NICHOLAS RUSH SMITH

EMPLOYMENT

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – CITY COLLEGE Director, Master's Program in International Affairs Associate Professor of Political Science Assistant Professor of Political Science	2014-PRESENT Beginning Fall 2023 2021-Present 2014-2021
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO Preceptor, Masters of the Arts Program in the Social Sciences	2011-2013
EDUCATION	
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PhD, Political Science	2013
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MA, Social Sciences	2004
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MA, International Development Studies	2003
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY BA, Government & History	2001
OTHER TRAINING AND AFFILIATIONS	
University of Johannesburg (South Africa) Senior Research Associate, Department of Sociology	2019-2024
CUNY PRISON TO COLLEGE PIPELINE PROGRAM Instructor	2023
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY Instructor, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	2021-23
METHODSNET, RADBOUD UNIVERSITY (NETHERLANDS) Instructor, Summer School in Social Science Research Methods	2023
CARNEGIE NEW LEADERS PROGRAM Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs	2020
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY Student, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	2011

UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL (SOUTH AFRICA) Visiting Scholar, Centre for Civil Society

2008, 2009-2010

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX (UNITED KINGDOM)
Programme in Ideology and Discourse Analysis, Government Department

2004-2005

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Simmons, Erica S. and Nicholas Rush Smith (eds.). 2021. *Rethinking Comparison: Innovative Methods for Qualitative Political Research*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Featured in New Books Network Podcast
- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2019. *Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. New York: Oxford University Press.

- Oxford Studies in Culture and Politics Series
- Winner, 2020 Distinguished Book Award, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association
- Co-Winner, 2020 Best Book Award, African Politics Conference Group, American Political Science Association
- Honorable Mention, 2020 Charles Taylor Book Award, Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Related Group, American Political Science Association
- Reviewed in American Ethnologist; American Journal of Sociology; English Historical Review; Insight on Africa; Journal of Modern African Studies; Law and Society Review; Perspectives on Politics; Politique Africaine; Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2022. "The State as Golem: Police Violence in Democratic South Africa." *Everyday State and Democracy in Africa: Ethnographic Encounters*, Wale Adebanwi (ed.). Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.

Blake, Jonathan S. and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2022. "Identifying Violence: Ethics, Representation, and Politics in Lee Ann Fujii's Showtime." *Violence: An International Journal*. Sage Online First.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2021. "Seen Like a State." Polity 53 (3): 485-491.

Simmons, Erica and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2021. "Comparisons with an Ethnographic Sensibility: Studies of Protest and Vigilantism." In *Rethinking Comparison: Innovative*

Methods for Qualitative Political Research, Erica S. Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith (eds.). New York: Cambridge University Press.

Simmons, Erica and Nicholas Rush Smith with Lisa Wedeen. 2021. "Theory and Imagination in Comparative Politics: An Interview with Lisa Wedeen." In *Rethinking Comparison: Innovative Methods for Qualitative Political Research*, Erica S. Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith (eds.). New York: Cambridge University Press.

Tim Büthe, Jacobs, Alan M., with 48 others. 2021. "Transparency in Qualitative Research: An Overview of Key Findings and Recommendations." *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (1): 171-208.

Schwedler, Jillian, Erica S. Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2021. "Ethnography and Participant Observation (Working Group III.3)." *Perspectives on Politics*.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2020. "Member Checking: Lessons from the Dead." *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 17-18 (1): 60-65.

Simmons, Erica S. and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2019. "The Case for Comparative Ethnography." *Comparative Politics* 51 (3): 341-359.

Simmons, Erica S., Nicholas Rush Smith, and Rachel Schwartz. 2018. "Rethinking Comparison in the Social Sciences." *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 16 (1): 1-7.

• Co-Organizer of symposium on "Rethinking Comparisons"

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2017. "The Rule of Rights: Comparative Lessons from Twenty Years of South African Democracy." *Comparative Politics* 50 (1): 123-141.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2017. "New Situations Demand Old Magic: Necklacing Past and Present." In *Global Lynching and Collective Violence: Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*. Michael Pfeifer, Ed. Urbana-Champaign: University of Illinois Press.

Simmons, Erica S. and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2017. "Comparison with an Ethnographic Sensibility." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50 (1): 126-130.

Slater, Dan and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2016. "The Power of Counterrevolution: Elitist Origins of Political Order in Postcolonial Asia and Africa." *American Journal of Sociology* 121 (5): 1472-1516.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2015. "Rejecting Rights: Vigilantism and Violence in Post-Apartheid South Africa." *African Affairs* 114 (456): 341-360. (Lead Article)

BOOK REVIEWS

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2021. "The Terrorist Album: Apartheid's Insurgents, Collaborators, and the Security Police' by Jacob Dlamini." *Africa Spectrum* 56 (3): 335-337.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2020. "Township Violence and the End of Apartheid: War on the Reef' by Gary Kynoch." *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 52 (3): 485-486.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2018. "Bodies of Truth: Law, Memory, and Emancipation in Post-Apartheid South Africa' by Rita Kesselring." *Anthropological Quarterly* 91 (2): 841-845.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2017. "'Electoral Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa' by Stephanie M. Burchard and 'The Limits of Democratic Governance in South Africa' by Louis A. Picard and Thomas Mogale." *Perspectives on Politics* 15 (1): 261-262.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sinwell, Luke and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2022. "Killing the Collective." *Africa Is a Country*. July 20. https://www.africasacountry.com/2022/07/killing-the-collective

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2020. "What Thirty Percent Unemployment Looks Like." *Boston Review*. May 14. http://bostonreview.net/class-inequality-global-justice/nicholas-rush-what-30-percent-unemployment-looks.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2019. "Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa." *Democracy in Africa*. 20 May. http://democracyinafrica.org/contradictions-democracy-vigilantism-rights-post-apartheid-south-africa/. (Invited)

Schwedler, Jillian M., Erica S. Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2019. "Ethnography and Participant Observation." American Political Science Association Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Qualitative Transparency Deliberations, Working Group Final Reports, Report III.3 (August 2018). https://ssrn.com/abstract=3333465.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2018. "Apartheid." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Surveillance, Security, and Privacy*. Bruce Arrigo, Ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2018. "South Africa." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Surveillance, Security, and Privacy*. Bruce Arrigo, Ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Simmons, Erica S. and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2015. "The Case for Comparative Ethnography." *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 13 (2): 13-18. (Invited)

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2014. "Beyond Pistorius: The Politics of South African Justice." *African Arguments*. September 12. http://africanarguments.org/2014/09/12/beyond-pistorius-the-politics-of-south-african-justice-by-nicholas-rush-smith/.

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2013. "The Struggle Continues: Mandela and His Legacies." *Five Rupees*. July 1. http://fiverupees.com/2013/07/01/guest-post-the-struggle-continues-mandela-and-his-legacies/. (Invited)

Smith, Nicholas Rush. 2008. "The Wonga Coup: Transparency and Conspiracy in Equatorial Guinea." *CSIS Online Africa Policy Forum*. January 23: http://forums.csis.org/africa. (Invited)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Truth About Police Violence: Interpreting Police Killing in South Africa (Book Project in Development; Fieldwork, Data Collection, and Writing In-Progress; Draft Chapters and Proposal Available Upon Request)

All Dead Generations: A Family's Life in the Shadows (Book Project in Development; Data Collection and Writing In-Progress; Draft Chapters and Proposal Available Upon Request)

Rethinking Generalization (Edited Volume in Development with Erica S. Simmons; Proposal Available Upon Request)

EXTERNAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

BEST BOOK AWARD (CO-WINNER)

2020

American Political Science Association, African Politics Conference Group (For Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa)

DISTINGUISHED BOOK AWARD

2020

American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section (For Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa)

HONORABLE MENTION, CHARLES TAYLOR BOOK AWARD

2020

American Political Science Association, Interpretative Methods and Methodologies Related Group

(For Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa)

GRANT FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH:

2017-2018

ROBUST AND RELIABLE RESEARCH WORKSHOP PROPOSAL: RETHINKING COMPARISON IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES National Science Foundation, Award #1713769, \$49,950 (CUNY: \$8,309) (Co-PI with Erica S. Simmons)	
FINALIST, ANDREW CARNEGIE FELLOWS PROGRAM Carnegie Corporation of New York (City College of New York Junior Faculty Nominee)	2016
SAGE PAPER AWARD FOR BEST PAPER PRESENTED AT APSA ANNUAL MEETING American Political Science Association, Qualitative and Multi-Method Organized Section (Joint Winner with Erica S. Simmons)	2016
HAYWARD ALKER STUDENT PAPER AWARD FOR BEST PAPER PRESENTED AT APSA ANNUAL MEETING American Political Science Association, Interpretive Methodologies And Methods Conference Group	2014
INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP Social Science Research Council, \$28,000	9-2010
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) SUMMER FELLOWSHIP Michigan State University, \$2500	2009
FULBRIGHT-HAYS ZULU GROUP PROJECT ABROAD FELLOWSHIP University of Pennsylvania	2007
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) SUMMER FELLOWSHIP Indiana University, \$2500	2006
INTERNAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (CUNY)	
PSC-CUNY RESEARCH AWARD (TRADITIONAL B) City University of New York, \$6000	2021
COLIN POWELL SCHOOL FACULTY TEACHING AWARD City University of New York – City College, \$500	2020
PSC-CUNY RESEARCH AWARD (TRADITIONAL B) City University of New York, \$6000	2020
PSC-CUNY RESEARCH AWARD (TRADITIONAL B) City University of New York, \$6000	2019

PSC-CUNY RESEARCH AWARD (TRADITIONAL B) City University of New York, \$6000	2018
PSC-CUNY RESEARCH AWARD (TRADITIONAL B) City University of New York, \$5967.65	2017
BOOK COMPLETION AWARD City University of New York, \$1000 (Runner-Up Award)	2017
FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PUBLICATION PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP City University of New York	2016
CONFERENCES AND EVENTS ORGANIZED	
Workshop on Rethinking Generalization in the Social Sciences City University of New York – City College Co-Organizer, Erica S. Simmons	2023
WORKSHOP ON DEMOCRATIC STATE VIOLENCE City University of New York – City College Co-Organizers, Kanisha Bond and Lahoma Thomas Funder: CCNY Department of Political Science	2023
WORKSHOP ON RETHINKING COMPARISON IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES City University of New York – City College Co-Organizer, Erica S. Simmons Funder: National Science Foundation	2017
ELECTIONS IN VOLATILE STATES Human Rights Forum Panel, City University of New York – City College Funder: Dean's Office of the Colin Powell School	2015

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2014)

RETHINKING COMPARISON: INNOVATIVE METHODS FOR QUALITATIVE POLITICAL INQUIRY McGill University, Institute for the Study of International Development, April 2023 (Invited)

Tilburg University, Global Law and Governance Research Group, September 2022, (Invited)

Interpretive Political and Social Science Podcast, New Books Network, April 2022 (Invited)

Yale University, Department of Political Science, April 2022 (Invited)

Australian National University, Interpretation Method and Critique Seminar Series, November 2021 (Invited, Virtual)

WHAT THE SHADOWS DO TO US: A NOTE ON RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Workshop on Political Violence in Comparative Perspective, Yale University, November 2022 (Invited)

WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS

Workshop on Illicit Economies and Criminal Governance, University of California-San Diego, October 2022 (Invited)

COMMUNICATING ACROSS CONTEXTS: HOW TO BUILD SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE THROUGH COMPARATIVE AREA STUDIES

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, September 2022

Workshop on Comparative Area Studies, GIGA Hamburg, April 2022 (Invited)

RIGHTS IN TRANSLATION: VIGILANTISM AND THE MEANINGS OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND FAILURE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Conference on Dealing with Violence: Resolving Conflicts in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, University of Hannover, July 2022 (Invited)

THE TRUTH ABOUT POLICE VIOLENCE

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Lisbon, July 2022

THESES ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF TRAGEDY: ONE TRUTH ABOUT POLICE KILLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Workshop on South Africa in Transition, University of Zurich, April 2022 (Invited, Virtual)

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2022 (Invited)

LAW MAKING AND STATE MAKING AS VIGILANTISM

Stanford University, Freeman Spogli Institute, "State Violence: Problematic Policing and Criminalization in Comparative Perspective," March 2022 (Invited, Virtual)

CONTRADICTIONS OF DEMOCRACY: VIGILANTISM AND RIGHTS IN POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA

Ethnographic Café, Author Meets-Readers-Event, February 2022 (Invited, Virtual) Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Author-Meets-Readers Roundtable, June 2020

Colgate University, Department of Political Science, March 2020 (Invited)

GRAMMARS OF GENERALIZATION: HOW TRANSLATION CAN HELP US RETHINK THE GOALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Comparative Politics Workshop, December 2021 (Invited)

STATE VIOLENCE AND THE DECLINE OF VIGILANTISM: UNCOMFORTABLE LESSONS FOR AFRICA FROM THE UNITED STATES

Harvard University, Workshop on The Political Science of Lynching in Global Comparative Perspective, July 2020 (Invited, Virtual)

DEMOCRATIC DEATH: SOUTH AFRICA'S KILLING STATE

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2019

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2019

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2018.

Boston University, Comparative Politics Workshop, October 2018 (Invited)

THE GOLEM STATE: POLICE VIOLENCE OLD AND NEW IN SOUTH AFRICA

Violence and the End(s) Of Colonialism Conference, Southern Methodist University, September 2019 (Invited)

THE RISKS AND REWARDS OF VIGILANTISM

Violent States, States of Violence Colloquium, University of Witwatersrand (South Africa), August 2019 (Invited)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016

CUNY-John Jay College, Department of Political Science, September 2015 (Invited) University of Florida, Center for African Studies, Baraza Lecture Series, April 2015 (Invited)

Bates College, Departments of Political Science and Anthropology, April 2015 (Invited)

New York Law School, Twenty Years of South African Constitutionalism Conference, November 2014

THE FUNERAL STATE: SEEING SOUTH AFRICAN STATE FORMATION THOUGH FUNERALS Northeastern Workshop on Southern Africa, April 2019

COMMENT ON TIMOTHY PACHIRAT, AMONG WOLVES: ETHNOGRAPHY AND THE IMMERSIVE STUDY OF POWER

Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, April 2019

TAKING CHARGE: THE PLEASURES OF CITIZEN CRIME FIGHTING

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, April 2019 (Invited) Vassar College, Department of Political Science, April 2016 (Invited)

AGAINST VIGILANTISM: CONTRADICTIONS OF CITIZEN AND STATE ACTION TO COMBAT VIGILANTISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2018

THE EMOTIONAL TURN IN POLITICAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH

CUNY-Graduate Center, Comparative Politics Workshop, September 2018 (Invited)

Comparisons with An Ethnographic Sensibility: Studies of Protest and Vigilantism (w/ Erica s. Simmons)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2018

Law Making and State Making as Vigilantism

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2018

University of Witwatersrand, WISER, April 2018

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2017

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, December 2016

THE POLITICS OF DEATH: YOUNG MEN AND VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA City University of New York, Politics and Protest Workshop, April 2018

CONTRADICTIONS OF DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, February 2018 (Invited)

A GHOSTLY PRESENCE IN THE LIFE OF CIVILIZED STATES: YOUNG MEN AND THE POLICE AMIDST DEMOCRATIC CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2017 Northeastern Workshop on Southern Africa, October 2017

POLITICAL PASTS AND CRIMINAL FUTURES: THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION AND POST-APARTHEID STATE BUILDING

Law and Society Association of Africa Conference, University of Cape Town, December 2016

University of Florida, African Studies Center, April 2016 (Invited)

ELECTIONS IN VOLATILE STATES: THE CASE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC CUNY — City College, Human Rights Forum, December 2015 (Moderator and Organizer)

THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE: HISTORICAL ANTECEDENTS OF CONTEMPORARY VIGILANTISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2015 New York Law School, South Africa Reading Group, October 2015 (Invited) CUNY – Graduate Center, Politics and Protest Workshop, February 2015

CONCEPTUALIZING VIGILANTISM: POSSIBILITIES FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE CUNY – Graduate Center, Comparative Politics Workshop, October 2015 (Invited) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2014

COMPARISON AND ETHNOGRAPHY: WHAT EACH CAN LEARN FROM THE OTHER Princeton University, Qualitative Methods Workshop, October 2016 (Invited) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2015 CUNY - City College, Department of Political Science, February 2015

THE POWER OF COUNTERREVOLUTION: ELITIST ORIGINS OF POLITICAL ORDER IN POSTCOLONIAL ASIA AND AFRICA (WITH DAN SLATER)

Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2015

NEW VOICES IN POLITICAL ETHNOGRAPHY, ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2015

BEYOND MILL'S METHODS: NEW APPROACHES TO COMPARISON, ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - CITY COLLEGE

GRADUATE

RESEARCH METHODS Spring 2018
AFRICA IN WORLD AFFAIRS Spring 2014, 2015, 2017

UNDERGRADUATE

INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, Spring 2022
CONTEMPORARY COMPARATIVE POLITICS Fall 2021
POLITICAL SYSTEMS OF AFRICA Spring 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021
THE POLITICS OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT Fall 2014, 2015, Spring 2018, 2021
SENIOR THESIS Fall 2015, Spring 2016
ARGUMENTS AND EVIDENCE Fall 2014

THESIS ADVISING

PHD DISSERTATIONS

KIRA TAIT – 2021 – POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS-AMHERST (EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBER)

MA THESES

AYOUBA DOUMBIA – 2022 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

KIIRU GICHURU – 2020 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

JOSEPH STEWARD – 2020 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

AMADOU KONTEYE - 2019 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (WINNER, AWARD FOR

OUTSTANDING THESIS RESEARCH)

ISLAM GOHER MOHAMMED – 2019 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

LUKE SCARPA – 2018 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FOUSSENI NAMORO – 2017 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (WINNER, BEST THESIS AWARD)

RAHMA MASSOUD – 2016 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

LYNNE SCOTT JACKSON – 2016 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Danielle Hamilton – 2016 – International Relations

MONICA ORELLANA – 2016 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ELIZABETH GARCIA – 2016 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

CHARLETTE LOPEZ – 2016 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MARTA DIAZ – 2015 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS KOFI AFFUL – 2014 – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

BA THESES

Jessica Jorge – 2018 – International Studies (Winner, Allen F. and Barbara S. Isaacman Fellowship in African Studies) Suprita Datta – 2017 – International Studies Mawule Agbahey – 2015 – International Studies Nazrreth Yemane – 2014 – International Studies

FIELDWORK

SOUTH AFRICA: ~22 Months (June-September 2008, October 2009-October 2010, February-April 2011, July-August 2015, December 2016-January 2017, January 2019, August 2019, August 2022)

LANGUAGES

ISIZULU - Speaking Advanced, Reading Intermediate FRENCH - Speaking Intermediate, Reading Advanced

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

MEMBER, Executive Committee, Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Related Group, American Political Science Association, 2020-Present

MEMBER, Editorial Committee, Comparative Politics, 2019-Present

MEMBER, GIOVANI SARTORI Book Award Committee, Qualitative Methods Section, American Political Science Association, 2021

CHAIR, Distinguished Book Award Committee, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association, 2021

INVITED INSTRUCTOR, Advanced Research on Conflict Workshop, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Service, 2019

PROGRAM CHAIR, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Section, 2019, 2020

MEMBER, APCG Best Book Award Committee, African Politics Conference Group, American Political Science Association, 2018

REVIEWER, Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

MODERATOR, Ethnographic and Participant Observation Methods Discussion, Qualitative Transparency Deliberations, American Political Science Association, 2016-17

MEMBER, Hayward R. Alker Student Paper Award Committee, Interpretive Methods and Methodologies Conference Group, American Political Science Association, 2015

ETHNOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR, Methods Café, Western Political Science Association, April 2015; American Political Science Association, September 2015

REVIEWER, Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, November 2014

STUDENT PARTICIPANT, Planning Workshop for National Science Foundation Funded Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse University, March 2009

REVIEWER, Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Oxford University Press; Stanford University Press; University of Virginia Press; African Studies Quarterly; African Studies Review; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Antipode; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Conflict and Society; Contemporary Sociology; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Perspectives on Politics; Political Studies; Polity; Qualitative Research; Theory and Society; World Politics; Violence

MEMBER, African Studies Association

MEMBER, American Political Science Association

MEMBER, American Sociological Association

Member, Law and Society Association

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY (CUNY)

MEMBER, Department of Political Science Executive Committee, CUNY – City College, 2021-22

MEMBER, Faculty Council of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, CUNY – City College, 2018-Present

MEMBER, Faculty Council of the Colin Powell School, CUNY – City College, 2017-Present

MEMBER, Student Elections Review Committee, CUNY – City College, 2017-Present

FACULTY SPONSOR, Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, CUNY – City College, 2014-Present

SENATOR FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE, Faculty Senate, CUNY – City College, 2020-2021

WEBMASTER, CUNY – City College, Department of Political Science, 2014-2019

MEMBER, MA in International Relations Admissions Committee, 2018, 2019

REVIEWER, CUNY Book Completion Award Competition, 2018, 2019, 2020

MEMBER, Search Committee for the Dean of the Colin Powell School of Civic and Global Leadership, 2018

CHAIR, Departmental Awards Committee, CUNY – City College, Department of Political Science, 2014-2018

MEMBER, Comparative Politics Search Committee, CUNY – City College Department of Political Science, Fall 2017

MEMBER, Political Theory Search Committee, CUNY – City College Department of Political Science, Fall 2014

FACULTY SPEAKER, "Know Your Rights" Event, New York Civil Liberties Union Student Chapter, CUNY - City College, November 2014

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