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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government, August 2015 - present
Secondary Field, Department of African and African American Studies

University of California, San Diego La Jolla, CA
B.A. International Studies/Economics and Linguistics, June 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development; Africana Studies; International Relations; Migration; Identity; Gender; Entrepreneurship

DISSERTATION

“A Woman’s Power Lies in Her Community: The Politics of Economic Empowerment”
Committee: Melani Cammett (chair), Peter Hall, and Pia Raffler

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Women, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development in Africa” (forthcoming) in *The Palgrave Handbook of African Women’s Studies*

“On Scholarship and the Hyphenated Identity” (forthcoming) in *African Scholars and Intellectuals in the North American Academy: Reflections of Exile and Migration*

TEACHING

Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Teaching Fellow, SW47: Contemporary Developing Countries: Entrepreneurial Solutions to Intractable Social and Economic Problems, Professors Tarun Khanna and Satchit Balsari (Fall 2018)

Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government
Course Assistant and Guest Lecturer, IGA 632: Africa in Global Politics, Professor Zoe Marks (Spring 2019)

FIELD AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

First Year Proctor, Harvard College Dean of Students Office, Cambridge, MA 2016-present

Serve as an academic advisor, mentor and resource for first-year students.

Lead a team of Peer Advising Fellows to promote community building through study breaks, entryway events and assist in campus-wide programs.

Field Education Intern, FXB Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda, Summers of 2016 and 2017
Researched empowerment and the politics of development through a partnership with FXB International.

Facilitated income generating activities (IGA) workshops with small savings cooperatives by educating FXB Rwanda beneficiaries on the importance of market competition, minimizing expenditures, product diversification and utilizing community resources.

Development Team Intern, Semillas Womens Fund, Mexico City, Mexico, Winter 2016

Updated information on harassment, abortion rights, femicide and the politics of gender rights in various Mexican states and Latin America more generally as part of a United Nations Proposal.

Researched fundraising strategies, programs and online platform ideas and assisted with digitizing messages from foundation donors.

Urban Education Fellow, Great Oaks Charter School, Manhattan, NYC 2014-2015
Served as the Great Oaks Community Service Coordinator by organizing fundraisers and community outreach projects for students.

Co-taught a French language course and tutored middle school students in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science.

Freelance Translator, Vice-HBO, Brooklyn, NYC 2014-2015

Assisted with developing documentary film projects that research political issues by translating footage collected in Niger and Sierra Leone from French to English using Annotation Edit software.

**FELLOWSHIPS,
AFFILIATIONS &
AWARDS**

Harvard Board of Freshman Advisors, 2016-present

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Graduate Student Associate, 2018-2019

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 2017-2018

Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies Tunisia Travel Grant, 2018

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2017

American Political Science Association Minority Fellowship, 2017

Harvard Weatherhead Center Initiative on Gender Inequality Research Grant, 2017

John C. and Katherine Vogelheim Research and Travel Grant, 2017

FXB Center for Health and Human Rights Travel Fellowship, 2016

Ngwa National Association USA Academic Achievement Award, 2014

UCSD Alumni Scholar Award, 2014

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, 2013

African Goodwill Scholar Award, African Focus Group, 2012

Women in International Trade- Gladys A. Moreau Award, 2012

Ujima Academic Achievement Award, 2012

American Institute of Foreign Studies International Scholar, 2012

UCSD Black Alumni Scholar, 2010- 2012

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS**

“Women, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development in Africa”, Black Doctoral Network Conference, October 2018

“Successful Strategies to Recruit and Retain a Diverse Faculty”, American Political Science Association Diversity and Inclusion Hack-a-thon, Group Presentation, August, 2018

“A Woman’s Beauty Lies in Her Head: The Politics of Economic Development”, Northwestern University Africanism(s) Graduate Conference, May 2018

“Empowerment and the Politics of Development”, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2017

“L’intersection entre l’identité et les ideologies coloniales”, Harvard University French and

Francophone Studies Graduate Conference, May 2016.

“The Resource Curse Under British and French Colonial Rule”, McNair Scholars National Conference, University of California, Berkeley, August 2013.

**UNIVERSITY
SERVICE**

Kuumba Singers of Harvard College, 2015-present

Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, 2016-2018

Ambassador, Harvard Advanced Leadership Institute, 2018

Editorial Intern, Transition Magazine, Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, 2017

Leader, “Understanding Laïcité in France and American Secularism” Diversity and Inclusion: French and American Perspectives Symposium, Harvard Kennedy School, 2017

SKILLS

Software: R, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Annotation Edit

Languages: French(advanced), Igbo(advanced), Spanish(proficient), Ikinyarwanda(basic)