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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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July 2023-present	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Africana Studies, The College of Wooster
Aug 2022-July 2023	<b>Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology &amp; Postdoctoral Fellow</b> Department of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University
Aug 2021-May 2022	<b>Pre-doctoral Fellow</b> Office of Access and Inclusion and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University

## EDUCATION

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2022	<b>PhD in Anthropology</b> Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA Dissertation: "The Making of Female Politicians: Gender Quotas and Political Subjectivity in Kenya"
2019	<b>MA in Anthropology</b> Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
2016	<b>MSt in Women's Studies</b> University of Oxford, Oxford, UK Thesis with High Distinction: "'What it is to be a [Kenyan] Woman': Redefining the Female Body in the Legislative Process against Female Circumcision"
2014	<b>BA in Anthropology modified and Senior Fellow</b> Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA Salutatorian, Summa cum Laude, Senior Fellowship with High Honors: "Interethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya"

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Black and Africana Feminisms; African Politics; Anthropology of Law and Policy; Development Practice; Feminist Ethnography; Anthropology of Gender; African Diasporas; East Africa; Kenya

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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### External Grants

2019-2020	Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) (\$16,700)
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- 2019-2020 National Science Foundation (NSF) Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) (\$3,150)
- 2019-2020 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$7,140)

### **Internal Grants**

- 2017-2018 Professional Development Funds, Emory University (\$4,000)
- 2013 Kaminsky Family Fund, Dartmouth College (\$8,000)
- 2012 Robert G. McGuire III Research Fund, Dartmouth College (\$4,000)

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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### **External Fellowships & Awards**

- 2021 Bennetta Jules-Rosette Graduate Essay Award, Association for Africanist Anthropology (AfAA), American Anthropological Association (AAA), Honorable Mention
- 2021 Preparing Future Faculty Predoctoral Fellowship, James Madison University
- 2019 Society of Humanistic Anthropology (SHA) Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Ethnographic Fiction and Creative Nonfiction Writing
- 2018 Royal Air Maroc-African Studies Association Student Travel Award
- 2015 Rhodes Scholarship, University of Oxford

### **Internal Fellowships & Awards**

- 2020 The Kristin Mann Award in African Studies, Emory University
- 2016 The George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory University
- 2014-2015 Richard D. Lombard '53 Public Service Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 2014 The Phillip D. McInnis '36 Award, Dartmouth College
- 2014 Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College
- 2014 The Class of 1962 Award for Excellence in Peer Tutoring, Dartmouth College
- 2014 Aimé Césaire Award for Excellence in the Humanities, Dartmouth College
- 2011-2014 Dr. W.E.B DuBois Award for Academic Excellence, Dartmouth College
- 2011-2013 Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College
- 2012-2013 James O. Freedman Presidential Scholarship, Dartmouth College
- 2011 Tucker Fellowship, Dartmouth College

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Journal Articles**

- 2022 'You Can't Do Politics Without Money': Female Politicians, Matronage, and the Limits of Gender Quotas in Kenya. *Africa* 92 (2): 210-229  
*\*Honorable Mention, Bennetta Jules-Rosette Graduate Essay Award, Association for Africanist Anthropology (AfAA), American Anthropological Association (AAA)*
- 2020 Rebirth. *Anthropology and Humanism* 45 (1): 88-91  
*\*Society of Humanistic Anthropology (SHA) Prize for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Ethnographic Fiction and Creative Nonfiction Writing*
- 2016 Brown, Eleanor, Faith Mwangi-Powell, Miriam Jerotich and Victoria Le May. "Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya: are young men allies in social change programmes?" *Reproductive Health Matters* 24 (47): 118-125

### **Book Chapter**

- 2022 "Redefining the Female Body: The Legislative Process against Female Circumcision in Kenya." In *Gender and Sexuality in Kenyan Societies*, edited by Besi Brilliant Muhonja and Babacar M'Baye, 75-100. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

### **Public Scholarship**

- 2020 "Beyond the Nobel Peace Prize." In *Africa Is a Country*.  
<https://africasacountry.com/2020/11/beyond-the-nobel-peace-prize>
- 2016 "The Black Woman's Natural Hair." In *Mystiques: a feminist homage to Roland Barthes*, edited by Kerrie Thornhill, 12-19. Oxford: The Feminist E-Press, International Gender Studies

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited Lectures and Presentations**

- 2022 "Female Politicians, Matronage, and The Limits of Gender Quota Policies in Kenya." Invited Lecture for James Madison University course *African Politics*
- 2021 "Elusive Equality: Contesting Women's Political Representation in Kenya's Constitutional Amendment Initiatives." Invited Presentation for Institute of African Studies Research Seminar, Emory University
- 2020 "Female Politicians, Money, and the Limits of Gender Quotas in Kenya." Invited Presentation for Yale University course *Africa, Politics, Anthropology*.
- 2020 "Understanding and Analyzing Qualitative Studies." Invited Presentation for Summer Opportunity for Academic Research (SOAR), Office of Emory Diversifying Graduate Education (EDGE)

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2023 Advancing the "Women's Agenda": Political Parties and Women Politicians in Kenya." *African Women Now!* Symposium. James Madison University, 2022.
- 2022 "Laying Grounds for Feminist Advocacy: The Impact of Training Seminars for Female Politicians and Aspirants in Kenya." 12th Annual African, African

- American, and Diaspora Studies (AAAD) Interdisciplinary Conference 2022, James Madison University, Virtual Event
- 2021 “‘The Rich Women are MCAs’: Female Politicians and Patronage Relationships in Kenya.” The 2021 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Virtual Event
- 2021 “‘Punguza Mizigo’ and Building Bridges: Contesting Women in Kenya’s Constitutional Reform Movements.” The 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Baltimore, MD, USA
- 2018 “Creating a New Political Habitus: The Impact of Kenya’s Constitution on Female Politicians.” The 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), San Jose, CA, USA
- 2018 “Gynocentric (Il)egibility: Women and Development in Kenya.” The 2018 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2018 “Creating a Political Habitus: The Impact of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 on Female Politicians.” The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual International Conference on the Status of African Women, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2018 “(Un)Relenting Borders: Conflicting Visions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.” The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Juncture Conference, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 2017 “A Misrecognition of Kenyan Women: The Consequences of Interpreting the Kenyan Constitution’s “Two-Thirds Gender Principle.” The 2017 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), Chicago, IL, USA
- 2013 “Western Discourse in Legal Approaches: A History of Female Circumcision in Kenya.” The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP), Perth, Australia

## **TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

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### **The College of Wooster**

- 2023 **Instructor of Record**, Introduction to Africana Studies
- 2023 **Instructor of Record**, Women, Culture, and Power in Africa

### **Webster University**

- 2023 **Instructor of Record**, Women, Gender & Sexuality Around the World

### **James Madison University**

- 2022/3 **Instructor of Record**, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- 2022/3 **Instructor of Record**, Women, Culture, and Power in Africa
- 2022 **Instructor of Record**, Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa
- 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

### **Emory University**

- 2022 **Instructor of Record**, Human Rights and Global Justice (Emory University Pre-College Program)

2022            **Graduate Writing Tutor**, The Emory Writing Center  
 2021            **Instructor of Record**, Women and Gender in Africa  
 2018            **Teaching Associate**, Africa: Anthropological Perspectives  
 2018            **Teaching Assistant**, Concepts and Methods in Cultural Anthropology  
 2017            **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Anthropology

#### **Dartmouth College**

2013-2014    **Dean's Office Student Consultant**, Undergraduate Deans Office  
 2012-2014    **Writing Tutor and Writing Assistant**, The Dartmouth Writing Center  
 2012-2013    **Academic Undergraduate Advisor**, Office of Residential Life

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2019-2020    **Dissertation Research**, Department of Anthropology, Emory University  
 2017-2018    **Preliminary Dissertation Research**, Department of Anthropology, Emory University  
 2014-2015    **Research Fellowship**, Africa Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C, University of Nairobi, Kenya  
                  *Projects:* Baseline Survey on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) in Kenya, Sexuality of Women who have undergone FGM/C, Young Men's Attitude and Perceptions of FGM in Pokot (with Options UK), Evidence to End FGM/C (with Population Council)  
 2013-2014    **Senior Research Project**, Dean of Faculty Office, Dartmouth College  
                  *Project:* Inter-ethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya  
 2012-2013    **Research Assistantship**, German Department, Dartmouth College  
                  *Projects:* Thomas Mann, Agnes Smedley, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Brazil

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Aug. 2017 -    **Library Service Desk Supervisor**  
 May 2019      Woodruff Libraries, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

- Supervised over 20 undergraduate students working at the service desks
- Created library accounts for patrons and processed payment of fines and fees
- Assisted patrons in navigating library collections and resolved complaints about library services
- Responded to online and telephone queries about physical and online collections

Sep. 2016 -    **Graduate Processing Assistant**  
 May 2017      Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

- Arranged and described committee papers of former US Senator Sam Nunn
  - Created cataloging system for 500+ audiovisual materials
  - Re-housed video collections in archival quality folders and boxes
  - Prepared descriptive tools to provide access to the collection
- Jul. – Aug. 2016     **Summer Consultant**  
Dalberg Global Development Advisors, Nairobi, Kenya
- Conducted research and analysis of the agricultural and digital financial landscape in Zambia
  - Synthesized research findings into deliverables and provided strategic recommendations for client engagement
- Apr. – Sep. 2015     **Assistant Coordinator**  
End FGM Guardian Global Media Campaign, London, UK | Nairobi, Kenya
- Monitored Kenyan media, as well as research, behavior change, regulatory, and enforcement initiatives on FGM
  - Developed and maintained logging system for sustained media monitoring and produced draft monthly reports on progress for donors
- Aug. 2014 – Jul. 2015     **Public Service Fellow**  
Africa Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C, University of Nairobi, Kenya
- Engaged in grassroots training and advocacy against female genital cutting among health care providers
  - Prepared work plans for consultants working in the inception phase of 5-year DFID funded research project to reduce FGM/C
  - Collaborated in the creation of a database of FGM/C interventions worldwide
  - Organized a national stakeholder meeting on FGM/C research and compiled report of the proceedings

## **RESEARCH & TEACHING DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**

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2022	New Faculty Academy, Center for Faculty Innovation, James Madison University
2020	Emory College Online Teaching Strategies (ECOTS), Office of International and Summer Programs, Emory University
2020	Emory Foundations for Online Teaching (EFOT), Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University
2019	Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA) Empowering Interdisciplinary Teaching and Scholarship Workshop, Emory University
2018	Proposal Writing Institute, Emory University
2018	Intensive Grant Writing Workshop, Emory University
2017	Beginning Grant Writing Workshop, Emory University

2017 Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, Emory University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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African Studies Association (ASA)

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

- Association for Africanist Anthropology (AAfA)
- Association for Black Anthropologists (ABA)
- Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)
- Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA)
- Association for the Anthropology of Policy (ASAP)
- Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA)

Anthropological Association of Kenya (AAKe)

## **SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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2023	Research Proposal Reviewer, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Program
2023	Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History</i>
2021	Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Anthropology and Humanism</i>
2021	Research Proposal Reviewer, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program, Emory University
2019-2021	Scholarship Reviewer, Rhodes Scholarships for Kenya and for East Africa
2016-2018	Member, Colloquium Committee, Anthropology Graduate Students Association & Department of Anthropology, Emory University
2018	Volunteers' Coordinator for the 61 <sup>st</sup> Annual ASA Conference, African Studies Association (ASA) Local Arrangements Committee, Atlanta, GA
2017	Alumni Recruiter, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT), Atlanta, GA
2015	Children's Fiction Writer, Storymoja 'Start a Library' Campaign, Nairobi, Kenya

## **LANGUAGE & TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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### **Languages**

Swahili (Native)

German (Fluent in Reading; Conversant in Writing; Conversant in Speaking)

### **Technical Skills**

MAXQDA; STATA