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CURRENT POSITION

American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS) New Faculty Fellow, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

PREVIOUS POSITION

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT (2010-11)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, May 2010

Fields: International Relations and Political Theory

Committee: Raymond Duvall (Advisor), Michael Barnett, Lisa Disch, Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, Premesh Lalu (University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

M.A. Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2007

B.A. Politics, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, 1999 (*cum laude*, with honors)

- Semester in Zimbabwe, Pitzer College (Spring 1998)

PUBLICATIONS

“Reading ‘the Global’ in the Absence of Africa” in *Thinking International Relations Differently*, Arlene B. Tickner and David L. Blaney, eds., Routledge: London. (*forthcoming*)

“Capitalism at Sea: Piracy and ‘State Failure’ in the Gulf of Aden,” *Globalization, Social Movements and Peacebuilding*, Jackie Smith and Ernesto Verdeja (eds.), Syracuse University Press (Studies on Peace and Conflict Resolution). (*forthcoming*)

“Creating Commons: Divided Governance, Participatory Management, and Struggles Against the Enclosure of the University” (with Eli Meyerhoff) in *Polygraph*, 21 (2009), 15-37. (*peer reviewed*)

“Coffee and Genocide: A Political Economy of Violence in Rwanda” in *Transition: An International Review*, 99 (2008), 54-70. (*invited*)

“The Global Coffee Economy and the Production of Genocide in Rwanda” in *Third World Quarterly*, April 2007 28(3), 571-592. (*peer reviewed*)

Review of: Atilio A. Boron, *Empire and Imperialism: A Critical Reading of Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri* (Zed Books, 2005). In *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, September 2007 35(3), 767-769.

Review of: Isabelle Duyvesteyn, *Clausewitz and African War: Politics and Strategy in Liberia and Somalia* (Frank Cass, 2005). In *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, August 2006 34(3), 987-989.

UNDER REVIEW

“Why Global?: Diagnosing the Globalization Literature Within a Political Economy of Higher Education,” *International Political Sociology* (June 2011).

“Producing the Global Imaginary,” *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* (August 2011)

“Pursuing Excellence in a ‘World Class African University’: Mamdani and the Politics of ‘Global’ Higher Education,” for a special issue of *African Journal of Higher Education* (September 2011)

“The Crisis of the ‘Global’ University, in South Africa,” for a special issue of *Theory and Event* (November 2011)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Structuring Knowledge: Producing the Global Imaginary Within the African University
(book manuscript in progress)

“Affective Labor and the Political Economy of Higher Education” (presented at Northeastern Political Science Association, 2010)

“Reading Althusser Within the Neoliberal University” (presented at Western Political Science Association, 2011)

“Critical Tensions: Situating ‘Critical IR Theory’ Within a Political Economy of Higher Education,” with Raymond Duvall (presented at International Studies Association, 2010)

TEACHING

ACLS Fellow, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

- Introduction to International Political Economy (seminar), Spring 2012
- Theories of International Political Economy (seminar), Fall 2011
- Theorists of African National Liberation (seminar), Fall 2011

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

- Theorizing Globalization from the Third World (seminar), Fall 2010

Visiting Instructor, Political Science, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

- The Politics of Africa (seminar), Spring 2008 & Spring 2009

Graduate Instructor, Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- International Relations (lecture), Fall 2008
- International Conflict and Security (lecture & masters level), Fall 2007
- Global Politics (lecture), Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- *Courses include:* International Relations, Power and Choice, Ideas and Ideology, The Cuban Revolution, Southeast Asian Politics, American Political Thought, Education and American Democracy, American Democracy in a Changing World.

TA Web Certification Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, Fall 2005

- Intensive training in the design and development of on-line teaching resources

Teacher Training Workshops, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN:

- *Teaching Through Active Lectures*, Center for Teaching and Learning, Summer 2008
- *Course Design*, Center for Teaching and Learning, Summer 2008
- *Grading Student Writing*, Center for Writing, Fall 2007

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

INTERESTS: Globalization; IR theory; international political economy; African politics; political economy of higher education; African postcolonial theory.

ADVANCED METHODS TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, January 2007

RESEARCH ABROAD

Cape Town, South Africa, Summer 2007

Harare, Zimbabwe, Spring 1998

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

Higher Education and the Production of the Global Imaginary

Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, October 25, 2010

Somali Pirates, Global Governance and Policing the Circulation of Capital

Globalization, Social Movements, and Peacebuilding Workshop, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, October 29-31, 2009

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Reading Althusser Within the Neoliberal University

Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2011

Narrating Structure

Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2011

Overdetermination and the Crisis of Higher Education: Towards an Immanent Social Science

American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

Critical Tensions: Situating "Critical IR Theory" Within a Political Economy of Higher Education

International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.

Teaching Africa in an African University: Rereading the 1998 Curriculum Debate at the University of Cape Town
Rethinking Marxism, Amherst, MA, November 2009.

Reading 'the Global' in the Absence of Africa

First Presented: American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.

Panel Organized by Editors: International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.

[Forthcoming in *Thinking International Relations Differently*, edited by Blaney & Tickner]

The US Academy and the Production of the Global Imaginary

International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 2009.

Creating Commons: Divided Governance, Participatory Management, and Struggles Against the Enclosure of the University (first author; with Eli Meyerhoff)

First Presented: Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 2008.

Revised & Presented: International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2008.

[Published in special issue of *Polygraph*, 21 (2009)]

The Global as Social Imaginary

Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

The International Coffee Economy and the Production of Genocide in Rwanda

First presented: Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006.

Revised & Presented: International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2006.

[Peer-reviewed and published in *Third World Quarterly*, April 2007; invited to publish alternative version in *Transition*, 2008]

Taking Seriously the Causes of Terrorism: Terrorism as Tactic Versus Terrorism as Identity

International Studies Association Midwest, St. Louis, MO, November 2003.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

The Crisis of the 'Global' University, in South Africa

Political Science Colloquium, Johns Hopkins, November 2011

Somali Pirates, Global Governance and Policing the Circulation of Capital

International Relations/Foreign Policy Workshop, Dartmouth College, December 2009.

The Structural Transformation of Higher Education: Cape Town and Minneapolis

Non-Stop Liberal Arts Institute, Yellow Springs, OH, June 2009.

Roundtable: International Relations and Political Theory

Minnesota International Relations Colloquium, University of Minnesota, September 2008.

Higher Education 'Transformation' in South Africa: Becoming an African University

Minnesota International Relations Colloquium, University of Minnesota, October 2007.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

External Fellowships

- American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS) New Faculty Fellow, 2011-14
- Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, 2010-11

Fellowships, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- *Graduate Research Partnership Program Grant*, with Professor Raymond Duvall, Summer 2008
- *Office of International Programs Pre-Dissertation Research Grant*, Summer 2007

- *Albert and Virginia Wimmer Fellowship*, Summer 2005
- *E W and J B Weidner Fellowship*, Summer 2004
- *Hubert H Humphrey Fellowship*, Summer 2003

Awards

- Honorable Mention, *Council of Graduate Students (COGS) Leadership Award*, University of Minnesota, 2008
- *Fluno Award for Best Senior Thesis in Politics*, Whitman College, 1999

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Organizer, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN:

- “Beneath the University, the Commons,” March 2010
- “Re-working the University: Visions, Strategies, Demands,” April 2009
- “Re-thinking the University: Labor, Knowledge, Value,” April 2008
<http://beneaththeu.org/>

Editorial Board

- Nebula: Journal of Multidisciplinary Scholarship

Peer Reviewer

- International Studies Perspectives
- African Journal of Political Science and International Relations

Minnesota International Relations Colloquium, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN:

- Participant, 2002-2008
- Organizer and webmaster, 2006-2007
www.polisci.umn.edu/~mirc/

Association Service

- *Chair and Organizer*, “Somali Piracy in Theoretical, Historical, and Global Perspective” panel, International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.
- *Chair and Co-organizer*, “Higher Education in Hard Times” roundtable, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2010.
- *Organizer and Presenter*, “A Political Theorist for Hard Times: Reading Marx Now” panel, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

COMMITTEE WORK AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

The Labor Project, American Political Science Association (APSA):

- *Secretary* (elected), 2009-present
- *Best Paper Award* reader

Council of Graduate Students (COGS), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN:

- *Vice President of Communications* (elected), 2004-2006
- *Department Representative* (elected), 2003-04

Social Science Policy and Review Council, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN:

- *Graduate Student Representative*, Course Proposal Committee, 2005-2007

AFFILIATIONS

- *American Political Science Association*
 1. New Political Science
 2. Labor Project
- *International Studies Association*
- *Western Political Science Association*
- *American Association of University Professors*

REFERENCES

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