

# KADEN PAULSON-SMITH

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

**Assistant Professor of Democracy & Justice Studies  
(Political Science and Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies)**  
University of Wisconsin–Green Bay (2021-present)

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison (2021)**  
*Fields:* Comparative Politics and Political Theory  
*Dissertation:* Creating & Contesting Empire: The Colonial Legacy of Policing in Tanzania  
*Committee:* Aili Mari Tripp (Chair), Erica Simmons, Scott Straus, Annie Menzel

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

## RESEARCH

### Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- 2022. “Police fire on rioters’: everyday counterinsurgency in a colonial capital.” *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 33(4-5): 633-53.
- 2021. “Women’s Rights and Critical Junctures in Constitutional Reform in Africa (1951-2019),” with Aili Mari Tripp, *African Affairs* 120(480): 365-89.
  - “Replication Data for: Women’s Rights and Critical Junctures in Constitutional Reform in Africa (1951-2019).” *Harvard Dataverse*, V1.

### In Progress:

- “Colonial Crime Statistics and the Carceral State”
- “The Colonial Legacy of Policing as State-Building”

### Short Publications and Essays:

- “Criminal Justice Reform?” *CAHSS and Effect*, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, March 2022.
- “Political Violence Targeting LGBT+ Communities in Africa.” with Timothy Lay. *The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)*, December 2021.
- “Degrowth: Less Resource Use for More Wellbeing and Resilience” with Susan Paulson. *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, May 2021.
- “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

- Research Booster Award, *Creating and Contesting Empire: The Colonial Legacy of Policing in Tanzania*, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay, 2021-2023
- Mellon Wisconsin Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Summer 2021
- Institute for Legal Studies Law and Society Graduate Fellowship, Law School University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020-2022
- Continuity of Instruction Teaching Assistant Award, College of Letters and Sciences, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020
- Summer Initiative Funding Award, Political Science Department University of Wisconsin–Madison, Summer 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities (Department Nominee), Institute for Research in the Humanities University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020-2021
- 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 Kloock-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 (FLAS) 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

## CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- April 2022: “Colonial Crime Statistics and the Carceral State.” Politics of Identity Across the Subfields Conference-within-a-Conference, Midwest Political Science Association, virtual.
- April 2022: “The Colonial Legacy of Policing as State-Building.” Symposium on the Intellectual Legacies of Crawford Young, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- March 2022: “The Colonial Legacy of Policing in Tanzania.” PLATO (Participatory Learning and Teaching Organization) course, Global Affairs and the Media, Division of Continuing Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, virtual.
- October 2021: “‘Police Fire on Rioters, Africans Attack Patrol.’” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA and virtual.
- November 2020: “How ‘Post’ was Post-Colonial Policing?” African Studies Association, Virtual.
- 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.
- (Cancelled) April 2020: “Exposing the Colonial Roots of Policing Gender and Sexuality in Tanzania.” Gender and Women’s Studies Conference, Madison, WI.
- 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 Kloock-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

### Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay:

- Democracy and Justice Studies 101: Introduction to Democracy and Justice Studies  
Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022
- Democracy and Justice Studies 198: First Year Seminar: Birth of the Police  
Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022
- Democracy and Justice Studies 363: Topics: Global Politics of Policing  
Spring 2022
- Political Science 100: Global Politics and Society  
Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022
- Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 201: Introduction to LGBTQ Studies  
Fall 2022

### **Tutor, Odyssey Beyond Bars:**

- English 100, Columbia Correctional Institution, Spring 2022

### **Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison:**

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

### **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)

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

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

### **SERVICE**

- Instructional Development Council, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay, 2022-2025
- Reviewer for the *African Studies Review*
- Guest Subject Editor (Political Science) for the *American Journal of Undergraduate Research*
- 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**

- American Political Science Association
- African Studies Association
- Law and Society Association

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Distance Education Course Design Trail Guide, Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay, Spring 2022 (online course)
- Teaching with Technology Basecamp, Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, University of Wisconsin–Green Bay, Fall 2021 (online course)
- Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Training Institute, Temple University, July 11-16, 2021 (40+ hours)
- The Discussion Project Training, Wisconsin Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin–Madison, June 1-10, 2021 (14 hours)
- “Abolitionist Restorative Justice Workshop.” Transformative Action Network, July-August 2020 (8 hours)
- “Wiki Scholar Training” Wiki Education, June-July 2020 (6 weeks)
- “Remote Readiness” (5-part training on online instruction), 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)
- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, New York, June 2017 (2 weeks)

**INTL. EXPERIENCE**

Tanzania (2011, 2017); United Kingdom (2019, 2022); Switzerland (2013)

**SKILLS**

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

Software: Stata, Qualtrics

**REFERENCES**

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