

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Florida, expected Spring 2007

Ph.D., Political Science

Major Field: Comparative Politics

Minor Field: Political Theory

Minor Field: African Studies

University of Notre Dame, 1999

B.A., Government and International Studies; History

Research and Teaching Interests

African Politics

Developing Nations

Popular Culture and Politics

Urban Studies

Contemporary Political Theory

The Politics of Public Space

Academic Awards

Visiting Dissertation Scholar in Residence through the Northeast Consortium for Faculty Diversity (2006-2007)

Host Campus: Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey

Fulbright Dissertation Research Fellowship for fieldwork conducted in Gaborone, Botswana (2004-2005)

Alternate for Fulbright-Hayes Dissertation Research Fellowship (2004)

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for the study of Swahili (1999-2002)

Classes Taught

Instructor, African Politics (CPO 3204), University of Florida, Spring 2006

Instructor, Normative Issues in Political Science (POT 3504), University of Florida, Fall 2005

Responsibilities: Creating the syllabus, lecturing, grading, and mentoring students.

Teaching Assistantships

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to International Relations (INR 2001), Spring 2003

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Comparative Politics (CPO 2001), Fall 2002

Responsibilities: Grading, meeting with students, and conducting weekly discussion sections

Dissertation

Title: *Spaces of Aspiration, Liberation and Exclusion: Public Space and Politics in an African Democracy*

Dissertation Supervisor: Goran Hyden, Professor of Political Science (Chair)

Abstract: The dissertation examines the politics of urban space in Gaborone, the capital of Botswana. Based on extensive fieldwork and archival research in Botswana, complemented by a diverse theoretical approach, the dissertation explores how pervasive social and economic inequalities are maintained in urban Gaborone. I argue that formal State planning and development policies, as well as informal social practices such as gossip and consumption, enhance the barriers between elites and the urban poor in contemporary Gaborone.

Conference Presentations

“Buy, Buy, Buy: Consumption, Identity and the Making of Modern Citizens in the Shopping Malls of Gaborone, Botswana.” Presented at the *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, November 2006. Panel sponsored by the African Politics Conference Group of the American Political Science Association, International Political Science Association, and the African Studies Association.

“Leave your Credit Cards At Home: Rumor and Criminality in the Slums of Gaborone.” Presented at the *Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

“The War is the Peace: Space and Domination in Botswana.” Presented at the Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, April 2004.

“Liberation through Exclusion: Politics and Public Space on the Margins in Gaborone, Botswana.” Presented at the *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, October 2003.

“Becoming ‘Bushmen’: The Origins of a Name and Social Category in Botswana.” Presented at the *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Houston, TX, November 2001.

Service

Election Observer through the American Embassy during the national Presidential and Parliamentary Elections, Gaborone, Botswana, October 2004

Member of the editorial board of *The African Studies Quarterly*, an interdisciplinary journal published by the University of Florida’s Center for African Studies, 2000-2003 and 2005-2006

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwestern Political Science Association
African Studies Association

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