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Employment

The University of Memphis Memphis, TN
Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2023 –
University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa
Research Affiliate, 2023 –
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, African Centre for Migration and Society, 2021 – 2022
Williams College Williamstown, MA
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2020 – 2023
Princeton University Princeton, NJ
Postdoctoral Fellow, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, 2019 – 2020

Education

Yale University New Haven, CT
Ph.D., with Departmental and University Distinction, Political Science
Dissertation: “Citizenship Beyond Borders: The Politics of Emigrant Enfranchisement in Africa.”
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Quantitative Methods

James G. March Award for “Outstanding Dissertation in any Field of Political Science,”
Yale University, 2019

Lynne Rienner Prize for Best Dissertation in African Politics, African Politics Conference
Group, African Studies Association and American Political Science Association, 2020

University of Chicago Chicago, IL
M.A., with Honors, Committee on International Relations

Duke University Durham, NC
A.B., Public Policy and Psychology, *cum laude*

Journal Publications

- 2023 “Refugee Status as Patronage Good? The Interaction of Transnational Party Mobilization and Migration Policy in the Global South.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Online.
- 2022 “The Extraterritorial Rights and Restrictions Dataset (1950 – 2020).” *Comparative Political Studies*, OnlineFirst (with Nathan Allen and Benjamin Nyblade).
Best Article Award, APSA Migration & Citizenship Section, 2023
- 2022 “Transnational Voting Rights and Policies in Violent Democracies: A Global Comparison.” *Comparative Migration Studies*, 10, 27 (with Nathan Allen and Benjamin Nyblade).

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- 2022 “Field Experiments in the Global South: Assessing Risks, Localizing Benefits, and Addressing Positionality.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 55(4), 769-772. (with Biz D. Herman ☉, Amma Panin, Graeme Blair, Lindsey D. Pruett, Ken O. Opalo, Hannah M. Alarian, Allison N. Grossman, Yvonne Tan, Alex P. Dyzenhaus, and Nicholas Owsley).
- 2021 “Emigrant Inclusion in Home Country Elections: Theory and Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa.” *American Political Science Review*, 115(1), 82-96.
Best Article Award in African Politics, African Politics Conference Group, 2022
Best Article Award (Honorable Mention), APSA Migration & Citizenship Section, 2022
- 2021 “Diaspora Voting in Kenya: A Promise Denied.” *African Affairs*, 120(479), 199-217 (with Beth Elise Whitaker).
- 2018 “Does Fraud Trump Partisanship? The Impact of Contentious Elections on Voter Confidence.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 28(3), 330-348 (with Susan D. Hyde and Thad E. Hall).
Best Article Award in JEPPOP (Honorable Mention), 2018
- 2015 “Diaspora Voting in South Africa: Perceptions, Partisanship, and Policy Reversal.” *Afrique Contemporaine* 2015/4 (256), 35-50.

Working Papers

- 2023 “Divergent Opinions over Diaspora Voting? Evidence From Inside and Outside Kenya” (with Beth Elise Whitaker). *Invited to be Revised and Resubmitted at International Migration Review*.
- 2023 “The Social Impact of COVID-19 on Migrants in Urban Africa” (with Gates Tenerowicz). *Under Review*.
- 2023 “Extending Voting Rights to Emigrants: A Global Analysis of Actors, Processes and Outcomes” (with Nathan Allen and Benjamin Nyblade). *Under Review*.
- 2022 “Here and There, Near and Far: The Local and Temporal Dynamics of Transnational Political Participation in Urban Africa.”
- 2022 “Ethical Demands of Quantitative Migration Research” (with Hannah Alarian).
- 2021 “Getting Out the Overseas Vote: A Transnational Field Experiment” (with Michael Ahn Paarlberg).

Book-in-Progress

- 2023 *Voting Beyond Borders: Diaspora (Dis)Enfranchisement in Africa*.

Teaching

The University of Memphis, Department of Political Science

POLS 1301: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2023, online)

POLS 4306: Democratic Erosion (Fall 2023, online)

Williams College, Department of Political Science

PSCI 204: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

PSCI 226: Aids, Arms, and Armies: The Politics of Intervention in Africa (Spring 2023)

PSCI 281: Contemporary African Politics (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

PSCI 288: Transnational Political Movements (Fall 2021)

PSCI 322: Migration Governance: A Global Perspective (Fall 2022)

PSCI 343: Democratic Erosion (Fall 2020)

PSCI 367: Decolonizing International Relations (Spring 2022)

PSCI 382: The Politics of Migration: Citizen, Immigrant, Alien, Refugee (Fall 2020)

Thesis and Independent Study Supervision

Melat Kanja, Independent Study in Political Science, Williams College, 2022-2023

Gates Tenerowicz, Independent Study in Political Science, Williams College, 2022-2023

Alexandra Pear, Undergraduate Honors Thesis in Political Science, Williams College, 2022 (Chair)

Blessing Mukuruva, Master of Arts in Migration and Displacement, ACMS, 2022 (co-Chair)

Book Reviews

2022 Wellman, Elizabeth Iams. "Citizenship as Political Lens: Laws, Loss, and Lived Experiences of Belonging in Africa." Review essay of *Citizenship in Africa* by Bronwen Manby and *Development, (Dual) Citizenship, and its Discontents in Africa* by Robtel Neajai Paley. *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, 60(4), 619-623.

2022 Wellman, Elizabeth Iams. Review of *The Comparative Politics of Immigration: Policy Choices in Germany, Canada, Switzerland and the United States* by Antje Ellerman. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, FirstView.

Policy Analysis

2021 Zhou, Yang-Yang and Alan Jacobs. (Hosts). (2021, April 5). Voter Suppression Goes Global, with Elizabeth Iams Wellman (No. 12) [Audio Podcast Episode]. In *Scope Conditions*. University of British Columbia.

2021 Kulich, Christina and Elizabeth Iams Wellman. "The United States has a Democracy Problem: What Democratic Erosion Scholarship Tells Us about January 6." *Social Science Research Council* Items, January 26, 2021.

2018 Wellman, Elizabeth Iams. "Voice after Exit: Diaspora Voting in Africa." *African Politics Conference Group Newsletter Symposium*.

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- 2015 Wellman, Elizabeth Iams and Loren B. Landau. “South Africa’s Tough Lessons on Migrant Policy.” *Foreign Policy* Democracy Lab, October 13, 2015.

Select Documentary Films

- 2008 “In the Family” (Kartemquin Films, 83 min). Broadcast on *P.O.V. (PBS)*. Co-Producer. **2009 Emmy Award Nomination** for Outstanding Informational Program, Long Form.
- 2007 “Confronting the Truth” (ICNC/USIP, 73 min). Senior Researcher and Associate Producer.
- 2006 “Orange Revolution” (ICNC, 106 min). Broadcast on *PBS*. Production Associate.
- 2005 “Inside Hurricane Katrina” (Towers Productions, 94 min). Broadcast on *National Geographic Channel*. Associate Producer.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2023 Best Article Award 2023, APSA Migration and Citizenship Section
- 2022 Best Article Award 2022, African Politics Conference Group
- 2022 Best Article Award 2022 (Honorable Mention), APSA Migration and Citizenship Section
- 2022 Stanley Kaplan Foreign Policy Fellowship, Williams College
- 2022 Williams College Class of ’57 Summer Research Fellowship
- 2021 Williams College Class of ’57 Summer Research Fellowship
- 2020 Lynne Rienner Award for Best Dissertation, African Politics Conference Group
- 2020 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2021 Insight Development Grant, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) for “Restricting Non-resident Voting Rights: The Effect of British Institutional Legacy in India and Abroad”
- 2019 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton University
- 2019 Ralph Bunche Best Graduate Student Paper 2018 (Honorable Mention), African Politics Conference Group
- 2019 Best Paper published in *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 2018 (Honorable Mention)
- 2019 James G. March Dissertation Award for “outstanding dissertation in any field of Political Science,” Yale University
- 2017 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
- 2016 Field Experiments Initiative Grant, Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, for “Transnational Voter Mobilization: A Field Experiment”
- 2016 David A. Gimbel Fellowship Fund, Yale University
- 2015 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
- 2015 Conference Travel Award, Yale University Graduate Student Assembly
- 2014 MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant for International Fieldwork, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
- 2013 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
- 2013 Lindsay Fellowship for Research in Africa, Yale Council on African Studies

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- 2013 MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
- 2010 Oliver and Blanche Paul Scholarship, Yale University (annually through 2015)
- 2010 M.A. Thesis Honors, Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago 2010
- 2009 Rebecca A. Boylan and Thomas W. Sidlik Fund, University of Chicago
- 2009 Emmy Award Nomination for Outstanding Informational Program, Long Form for “In the Family”
- 2008 University of Chicago Academic Merit Scholarship
- 2008 Selected Grants for “In the Family”: The National Endowment for the Arts, The Independent Television Service, National Human Genome Research Institute, Illinois Humanities Council, Michael Reese Health Trust
- 2003 US-ASEAN Film Festival, Best Documentary Finalist for “Spinning Wheel”
- 2002 Benenson Award in the Arts, Duke University
- 2002 Lewis Hine Documentary Fellowship, Duke University
- 2001 NYC-UFO Film Festival, Best Documentary for “Eat My Grits”

Academic Work Experience

- 2016 Research Assistant to Margaret Peters, Yale University
- 2016 Coordinator, Program on Ethics, Politics, and Economics, Yale University
- 2011 Research Assistant to Susan Hyde, Yale University
- 2010 Editorial Consultant, Economic Growth Center, Yale University
- 2009 Event Coordinator, Center for International Studies, University of Chicago
- 2009 Editorial Consultant, The University of Chicago Press
- 2009 Research Assistant to Alberto Simpser, University of Chicago
- 2007 Educational Outreach Coordinator, Making the Road Southern Africa Tours

Media and Consulting Experience

Kartemquin Educational Films

Chicago, IL

Board of Directors, 2021 –

Director of Research, 2007 – 2008

Co-Producer, “In the Family,” 2005 – 2008

Director of Outreach, “In the Family” Strategic Outreach Campaign, 2005 – 2008

African Democratic Institute

Johannesburg, South Africa

Consultant, 2015

York Zimmerman Inc

Washington, DC

Senior Researcher, 2004 – 2005

Production Coordinator, 2003 – 2004

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

APSA	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
ASA	2016, 2019
CPSA	2019, 2022
ISA	2018
MPSA	2011, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2019
SPSA	2020, 2023

2023	University of Florida, Political Science and Center for African Studies (Invited Presentation)
2023	Florida International University, Politics and IR Colloquium (Invited Presentation)
2022	Georgetown University, African Politics and Government (Invited Presentation), virtual
2022	University of Pennsylvania, Contemporary African Politics (Invited Presentation), virtual
2021	Diaspora Voting in Kenya Webinar (Invited Presentation), virtual
2021	APSA Migration and Citizenship pre-conference, (Invited Panelist), virtual
2021	Politics of the Migrant/Refugee Binary (Invited Conference), virtual
2017	The Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS) Fall Workshop, Columbia University, New York
2017	Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism (DCCC), Graduate Student Workshop, Philadelphia
2016	Electoral Integrity Project/International IDEA workshop, Poznan, Poland
2015	Association Française de Science Politique, Annual Meeting, Aix-En-Provence
2015	African Centre for Migration and Society, Research Seminar, Johannesburg

Professional Service

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, World Politics, African Studies Review, Electoral Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Democratization, Governance, Public Opinion Quarterly, Comparative Migration Studies, International Migration, Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies, Party Politics, Review of International Organizations, Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science, Peace and Conflict Studies, Journal of Asian and African Studies*

Member: African Studies Association, American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Kartemquin Educational Films Board of Directors, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, African Politics Conference Group, Migration and Citizenship section (APSA), ENMISA (ISA), SAG-AFTRA (fully vested)

Skills and Training

Technology: Stata, LaTeX
Languages: Spanish (Elementary Proficiency)
Fieldwork: South Africa: July 2004, June-July 2013, September 2013, December 2014, January-July 2015; Ukraine: January-February 2005; Peru: March-May 2004; Barbados: October 2002-January 2003, Thailand June-August 2002