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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison (Expected 2021)
Subfields: Comparative Politics and Political Theory

Minors: African Studies and Gender and Women’s Studies

Dissertation: Creating and Contesting Empire: The Colonial Legacy of Policing in Tanzania

Committee: Aili Mari Tripp (Chair), Annie Menzel, Erica Simmons, Scott Straus

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017

B.A., Government, Smith College (Cum Laude and Highest Honors), 2014

Additional Coursework: Graduate School of International Studies and Development, Geneva, Switzerland, 2013

Additional Training: The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, New York, June 2017

RESEARCH

- “Women’s Rights and Critical Junctures in Constitutional Reform in Africa (1951-2019),” with Aili Mari Tripp (revised and resubmitted, *African Affairs*)
- “The Colonial Origins of Police and Policing Sex in Tanzania” (under review)
- “‘A Challenge to Law and Order’: Contesting Police, Empire, and State in Tanganyika” (in preparation for submission)
- “Does the Prison Industrial Complex Exist in African Contexts?”
- “The Incomplete Single Story of a Homophobic Africa”

Online Publications and Datasets:

- *Forthcoming.* “Trends in Constitutional Reforms and Women’s Rights in Africa,” with Aili Mari Tripp. *Qualitative Data Repository*. QDR Main Collection.
- “How to Count What Counts: TIS the Season for Syllabi Metrics?” with Michael Tierney. *International Studies Quarterly*, March 2016.
- “How Does Aid Impact Democratic Change in Africa?” with Simone Dietrich and Joseph Wright. AidData Blog: *The First Tranche*, August 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Institute for Legal Studies Law and Society Graduate Fellowship, Law School University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020-2021
- Summer Initiative Funding Award, Political Science Department University of Wisconsin–Madison, Summer 2018, 2019, 2020
- Student Research Conference Travel Grant, Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Funding in the Graduate School University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 2019 and August 2019
- Scott Kloeck-Jenson International Internship Fellowship, Institute for Regional and International Studies University of Wisconsin–Madison, Summer 2019
- Hyde Dissertation Research Award, Center for Research on Gender and Women University of Wisconsin–Madison, Summer 2019

- African Studies Program Scholarship for Northwestern University's AfriSem Graduate Conference
University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 2019
- Royal Air Maroc Student Travel Award
African Studies Association, November 2018
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, Summer 2018
- Jordan Prize for year's best graduate paper on Africa, African Studies Program
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017-2018
- African Studies Summer Fieldwork Award
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Summer 2017
- Elections Research Center Fellowship
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016-2017
- Baer Fund, internship award for study in Geneva, Switzerland
Smith College, 2013
- Global STRIDE Research Fellowship (awarded to 50 incoming students)
Smith College, 2010-2012

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- November 2020: "Sexuality Studies and Imprisonment: Queering African Prison Studies." Roundtable with Brenna Munro, Ashley Currier, and Z'étoile Imma, African Studies Association, Virtual.
- October 2020: "'A Challenge to Law and Order': Contesting Police, Empire, and State in Tanganyika." The Sociology of Gender Brownbag (FemSem), University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- September 2020: "Contesting Police, Empire, and State in Tanganyika." Law and Society Graduate Fellows, Institute for Legal Studies, Law School University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- September 2020: "How 'Post' was Post-Colonial Policing in Independent Tanzania?" American Political Science Association, Virtual.
- February 2020: "The Colonial Roots of Policing Gender and Sexuality in Tanzania." The Sociology of Gender Brownbag (FemSem), University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- November 2019: "Colonization through Policing Gender and Sexuality in Tanganyika." African Studies Association, Boston, MA.
- October 2019: "International LGBTQ+ Refugee Casework and Colonial Archival Research of Summer 2019." Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowship Presentation, Institute for Regional and International Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- August 2019: "How Nonnormative Gender and Sexuality Became a Target of Violent Repression." Co-organized panel on State Power and Political Identities with Maayan Mor. American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- June 2019: "The Policing of Gender and Sexuality in Tanzania." Tanzania Watchers presentation, series organized by Freedom House, Washington, D.C.
- April 2019: "Policing Gender and Sexuality: The Persistence and Contestation of Colonizing Institutions in Tanzania." Africa at Noon public lecture, African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- April 2019: "How Nonnormative Gender and Sexuality Became a Threat to the State: Institutionalized Violence in Post-Colonial Africa." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- April 2018: "What Drives Political Actors to Restrict the Rights of Marginalized Groups? Contemporary Evidence from Tanzania." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- November 2017: "New Trends in Constitutional Reform and Women's Rights in Africa," with Aili Mari Tripp. African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- November 2017: "Why Do Political Actors Pull Back Rights? Historical and Contemporary Evidence from Tanzania." Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- February 2017: "Gender and the Expression of International Relations Knowledge and Attitudes," with Rachel Merriman-Goldring and Susan Peterson. International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

- October 2016: “Why Has the International Community So Significantly Impacted Public Opinion and Discourse on LGBTQ Rights and Politics in Certain African States Over the Past Decade?” Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- April 2016: “How Maps Shape Perceptions of International Security Issues,” with Daniel Maliniak, Elizabeth Martin, and Ashley Nicole Napier. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant:

- Political Science 439: The Comparative Study Of Genocide (Teaching Assistant for Scott Straus)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2020
- History 277: Africa: An Introductory Survey (Teaching Assistant for Neil Kodesh)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Fall 2019
- International Studies 523: Culture and the Global Workplace (Teaching Assistant for Online Course of International Internships Program)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Summer 2019
- African Cultural Studies 277: Africa: An Introductory Survey (Teaching Assistant for Matthew Brown)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2019
- Political Science 160: Introduction to Political Theory (Head Teaching Assistant for Daniel Kapust)
University of Wisconsin–Madison Fall 2018

Instructional Support:

- Legal Studies 450: Courts, Constitutionalism, and Human Rights (Reader and grader for Tinashe Hofisi)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Fall 2020
- Political Science 439: The Comparative Study Of Genocide (Wrote weekly quizzes for online summer course for Scott Straus)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2020
- International Studies 601: Topics in Global Security: Negotiating Peace in the African Great Lakes Region (Provided weekly logistical instructional support and mentored and evaluated students as a Graduate Assistant for Russell Feingold)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Fall 2018
- Political Science 362: African International Relations (Graded exams and final papers for Michael Schatzberg)
University of Wisconsin–Madison, Fall 2016

Guest Lectures:

- “The Global Landscape of LGBTQ+ Rights.” Guest lecture for Legal Studies 450: Courts, Constitutionalism, and Human Rights
University of Wisconsin–Madison, December 2020
- “Criminal Punishment in the British Empire: Colonialism and Sex Laws in Tanzania.” Guest lecture for Legal Studies 400: Law, Sexuality, and Society
University of Wisconsin–Madison, March 2020
- “Gender and Sexuality in African Contexts.” Guest lecture for African Cultural Studies 277: Africa: An Introductory Survey
University of Wisconsin–Madison, March 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Aili Mari Tripp, Research Assistant, July 2020 - June 2021
- Aili Mari Tripp, creation and analysis of constitutional database of women's rights reforms in all African countries, April 2017 - May 2020
- Aili Mari Tripp, creation of constitutional and legal database of women's rights reforms in MENA region for *Seeking Legitimacy* (2019), 2018-2019
- Emily Callaci, archival research on local and international reproductive issues and policies in African newspapers, 2017-2018
- Helen Kinsella, bibliographic research and editorial assistance, 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant March - December 2020
Armed Conflict Location and Events Data Project (ACLED)

- Pilot the collection of news reports of political violence targeting gender and sexual minorities in ten African countries.

Program Manager July 2015 - May 2016
Teaching, Research, and International Policy (TRIP) at the Global Research Institute
College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

- Design, field, and analyze elite and mass public snap polls and surveys on international affairs and the IR discipline.
- Maintain datasets and conduct analysis on the relationship between research, teaching, and international policy and politics.
- Manage up to 20 student research assistants every semester and summer.

Special Assistant to Co-Executive Director June 2014 - July 2015
AidData, Williamsburg, VA

- Coordinate strategic communications, program management, and policy outreach.
- Communicate AidData services and key findings to relevant stakeholders via publications, infographics, and blogposts.
- Provide research and information structures to improve targeted outreach to scholars, policymakers, and practitioners.

SERVICE

- Department of Political Science Graduate Program Committee,
Graduate Student Representative
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- Gender and Sexuality Campus Center, Volunteer and Peer Mentor
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017-Present
- African Cultural Studies Students Association, Public Outreach Coordinator
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2019

MEMBERSHIPS

- African Studies Association
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- “Abolitionist Restorative Justice Workshop,” Two-part intensive training to build solidarity within and across communities of color through engaging in liberated narratives, identifying and rejecting complicity in white supremacist culture, and collectively manifesting justice
Transformative Action Network, July-August 2020 (8 hours)
- “Wiki Scholar Training,” Six-week immersive course on how to research and write Wikipedia articles on state responses to the COVID-19 pandemic
Wiki Education, June-July 2020

- “Remote Readiness,” Five-part webinar for transitioning to online instruction: Access and Accessibility, Assessment and Activities, Communication and Collaboration, Content and Sharing, Course Outcomes and Storyboarding
University of Wisconsin–Madison, March 2020 (7.5 hours)
- “Indigenous Political Science: Opportunities for Innovation and Inclusion,”
Pre-Conference Short Course
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2019 (4 hours)
- “Accessibility and Inclusivity in the Classroom Workshop”
College of Letters and Sciences, University of Wisconsin–Madison,
November 2018 (1 hour)
- “Graduate Assistant Equity Workshop”
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin–Madison, September 2017 (3 hours)

**INTL.
EXPERIENCE**

Tanzania (2011, 2017); United Kingdom (2019); Switzerland (2013)

SKILLS

Languages: English (fluent), Swahili (ACTFL Advanced-Mid 2018),
French (advanced proficiency)

Software: Qualtrics, R, Stata, SQL

REFERENCES

Aili Mari Tripp (Chair)
Wangari Maathai Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women’s Studies
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