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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Current Position:** NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Associate Professor of Political Science, since 1999
- Previous Positions:** FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor (1994-99) and Associate Professor (1999) of Political Science
- HAMILTON COLLEGE
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 1992-1994
- UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
Visiting Instructor, 1991-1992
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
(Graduate Student) Lecturer, 1990
- Courses Taught:** Politics of Development (graduate), African Politics (undergraduate & graduate), Ethnicity & Nationalism, Democratization, Canadian Politics, Political Economy of Industrial States, North-South Relations, Miami in a Global Economy, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Politics of Revolutions, Introduction to International Relations, and others.
- Education:** UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
PhD, Political Science, May 1992 (Dissertation: "Who Really Rules Sierra Leone? The Politics of Informal Markets and Reform in Africa," Advisor: M. Crawford Young)
- UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MA, International Relations, Dec 1985 (Thesis: "Bargaining with Multinationals: India, Brazil and the Pharmaceutical Industry")
- HAVERFORD COLLEGE
BA, Political Science, May 1984

PUBLICATIONS

Books: *Warlord Politics and African States*, (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1998, 1999).

Reviewed in: Review essay by John Heilbrunn, "Paying the Price of Failure," *Perspectives on Politics*, 4:1 (March 2006), 135-50.
Neue Politische Literatur 47 (2002), 175-77.
International Affairs, 76:2 (April 2000), 409-10.
Political Science Quarterly, 114:2 (Summer 1999), 346-47.
Politique Africaine, 73 (March 1999), 212-13.
Foreign Affairs, 78:2 (March-April 1999), 158.
Journal of Modern African Studies, 37:1 (March 1999), 173-74.
American Political Science Review, 93:2 (June 1999), 470-71.
African Studies Review Newsletter, 20:2 (Dec 1998), 30-34.
Canadian Journal of African Studies, 32:3 (1998), 638-40.
Choice, 36:2 (Oct 1998), 1223.

Corruption and State Politics in Sierra Leone, (Cambridge University Press, 1995).

Reviewed in: *American Political Science Review*, 90:2 (June 1996), 460.
Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 27:3 (Winter 1997), 563-4.
Choice, 33:6 (Feb 1996), 1016.
Afrique Contemporaine, 178 (June 1996), 335.
Journal of Developing Areas, 31:1 (Fall 1996), 103-05.
Africa Today, 44:4 (Oct 1997), 362-5.
Third World Quarterly, 18:4 (Dec 1997), 767-75.
International Journal of African Historical Research, 30:1(1997), 200-01.
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Current book project: Why do armed groups choose particular strategies? Recent scholarship identifies natural resources as a major factor in creating incentives for predation. Yet some armed groups mobilize these resources to provide protection to communities, even as other groups in similar circumstances prey upon would-be followers. Other armed groups in situations with very few available resources or rackets engage in predation. Based upon fieldwork among armed groups in Africa and parts of the former Soviet Union, this work explains different strategies and organizations of armed groups in terms of specific features of the social control of resources and commerce in pre-conflict periods. The political economies of state collapse prior to fighting weighs heavily in shaping outcomes and in creating the political conditions in which resources are deployed. These findings are used to address questions such as whether armed groups are capable of building new institutions, mobilizing community identities, and organizing economies that are compatible with 21st century global ideas about states.

Refereed Articles: "Congo: From State Collapse to 'Absolutism,' to State Failure," *Third World Quarterly*, 27:1 (2006), 43-56.

"Violent Opposition in Collapsing States," *Government and Opposition*, 40:2 (Spring 2005), 127-51.

"Order and Commerce in Turbulent Areas: 19th Century Lessons, 21st Century Practice," *Third World Quarterly*, 25:4 (2004), 607-25.

"The Politics of Insurgency in Collapsing States," *Development & Change*, 33: 5 (Nov 2002), 837-58.

"Uganda's Politics of War and Debt Relief," *Review of International Political Economy*, 9:3 (Aug 2002), 415-35.

"The Politics of War and Debt Relief in Uganda," *Conflict, Security & Development*, 1:2 (Fall 2001) 5-23.

"Clandestine Economies, Violence and States in Africa," *Journal of International Affairs*, 53:2 (Spring 2000), 433-59.

"The New Role for Private Armies in Inter-state 'Peace-Making' Relations," *International Politics*, 37:1 (March 2000), 57-74. (This article appears as a chapter in the textbook, Daniel Nelson & Laura Neack, eds., *Global Society in Transition*, (New York: Kluwer Law International, 2002), 65-83.

"Crisis and (No) Reform in Nigeria's Politics," *African Studies Review*, 42:1 (April 1999), 105-24.

"Sovereignty and Personal Rule in Zaire," *African Studies Quarterly*, 1:3 (Nov 1997). [on-line at www.clas.ufl.edu/africa/asq]

"War, Markets, and the Reconfiguration of West Africa's Weak States," *Comparative Politics*, 29:4 (July 1997), 493-510.

"African Weak State and Commercial Alliances," *African Affairs*, 96:383 (April 1997), 165-86.

"Welthandel, Warlords und die Wiederfindung des afrikanischen Staates," *WeltTrends*, 14 (Spring 1997), 8-29.

"Ironies of Post-Cold War Structural Adjustment in Africa," *Review of African Political Economy*, 23:67 (March 1996), 7-18.

"Foreign Investment, 'Reform' and Deinstitutionalization in Sierra Leone," *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 29:2 (Dec 1995) 203-21.

"Reinvention of an African Patrimonial State: Charles Taylor's Liberia," *Third World Quarterly*, 16:1 (April 1995), 109-20.

"Old Brigades, Money Bags, New Breeds, and the Ironies of Reform in Nigeria," *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 27:1 (April 1993), 66-87.

"Corruption, Business and the Strange Case of IMF Sponsored 'Reform' in Sierra Leone," *Governance*, 6:1 (Jan 1993), 23-42.

"Charles Taylor and the Multinational Dimensions of Warlord Politics," *Liberian Studies Journal*, 18(2), (1994), 175-88.

Non-Refereed:

“Political Networks in a Failing State: The Roots and Future of Violent Conflicts in Sierra Leone,” *International Politics and Society* 2(2003), 29-43.

“La ‘sale petite guerre’ du Liberia,” *Politique Africaine* 88 (Dec 2002), 63-83.

“The ABCs of Radical Islam,” *National Strategy Forum Review*, Winter 2001.

“The Failure of Peacekeeping in Sierra Leone,” *Current History*, May 2001, 219-25.

“The Political Economy of Kabila’s Rule in Congo,” *Issues*, 1998.

“Private Contractors and Diplomacy in Africa,” *Issues*, 1999.

“Privatizing War in Sierra Leone,” *Current History*, 96:610 (May 1997), 227-30.

“The Business of War in Liberia,” *Current History*, 96:601 (May 1996), 211-15.

Book Chapters:

“Small Arms, Violence, and the Course of Conflicts,” Thomas Bierstecker, Peter Spiro, Chandra Lekha Sriram, Veronica Raffo, eds., *International Law and International Relations*, (New York: Routledge, 2006), 43-58.

“Sierra Leone” Sanja Tatic & Christopher Walker, eds., *Countries at the Crossroads 2006*, (Washington: Freedom House & Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), 459-78.

“Peace from Outside? Possibilities and Limits of International Conflict Management in Africa,” Stephen Albrecht, Reiner Braun, Thomas Held, eds., *Einstein Weiterdenken*, (Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2006), 317-31.

“Klanoaya Boriba za Peredel Prirodnoi Renti Prichini Gosudarstvennogo Raspada v Afriki i Azii,” Gruppa Ekspert, *Russkie Chtemiya*, (Moscow: 2006), 127-61.

“Somalia: State Failure and Self-Determination in the Shadow of the Global Economy,” Valpy Fitzgerald, Frances Stewart & Rajesh Venugopal, eds., *Globalization, Violent Conflict and Self-Determination*, (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), 147-78.

“The Political Economy of Order amidst Predation in Sierra Leone,” Edna Bay & Donald Donham, eds., *States of Violence: Politics, Youth and Memory in Contemporary Africa*, (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2006), 37-57.

“The Politics of Public Intellectuals under Abacha and After,” in Jane Guyer & LaRay Denzer, eds., *Vision and Policy in Nigerian Economics: The Legacy of Pius Okigbo*, (Ibadan [Nigeria]: University of Ibadan Press, 2005), 129-47.

“The Roots of Sectarian Violence, and Its Cure,” Robert Rosberg, ed., *Crafting the New Nigeria: Confronting the Challenges*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2004), 219-38.

“Reconstructing Peace in Liberia,” in Taisier Ali & Robert Matthews, eds., *Durable Peace: Challenges for Peacebuilding in Africa*, (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2004), 115-41.

“The Collapse of Sierra Leone and the Emergence of Multiple States-within-States,” in Paul Kingston & Ian Spears, eds., *States-within-States: Incipient Political Identities in the Post-Cold War Era*, (New York & Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), 47-65.

“Sierra Leone,” in Freedom House, *Countries at the Crossroads, 2004*, (New York & Washington, DC: Freedom House, 2004), 383-400.

“Democracy, Business, and Violence,” in Sunder Ramaswamy & Jeffrey Cason, eds., *Development and Democracy: New Perspectives on an Old Debate*. (Hanover & London: University Press of New England, 2003), 168-91.

“Sierra Leone: Warfare in a Post-State Society,” in Robert Rotberg, ed., *State Failure and State Weakness in a Time of Terror*, (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2003), 71-100.

“The Changing Nature of Warfare and the Absence of State-Building in West Africa,” in Diane Davis & Anthony Pereira, eds., *Irregular Armed Forces and Their Role in Politics and State Formation*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 322-45.

“Warfare in a Post-State Society,” in Robert Rotberg, ed., *State Failure and State Weakness in a Time of Terror*, (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2002), 71-100.

“Mafiya Troubles, Warlord Crises,” in Mark Beissinger & Crawford Young, eds., *Beyond State Crisis? Postcolonial Africa and Post-Soviet Eurasia in Comparative Perspective*, Washington DC & Baltimore: Woodrow Wilson Center & Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002), 105-27.

„Gier“ versus „Groll“? in Anne Jung, ed. *Ungeheuer ist nur das Normale: Zur Ökonomie der „neuen“ Kriege*, (Frankfurt am Main: Mabuse Verlag, 2002), 102-11 and in Werner Ruf, ed., *Politische Ökonomie der Gewalt*, (Kassel: Leske Budrich, 2003), 291-300.

“Global Markets and the Political Economy of Local Politics in Weak States,” Thomas Callaghy & Robert Latham, eds., *Intervention and Transnationalism in Africa*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001), 197-215.

“Mercenaries, Mines and Managing Political Risk in Africa,” in Gilbert Khadiagala & Terrence Lyons, eds., *African Foreign Policies: Power & Process*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2001), 185-205.

“War and the Failure of Peacekeeping in Sierra Leone,” in Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, *SIPRI Yearbook 2001, Armaments, Disarmament and International Security*, (NY: Oxford University Press, 2001), 149-61.

“Commercial Agendas in Civil Wars,” in Mats Berdal & David Malone, eds., *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agendas in Civil War*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000), 43-68.

“The Real (War) Economy of Angola,” in Jakkie Cilliers & Christian Dietrich, eds., *Angola’s War Economy: The Role of Oil and Diamonds*, (Pretoria: Institute for Security Studies, 2000), 219-35.

“Private Actors in US Foreign Policy Toward Africa,” John Harbeson & Donald Rothchild, eds., *Africa in World Politics*, 3rd edition, (Boulder: Westview, 2000), 286-307.

“The Economics of War in West Africa,” in E. Wayne Nafziger, Frances Stewart & Raimo Väyrynen, *Political Economy of the Prevention of Humanitarian Emergencies*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 231-59.

"Reconfiguring West African States," in Leonardo Villàlon, ed., *The African State at a Critical Juncture: Between Disintegration and Reconfiguration*, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1997), 93-108.

"Business Conflict and the Shadow State: The Case of West Africa," in Ronald Cox, ed., *Business and the State in International Relations*, (Westview Press, 1996), 149-64. [Chapter reviewed in: *Études internationales*, 28:3 (Sept 1997), 642-4.]

"Sierra Leone: Structural Adjustment from Underground," in *Democratization and Structural Adjustment in Africa in the 1990s*, Madison: University of Wisconsin, African Studies Program, 1991, 188-201.

Others: "Humanitarian Emergencies and Warlord Economies in Liberia and Sierra Leone," The United Nations University, Working Paper 140, August 1997.

Book Reviews: *Mershon International Studies Review* (vol.40:2), *Journal of Modern African Studies* (vol.32:2), *Africa Today* (vol.44:4 & 45:3-4), *Studies in Comparative International Development* (forthcoming), *African Studies Review* (41:1 & forthcoming), *American Political Science Review* (vol. 93:3), *Comparative Political Studies* (vol. 32:8), *Incore* (vol. 2:2) and numerous others.

SELECTED PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2000)

"Understanding Patterns of Violence in Civil Wars – the Patronage Politics Connection," public presentation, University of Chicago, 8 Jan 2007.

"Peacekeeping, Reconstruction and Stability," presentation before study group on counterinsurgency, Brussels, 4 Dec 2006.

"Challenging the Poverty Reduction Paradigm," paper presentation, Universiteit Antwerpen (Belgium), 16 – 17 Nov 2006.

"When does Corruption Weaken and When Does It Empower the State?" public presentation, Caucasus Research Center, Yerevan, Armenia, 30 Oct 2006.

"Klanoaya Boriba za Peredel Prirodnoi Renti Prichini Gosudarstvennogo Raspada v Afriki i Azii," paper for Raspisaniy Rabot Kollokviyum, Institut Vostochnoi Evprop, presentation, Moscow, 27-29 Oct 2006.

"Illicit Power Structures," paper presentation before the United States Institute for Peace, Washington, DC, 20 Oct 2006.

"For Security's Sake: Can the US Help Rich Nations Avoid the Resource Curse?" presentation at Woodrow Wilson Institute, Washington, DC, 22 Sept 2006.

"Self-determination in International Law," Paper presentation before Somaliland Policy & Reconstruction Institute annual meeting, Washington, DC, 8 Sept 2006. [Paper appeared in *Somaliland Times* and *Alhatif Alarabi* (Hargeisa)].

“The Changing Application of Self-Determination in International Law,” paper presentation, Monash School of Law, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, 9 – 11 Aug 2006.

“Fragile but Enduring States: the West African Riddle,” Paper for Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, 8 – 9 June 2006. [Appears as “Vestafrikas beskyttelses- og røvmilitser,” *Den Ny Verden* [Copenhagen], no. 39, 53-64.]

“Redefining Statehood,” paper presented at Marquette University, Milwaukee, 12 – 13 May 2006.

“Links between Corruption and Conflict in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia,” Washington, D.C., 2 May 2006.

“New Routes to State-Building in the Contemporary Global Periphery,” University of Washington – Seattle. 27 April 2006.

“Democracy in an Unlikely Place: Sierra Leone,” paper presentation at Freedom House, Washington, DC, 29 March 2006. [Keynote speaker for this event was President George W Bush!]

“Klanovaya Borda za Peredel Prirodnoi Rent i Prichinii Gosyadarstvennogo Raspada vi Africki I Azii,” Moscow, *Institut Obschestvennogo Proektirovaniya*, 16 December 2005.

Chair for panel, “Revisiting African Guerrillas” and presented “War Fighting and Peacekeeping in Stateless Societies,” African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, 5-7 Dec 2005.

“Protectors or Predators? The Micro-politics of Contemporary Rebel Wars,” invited presentation, Columbia University, 27 October 2005.

“Community Organization and Conflict,” invited presentation, New York University, 27 October 2005.

“Privatisierte Kriege und Staatlicher Interventionismus”, *Einstein weiterdenken*, Berlin, 14-16 October 2005.

Discussant for the panel, “State Failure and Recovery: Alternative Paths,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, 1 Sept 2005.

International Studies Association [not “ISA”], “The Social Construction of Order in Predatory Conflicts,” Istanbul, 24-27 August 2005. [Did not attend, sent paper]

“Professionalizing Mercenaries on the Post 9/11 Battlefield,” *States of Violence: The Conduct of War in Africa*, University of Florida, 17-19 March 2005.

Forgot the title of the talk, West Virginia University, 4 March 2005.

“Conflict and Community in Southern Nigeria,” invited presentation, University of Copenhagen, 11 February 2005.

“Violence and Order and State Collapse,” invited presentation, University of Calgary, 28 January 2005.

DRRC panel, 19 January 2005, *Insurgency, Conflict Resolution and Global Order*, (with graduate students Lee Seymour, Claire Metelits, Patrick Johnston).

“Experiences from Intervention,” Blankensee Colloquium, *The Future of Intervention, Legitimacy and the Reconstruction of Statehood*, Schloß Blankensee, Germany, 16-18 July 2004.

“Greed or Grievance: Why Some Armed Groups Care about this and Others Do Not.” *Micro-politics of Armed Groups*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, 18-19 June 2004.

“Rebel Citizens?” *States, Borders and Nations: Negotiating Citizenship in Africa*, Centre for African Studies, University of Edinburgh, 19-20 May 2004.

“Arms Trafficking and the Local Political Economy of Conflict,” *Security, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation: When Wars End*, Cornell University, 23-24 April 2004.

“The Surprising Durability of Africa’s Failed States,” *Governance and Democracy in Failed and Failing States*, Stanford University, 16-17 April 2004.

“Sovereign Predators, Non-State Armed Group Protectors?” at Liu Centre, University of British Columbia, conference *Curbing Human Rights Violations of Armed Groups*, 13-15 Nov.

“Resource Wars in the Shadow of State Collapse,” Political Economy Research Centre, University of Sheffield (UK), 26-28 June 2003.

“Der Warlord,” *Die Zukunft des Krieges*, Institut für Sozialforschung, Hamburg, May 2003.

“Youth Militias and Civil Unrest in West Africa,” Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, 1 April 2003.

“War Fighting and Peacekeeping in Stateless Societies,” African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, 7 Dec 2002.

“Somalia and Survival in the Shadow of the Global Economy,” Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, 14 June 2002.

“Economies of War and Their Transformation: Sudan and the Variable Impact of Natural Resources on Conflict,” PaxChristi & Bonn International Center for Conversion, Brussels, 12-13 June 2002.

“Armed Rebellion in Collapsed States,” Danish Foreign Ministry / DANIDA, Allinge-Sandvig (Denmark), 21-25 May 2002.

“International Stakes in Africa’s War Economies,” Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen, 22-23 April 2002.

“The Political Economy of Civil War,” Social Science Research Council, Program on Global Security and Cooperation,” Washington, DC, 6-7 Feb 2002.

“Predicting Violent Conflict,” Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Nov 2001.

“Warlord Politics’ am Beispiel Nigeria,” *Die Ökonomie von Bürgerkriegen*, Medico International & Evangelische Akademie Hofgeismar, Hofgeismar, Germany, Oct 2001.

“Somaliland: State-building on the Margins of the Global Economy,” Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, Sept 2001.

“The Politics of Public Intellectuals Under Abacha and After,” Northwestern University, June 2001.

“Vigilantes and the Death of Ideology in Anti-Regime Struggle: OPC and Bakassi Boys in Nigeria,” University of Kyoto, Kyoto, Jan 2001.

“Collapsed States and Non-Revolutionary Insurgencies,” ICRC, Geneva, Dec 2000.

“Violent Armed Groups as a Political Tool in Collapsing States,” Hanns Seidel Stiftung, Munich, Nov 2000.

“Reconstructing Peace in Liberia,” University of Toronto, June 2000.

“Foreign Firms, Natural Resources and the Political Economy of Violence,” University of Leipzig, March 2000.

“Stealing Like a Bandit, Stealing Like a State,” University of Chicago, Feb 2000.

LANGUAGES

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Professional Associations:

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

African Studies Association

Canadian Association of African Studies

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