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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Cornell University (July 2003-present)
Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University (July 2005-2007)

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Ph.D. in Political Science: August 2003
Dissertation Title: *Creating Distrusting Democrats: The Effects of Citizen Participation in Ugandan Constitution-Making*
Committee: Jennifer Widner (Chair), Nancy Burns, Mark Tessler, and Frederick Cooper
Major: Comparative Politics
Minors: Political Economy of Development, Methodology

University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, California
B.A., Development Studies, December 1994
Summa Cum Laude, University Honors, Department Honors, *Phi Beta Kappa*

The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt
Education Abroad Program, 1992-1993

Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

Harvard Academy Scholar, Academy for International and Area Studies (2005-2007)
Two years of support while in residence at the Academy.

United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Research Grant (2006-2007)
\$50,829 for research on media effects and political knowledge in Africa.

Cornell University President's Council of Cornell Women Affinito/Stewart Grant Award (2006)
\$10,581 for research on private radio and media effects in Africa.

Cornell University Einaudi Center for International Studies Seed Grant Competition (2006)
\$15,000 for research in Uganda on media effects and political knowledge.

Fellowships, Grants, and Honors (continued)

Cornell University Institute for the Social Sciences (ISS) Seed Grant Award (2005)
\$10,209 for research in Ghana on media effects and political knowledge.

Nominated by University of Michigan for the APSA Gabriel A. Almond Award (2004)
For the best doctoral dissertation in the field of comparative politics.

South African Initiatives Office Research Grant, University of Michigan (2003)
For conference and research in South Africa

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan (2002-2003)
One year of tuition and stipend.

Mary Malcomson Raphael Fellowship, University of Michigan (2002-2003)
One year of tuition and stipend (declined).

National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant (2000-2001)
\$16,300 for dissertation research in Uganda.

Fulbright IIE Fellowship (2000-2001)
\$26,450 for dissertation research in Uganda.

United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship (2000-2001)
For dissertation research in Uganda (declined).

Alice Paul Award given by the Women's Caucus for Political Science (2000)
For the best dissertation proposal by a woman graduate student in Political Science.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship (1998-2000, 2001-2002)
Three years of tuition and stipend.

Department of Political Science Dissertation Thesis Grant, University of Michigan (1999, 2000)
To attend conference in Uganda; For dissertation research in Uganda.

Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan (1999)
To attend conference on constitutionalism in Uganda

International Institute Predissertation Research Award, University of Michigan (1999)
For two months exploratory research in Uganda.

CAAS African Initiative Predissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan (1999)
For two months exploratory research in Uganda.

CAAS African Initiative Graduate Fellowship, University of Michigan (1997-1998)
One year of tuition and stipend.

Publications and Work in Progress

- Moehler, Devra C. (forthcoming) "Critical Citizens and Submissive Subjects: Election Losers and Winners in Africa." *British Journal of Political Science*.
- Moehler, Devra C. (forthcoming 2007) *Distrusting Democrats: Outcomes of Participatory Constitution-Making*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Moehler, Devra C. (forthcoming 2007) "Participation in Transition: Mobilizing Ugandans in Constitution Making." *Studies in Comparative International Development* Vol. 42, No. 2.
- Moehler, Devra C. (2006) "Public Participation and Support for the Constitution in Uganda." *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 2.
- Moehler, Devra C. (2006) "Review of *Public Opinion, Democracy, and Market Reform in Africa* by Michael Bratton, Robert Mattes, and E. Gyimah-Boadi." *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 44(1): 157-58.
- Moehler, Devra C. (2005) "Review of *Public Opinion, Democracy, and Market Reform in Africa* by Michael Bratton, Robert Mattes, and E. Gyimah-Boadi." *Foreign Affairs*, 84(3): 152.
- Moehler, Devra C. (2005) "Off to the Field." *APSA-Comparative Politics Newsletter* 16(2): 16-8.
- Moehler, Devra C. "Informed Distrusting Democrats: The Effects of Citizen Participation in Ugandan Constitution-Making." Revise and resubmit, *Comparative Political Studies*.
- Moehler, Devra C. & Lindberg, Staffan. "Narrowing the Legitimacy Gap: The Role of Turnovers in Africa's Emerging Democracies" Article under review.
- Moehler, Devra C. & van de Walle, Nicolas. "Pro and Anti-Americanism in Sub Saharan Africa." Article under review.
- Moehler, Devra C. & Singh, Naunihal. "Don't Touch That Dial: Trust in Private Versus Public Media in Africa." Article under review.
- Backer, David & Moehler, Devra C. "The Puzzling Persistence of Semi-Permanent Refugee Camps." Article in progress.
- Nisbet, Erik & Moehler, Devra C. "Political Communication Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa: Developing Integrated Models of Politics, Media, & Society." Article in progress.
- Moehler, Devra C. *Media Effects and Political Knowledge in Africa*. Book project in progress.

Presentations

- “The Puzzling Persistence of Semi-Permanent Refugee Camps.” (with David Backer). Paper to be presented at *Northeast Universities Development Consortium*, Harvard, Cambridge, October 2007.
- “Narrowing the Legitimacy Gap: The Role of Turnovers in Africa’s Emerging Democracies.” (with Staffan Lindberg). Paper to be presented at *Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association*, New York, October 2007.
- “Ethics of Experimentation and Issues of Implementation.” Comments at conference *Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Methods as Applied to the Study of Governance in the Developing World*, Harvard, Cambridge, September 2007
- “Private Radio and Public Information: An Experimental Investigation of Radio Campaigns in Africa.” Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Chicago, August 2007.
- “Discord and Harmony from the Ballot Box: Turnovers and Legitimacy in Africa.” (with Staffan Lindberg). Paper presented at conference *The Micro-Foundations of Mass Politics in Africa*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, May 2007.
- “Polling Data on African Opinion of United States Policies, Values and People.” Invited testimony at *Hearing of U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Africa*, Washington DC, March 2007.
- “Tune in to Governance: An Experimental Investigation of Radio Campaigns in Africa.” Invited presentation to *Harvard Joint Committee on African Studies-WCFIA Seminar on Africa*, Cambridge, February 2007.
- “Publicizing Government Performance: An Experimental Investigation of Radio Campaigns in Africa.” Invited presentation to *University of Michigan Center for Political Studies Workshop on Democratic Politics*, Ann Arbor, November 2006.
- “Don’t Touch That Dial: Citizen Trust of Public versus Private Media in Africa.” (with Naunihal Singh). Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, August 2006.
- “Anti-Americanism in Sub Saharan Africa” (with Nicolas van de Walle). Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2006.
- “The Political Effects of Private Radio Access in Africa.” Invited presentation to *Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Political Science Work in Progress Colloquia*, Cambridge, March 2006.
- “Free and Fair or Fraudulent and Forged: Elections and Perceived Legitimacy in Africa.” Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association*, Washington DC, November 2005.
- “Free and Fair or Fraudulent and Forged: Elections and Perceived Legitimacy in Africa.” Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Washington DC, August 2005.

Presentations (continued)

- “Political Communication Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa: Developing Integrated Models of Politics, Media, & Society.” (with Erik Nisbet). Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Washington DC, August 2005.
- “Afrobarometer Surveys: What Have We Learned?” Roundtable panelist for *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2005.
- “Starting Off Participating: The Mobilization of Ugandans in the Constitution-Making Process.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2004.
- “Anti-Americanism in Sub Saharan Africa: Tentative Hypotheses.” (with Nicolas van de Walle). Memo presented at *Cornell Workshop on Anti-Americanism*, Ithaca, April 2004.
- “Informed Distrusting Democrats: The Effects of Citizen Participation in Ugandan Constitution-Making.” Paper presented at the *Cornell Institute for African Development Symposium “Security, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation: When the Wars End,”* Ithaca, April 2004.
- “The Consequences of Political Participation.” Presentation to the *Cornell Institute for African Development Seminar Series*, Ithaca, April 2004.
- “Where Participation Takes Place.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association*, Portland, March 2004.
- “Public Participation and Support for the Constitution in Uganda.” Paper presented at *Cornell University Social Science Seminar*, Ithaca, November 2003.
- “Public Participation and Support for the Constitution in Uganda.” Paper presented at the *Annual Conference of the Regional Peace Studies Consortium “Dimensions of Human Security: Lessons from Africa and Beyond,”* Ithaca College, Ithaca, October 2003.
- “Public Participation and Support for the Constitution in Uganda.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, August 2003.
- “Creating Distrustful Democrats.” Paper presented at the *19th International Political Science Association Conference (IPSA)*, Durban, South Africa, July 2003.
- “Creating Democratic and Distrustful Citizens.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2003.
- “Participatory Constitution-Making and Constitutional Legitimacy.” Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2003.
- “Creating Informed Distrusting Democrats.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, Savannah, November 2002.
- “Can Democratic Attitudes be Taught?” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2002.
- “The Puzzling Persistence of Semi-Permanent Refugee Camps.” (with David Backer). Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2000.

Relevant Research, Consultant, and Work Experience

Committee on the Evaluation of USAID Programs to Support the Development of Democracy. Project funded by the USAID Office of Democracy and Governance and administered by The National Academy of Sciences (June 2007)

Consultant. Field research to develop randomized controlled experimental design for evaluating a USAID democracy and governance project in Uganda.

Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Livestock Policy Initiative, under UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Pro-Poor Livestock Policy Facility (PPLPF) (Sept-Oct 2006)

Consultant. Wrote report on political economy of livestock policy making in Eritrea, based on field visit to Eritrea and additional research. Report identified opportunities where policy and institutional change, in favor of the livestock dependent poor, might be feasible.

Frederick Cooper, History Department, University of Michigan (1999-2000)

Research assistant. Compiled and organized the presentation of political, demographic, economic, and social data for book entitled Africa Since 1940: The Past of the Present (Cambridge University Press, 2002).

Jennifer Widner, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (1997)

Research assistant. Coded State Department Human Rights Reports to create a data set on the civil and political rights in countries throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.

US Peace Corps, Eritrea (July 1995-July 1997)

Volunteer. 6th and 7th grade English teacher for 400 students in a rural community. Assisted with pilot environmental protection project with the Ministry of Agriculture. Organized a three day girls' education conference for 35 students from 7 schools.

Amnesty International USA, Washington DC (June-August 1994)

Intern, Assistant to the Government Programs Officer for African Affairs. Attended government hearings and meetings with diplomats, government officials, lawmakers, and human rights activists from the United States and Africa; planned strategy for promoting human rights in Africa; drafted editorials for newspapers and journals.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Cornell University (2003-present):

Political Economy of Development (Undergraduate Level)
African Politics (Undergraduate Level)
Comparative Political Participation (Graduate Level)
Comparative Democratization (Graduate Level)

Graduate Student Instructor, African Politics, University of Michigan (Fall 2001)

Teaching Interests:

comparative politics; African politics; political behavior; democratization; political economy of development; comparative political communication; law and development; comparative research design; field research and introduction to statistical analysis.

Department and Professional Service

Member, APSA Committee to select Gregory Luebbert Award for best article in comparative politics (2006-07)
Co-organizer, “Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Methods as Applied to the Study of Governance in the Developing World,” a conference to be held at Harvard (September 28-29, 2007)
Member, Organizing Committee for “The Micro-Foundations of Mass Politics in Africa,” conference held at Michigan State University (May 12-13, 2007)
Member, Advisory Committee, Cornell Institute for African Development (IAD) (2003-present)
Member, Cornell Media and Society Research Group (MSRG) (2004-present)
Reviewer, JOP, Human Rights Review, APSR, Mass Comm & Society (2003-present)
Member, APSA Program Committee for African Politics Conference Group (APCG) (2006)
Organizer, “Media and Politics in Africa”, a symposium at Cornell (October 21-22, 2005)
Member, Graduate Student Admissions Committee, Cornell Department of Government (2005)
Member, A-Exam Committee, Cornell Department of Government (2005)
Co-organizer, Cornell Political Economy Research Colloquium (PERC) (2004-05)
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Cornell Department of Government (2004-05)
Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Cornell Department of Government (2003-04)
Participant, Cornell University Social Science Seminar (CUSSS) (2003-04)

References

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