoe Walsh) Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2016.

“Migration and Displacement in Africa: A Typology of Policy Responses.” Presented at the APSA-sponsored workshop on “Inclusion and Exclusion in Sub-Saharan Africa: Migrants’ Challenges in Comparative Perspective,” Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation, University of Pretoria, South Africa, May 23-26, 2016.

“Funding Rebellion: The Rebel Contraband Dataset.” (Co-authored with James Igoe Walsh, Justin Conrad, and Katelin Hudak) Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2016.

“Rebel Finance and Sexual Violence.” (Co-authored with Justin Conrad and James Igoe Walsh) Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.

“Rebel Finance and Civilian Victimization.” (Co-authored with James Igoe Walsh and Justin Conrad) Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, March 2015; earlier version presented at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 2014, and the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2014.

Internal Grants and Fellowships

Reassignment of Duties (research leave), UNC Charlotte, Fall 2017

Faculty Research Grant, UNC Charlotte, “Countering the Resource Curse: A Survey Experiment in Kenya,” summer 2016

Faculty Research Grant, UNC Charlotte, “Diaspora Politics: The Case of Kenya,” summer 2015

Reassignment of Duties (research leave), UNC Charlotte, Fall 2010

Junior Faculty Research Grant, UNC Charlotte, “Targeting Foreigners: Xenophobia and Politics in Botswana,” summer 2005

Junior Faculty Research Grant, UNC Charlotte, “Funding the International Refugee Regime: Implications for Protection in Tanzania,” summer 2003

Lovick P. Corn Dissertation Fellowship, Royster Society of Fellows, The Graduate School, UNC Chapel Hill, 1998-1999

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, Kiswahili, Center for International Studies, UNC Chapel Hill; summer 1995, 1995-1996, and summer 1996

Other Publications

“[What the ‘s—hole’ debate gets wrong about Africa](#),” (co-authored with Christopher Day), Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, January 18, 2018.

“2016 Kenya Diaspora Survey: Summary Report.” (Co-authored with Shem Ochuodho) Kenya Diaspora Alliance, January 2017.

“[The Politics of Closing Refugee Camps](#),” Political Violence @ a Glance: Expert Analysis on Violence and Its Alternatives, June 22, 2016.

“[This is what you need to know about xenophobia and this Sunday’s elections in Côte d’Ivoire](#),” (co-authored with Koffi P. Charles-Hector Yao-Kouamé), Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, October 19, 2015.

“Funding Rebels: Resources, Crime, and Conflict in Africa,” (co-authored with James Igoe Walsh and Justin Conrad), Africa Research Initiative Newsletter, National Intelligence University, August 2014.

“[Why it’s hard for the U.S. to fight terrorism and promote democracy in East Africa](#),” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, October 8, 2013.

“Debating African Politics.” *Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group*, September 2013.

Book review of *Humanitarianism in Question: Politics, Power, Ethics*, edited by Michael Barnett and Thomas G. Weiss. *African Studies Review* 53:2 (2010): 199-200.

Book review of *Complex Emergencies*, by David Keen. *Journal of Refugee Studies* 21:3 (2008): 408-410.

Book review of *Displacement Risks in Africa: Refugees, Resettlers, and Their Host Populations*, edited by Itaru Ohta and Yntiso D. Gebre. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 39:1 (2006): 176-178.

Book review of *Hope for Rwanda: Conversations with Laure Guilbert and Hervé Deguine*, by André Sibomana, and *Sacrifice as Terror: The Rwandan Genocide of 1994*, by Christopher C. Taylor. *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 39:3 (2004): 225-228.

U.S.-South African Research and Training Collaborations: An Inventory. New York: Social Science Research Council, 2004.

“Association of African Universities Charts Goals for 21st Century.” *International Higher Education* 23, 2001.

“Rumors, Hopes and Fears: Tanzanian Thoughts on Rwandan Refugees Sixteen Months after Their Departure.” *Milestone: Information Bulletin Produced by UNHCR Branch Office Dar es Salaam* 2 (2), April-June 1998.

“The Long March Home.” (Short article about the repatriation of Rwandan refugees from Tanzania in December 1996.) *UCIS Global View* vol. 12, University Center for International Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 1997.

“Faces in the Crowd: Counting heads and deciding fates in a camp for Rwandan refugees.” *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, October 23, 1996.

Consulting

- Naval Postgraduate School (2013): Participated in track two strategic dialogue about nuclear non-proliferation with U.S. and South African counterparts in Pretoria, South Africa.
- U.S. Department of State, Intelligence Community Associates Program (2004 to 2010): Prepared background reports, participated in conferences, and provided consultation to U.S. government officials on refugee and security issues in Africa
- Social Science Research Council (2001-2002, 2004): Developed database and analyzed content of research and training collaborations between U.S. and South African institutions
- Save the Children Fund (UK) (1997-1998): Developed proposal for \$2 million project to support education in Mtwara, Tanzania, which was funded by the British government
- University of Natal at Pietermaritzburg, Institute of Natural Resources (1998): Wrote report about impact of refugees in Tanzania, with regard to the development of a nickel mine
- HelpAge International- Tanzania (1998): Developed project proposal for a research project on older people in Tanzania
- ACTIONAID- Tanzania (1997): Conducted an in-depth study on poverty and development in villages in a division of Kigoma Rural District, Tanzania
- CARE International in Tanzania (1996-1997): Organized and supervised the implementation of a baseline survey on household livelihood security for the Kagera Environment Programme

Teaching

Courses taught:

- Comparative Politics
- International Politics
- African Politics
- African International Relations
- Senior Seminar: The Politics of Humanitarian Assistance
- Politics of Developing Nations
- Refugee Studies
- U.S.-African Relations
- Global and Intercultural Connections

Undergraduate students who won paper awards

- Adriana Hernandez, "Child Soldiers and Natural Resource Exploitation" (Senior Seminar, Spring 2016). Outstanding Paper Award, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, April 2017
- Isaac Setliff, "Diaspora Support and Conflict Duration" (Honors Thesis, Spring 2017). Outstanding Paper Award, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, April 2017
- Emily Grasset, "The Rebel Party: Political Implications of Rebel Funding" (Honors Thesis, Spring 2016). Troutman-Rainey Award for Best Undergraduate Paper, North Carolina Political Science Association, February 2017; Outstanding Paper Award, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, April 2017
- Justin Jones, "The Paradox of Humanitarianism: A Quantitative Analysis of Humanitarian Aid and Civil War Violence (1995-2011)" (Senior Seminar, Fall

2013). Troutman-Rainey Award for Best Undergraduate Paper, North Carolina Political Science Association, February 2015; Outstanding Paper Award, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, April 2014
Laura Rowland, “Is Power Sharing the Solution” (Senior Seminar, Fall 2009). Outstanding Paper Award, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, April 2010.

Pedagogical articles

Dan Boisvert, William Garcia, Jason Giersch, Jamie Strickland, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2015. “Late Work and Late Adds” and “Learning How to Learn: Basic Skills, Making Connections, and Self-Direction.” *Students’ Pathway to Success: A Faculty Guide*. Center for Teaching and Learning, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Service

Professional

Executive council member, Migration and Citizenship Section, American Political Science Association, 2017 to present
Program Section Chair, “Institutions and Migration,” 2017 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
Member, American Political Science Association/African Studies Association Steering Committee, 2016 to present
Reviewer, American Political Science Association Centennial Center grant applications, January and July 2017
Co-leader, American Political Science Association 2015 Africa Workshop, “Conflict and Political Violence,” United States International University, Nairobi, Kenya, July 2015
Chair, African Politics Conference Group (600-member related group of the American Political Science Association, the African Studies Association, and the International Studies Association), November 2010 to November 2012
External reviewer, International Relations Programme (undergraduate and master’s degrees), United States International University, Nairobi, Kenya, October 2009
Graduate Education Advancement Board, The Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002 to present
External examiner, Honors Exam for Comparative Politics, Department of Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 11, 2007
Convener, Nominating Committee, African Politics Conference Group, 2007
Associate Editor, *African Review of Foreign Policy*, published by United States International University (Nairobi, Kenya), 2006
Commencement Speaker, Inaugural Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 17, 2003

University/Department (selected)

Political Science Honors Program Director, 2015 to present
Board of Directors, Cooperative Christian Ministry in Higher Education (UNC Charlotte's Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Methodist campus ministry—founded originally by Lloyd Witherspoon), 2017 to present
Fulbright U.S. Student Application Review Committee, UNC Charlotte, 2009 to present
Faculty Advisor, UNC Charlotte College Democrats, 2003-2005, 2014 to present
Coordinator, African Studies Academy, 2009 to 2015 (member since 2003)
Faculty Advisor, STAND: A Student Coalition Against Genocide, 2007 to 2011
“Best New Student Organization Award”, 2007-2008

Community (selected)

Presentation on “College 102,” follow-up information session and workshop on college application process for refugee teenagers in Charlotte, Refugee Support Services, Galilee Ministries, October 21, 2017
Presentation on “The Politics of Migration: Lessons from Africa,” Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, August 8, 2017
Presentation on “College 101,” information session on college application process for refugee teenagers in Charlotte, Refugee Support Services, Galilee Ministries, June 16, 2017
Advisor, Kenya Diaspora Association, advise and provide data as the organization pushes for the implementation of diaspora voting in the 2017 election, 2016 to present
Presentation on “Peace vs. Justice: Debating the International Criminal Court in Africa,” Horace Williams Philosophical Group, Myers Park Country Club, Charlotte, November 16, 2016
Seminar Leader, “Africa: Moving Beyond Popular Culture,” (weekly seminar for 13 teachers from Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools), Charlotte Teachers Institute, 2015
Presentation on “U.S. Policy toward Africa,” Great Decisions Series, UNC Charlotte Center City, January 21, 2015
Presentation on “Cell Phones, Gorillas, and the Forgotten War in Congo,” Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, July 8, 2014
Presentation on “Cell Phones, Gorillas, and the Forgotten War in Congo,” St. Peter's Catholic Church Social Justice Lecture Series, Hosted at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC, April 27, 2014
Presentation on “From Bamako to Timbuktu: The Recent Crisis in Mali,” Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, July 9, 2013
Radio program on “Embassies, Ambassadors, and Foreign Service,” Charlotte Talks WFAE 90.7 FM (Charlotte National Public Radio station), September 17, 2012
Presentation on “South Sudan at One: Standing but Not Walking?” Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, July 10, 2012
Presentation on “Promoting Democracy,” Great Decisions Series, Charlotte Country Day School, January 17, 2012
Presentation on “The Crisis in Egypt: Internal Struggles and International Implications,” Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, July 12, 2011
Presentation on “Kashmir: Beyond the Headlines,” with Samiya Mir, Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, NY, July 6, 2010

- Radio interview on the political situation in Rwanda, Radio France International, Excerpts broadcast on RFI's international news program on May 12, 2010
- Presentation on "Democracy and Violence in Kenya," Senior Scholars, Myers Park Baptist Church, February 16, 2010
- Presentation on "Democracy and Violence in Kenya," Great Decisions Series, Charlotte Country Day School, February 9, 2010
- Panel moderator, Educational Forum on the Mental Health Needs of Refugees/Immigrants, Mental Health Association of Central Carolinas, Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 17, 2008
- Presentation on "The New African Rebels: Standing up to the United States," Spring 2008 Belk Breakfast, Queens University, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 20, 2008
- Presentation on "The Conflicts in Sudan," St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, January 23, 2008
- Presentation on the situation in Darfur, Sudan, Women Connecting for Justice, Holy Covenant United Church of Christ, Charlotte, North Carolina, January 22, 2008
- Radio interview on the situation in Kenya, Radio Times WHY 90.9 FM (Philadelphia National Public Radio station), January 16, 2008
- Presentation on "Refugee Experiences: The Path to Charlotte," Women of Vision community organization, Charlotte, North Carolina, January 16, 2008
- Radio interview on the situation in Darfur, Sudan, Charlotte Talks WFAE 90.7 FM (Charlotte National Public Radio station), November 28, 2007
- Guest speaker, "Career Exploration Day" organized for local Sudanese refugees, St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 11, 2007
- Speaker and moderator, "Refugees Among Us: The New Americans," Levine Jewish Community Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, May 6, 2007
- Presentation on "The United States and Kenya: Reluctant Allies?" Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, New York, August 8, 2006
- Presentation on "*Hotel Rwanda: The Rest of the Story*," Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, New York, August 4, 2005
- Radio interview on "The Crisis in Sudan," Charlotte Talks WFAE 90.7 FM (local National Public Radio station), February 1, 2005
- Presentation on "Bananas, Firewood, and USA Cooking Oil: Refugees and Relief Operations in Africa," World Affairs Council of Charlotte, November 19, 2003
- Keynote address on "African Perceptions of the U.S. in Turbulent Times," Charlotte Area Peace Corps Association, October 8, 2003
- Presentation on "African Perceptions of the U.S. in Turbulent Times," Silver Bay Association YMCA, Silver Bay, New York, July 31, 2003
- Presentation on "Refugees in Tanzania," Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 30, 2003
- Presentation on "Women and Human Rights: Western Feminism and Women in the Third World," Great Decisions Series, Charlotte Country Day School, and Senior Scholars Group, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 25, 2003
- Stewardship Committee, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Davidson, NC, Fall 2017
- Horace Williams Philosophy Discussion Group (one of first women invited to join previously all-male group founded in 1912), Charlotte, North Carolina, 2017 to present

Honors and Awards

Finalist, Bank of America Award for Excellence in Teaching (university's most prestigious teaching award), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2010 and 2015

James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Thesis by a Graduate Student, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1996

Distinguished Teacher Candidate Award, New Jersey State Commissioner of Education, 1993

Professional Associations

African Politics Conference Group

African Studies Association

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

North Carolina Political Science Association

Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies

Languages

Swahili, French

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