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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

July 2023- **Assistant Professor**
present Department of Africana Studies, The College of Wooster

Aug 2022- **Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology & Postdoctoral Fellow**
July 2023 Department of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University

Aug 2021- **Pre-doctoral Fellow**
May 2022 Office of Access and Inclusion and Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
James Madison University

EDUCATION

2022 **PhD in Anthropology**
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
Dissertation: “The Making of Female Politicians: Gender Quotas and Political Subjectivity in Kenya”

2019 **MA in Anthropology**
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA

2016 **MSt in Women’s Studies**
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 **BA in Anthropology modified and Senior Fellow**
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA
Salutatorian, Summa cum Laude, Senior Fellowship with High Honors:
“Interethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya”

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

External Grants

2019-2020 Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) (\$16,700)

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

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 1st 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

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 1st 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 Brillian 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

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)legibility: 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 st 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 th 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 th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP), Perth, Australia

TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

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
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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)
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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

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 <i>Projects:</i> 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 <i>Project:</i> Inter-ethnic Friendship in Urban Kenya
2012-2013	Research Assistantship , German Department, Dartmouth College <i>Projects:</i> Thomas Mann, Agnes Smedley, 19 th Century Brazil

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2017 -	Library Service Desk Supervisor
May 2019	Woodruff Libraries, Emory University, Atlanta, GA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

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 st 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

Languages

Swahili (Native)

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

Technical Skills

MAXQDA; STATA