Curriculum Vitae (July 2026)

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RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Board of Trustees Professor, Sociology, Northern Illinois University (NIU), DeKalb, Illinois, (2026 to present).

Presidential Research Professor, Sociology, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois, (2022 to 2026).

Professor (Assistant / Associate / Full), Department of Sociology, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois, (2003 to 2009; 2009 to 2017; 2017 to 2022).

Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois (2023 to 2027).

Professor, Department of Sociology, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois, (2017 to 2022).

Founding Director, Institute for Research and Policy Integration in Africa (IRPIA) (2023 to presents).

Editor-in-Chief, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* (*ACPR*), Indiana University Press, (2010 to present).

African Editor, *Critical Sociology*, Association for Critical Sociology & Sage (2018 to present).

Coordinator, Global Connections Pathway, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois (2016 to 2020).

Program Director, Sierra Leone Study Abroad Program, NIU (2010 and 2013).

Faculty Associate*,* Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies, NIU (2012 to present).

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Hunter College, New York, NY, 1999 to 2003.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, May 2003, New School for Social Research, New York, NY

M.A. (with Honors), Sociology, May 1999. New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Diploma of Higher Education (M.A. Equivalent), Sociology, March 1996. University of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria

HONORS AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED

Board of Trustees Professorship award (2026 – 2031), Northern Illinois University (NIU).

Presidential Research, Scholarship and Artistry Professorship award (2022 – 2026), NIU.

Invited Panelist, High level roundtable at the sidelines of the 80th UN General Meeting on "North-South Roundtable: A Deep Dive on the Next World Order" (September 25, 2025).

MAC Academic Leadership Program (ALDP) Fellow (2023/24).

*Visiting Distinguished Faculty (at large)***,** International Relations and Diplomacy, Riara University, Nairobi, Kenya (since 2021).

Opening keynote address to be delivered at the African Congress on Politics and Society, hosted by Sakarya University (Turkey) October 22–23, 2025.

Book Forward – wrote the forward to *Contemporary Africa and the Foreseeable World Order*, edited by Francis Onditi et al., Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019.

Outstanding International Educator Award, Northern Illinois University (2015).

Carnegie Foundation African Diaspora Fellow, Rongo University, Kenya (2014 & 2016).

*Senior Fellow***,** Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, Canada (2016-17).

Lillian Cobb Award for Achievement in Global Education and Service, NIU (2010).

Distinguish Service Award, Sierra Leone Community Association of Chicago (2008).

Fellow, Program on Ethnic and Federal Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (2002).

Fellow, Democracy and Diversity Summer Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies and Cape Town University, Cape Town, South Africa (January 2000).

Fellow, summer institute on "Attitudes, Identities, and Legitimacy: The Political System and the Nation." International Center, University of Tuebingen, Germany (July 2000).

Fellow, Hungarian Center for Defense of Human Rights, Budapest, Hungary (January 1995).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- TV appearances (News Central TV) – **over fifteen appearances** as expert analyst on various political and social issues across African countries, such as Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Sudan, Mozambique, Mali, etc. (**Dec. 2023 to present**). See some of the clips on my playlists and videos at: https://www.youtube.com/@abubah5592/featured
- TV appearance (23 WIFR TV). "Braiding is Tradition, but in Shops, Rockford Barber Says Licensing Still Matters" (June 12, 2025).
- TV appearance (23 WIFR TV). "Locals with ties to Israel and Palestine express fury over the attack on Gaza" Oct. 10, 2023.
- TV appearance (23 News WIFR). "Ukraine War, Protests and annexation" (Oct 4, 2022).
- TV appearance (Fox 32 Chicago). Topic: "Ukraine War, Russian Draft Mobilization" (September 22, 2022).
- TV appearance (Fox 32 Chicago), topic: war in Ukraine (April 2022)
- TV appearance (Al Jazeera), topic: Cote d'Ivoire war (12/28/10)
- TV appearance (Channel 13 WREX in Rockford), topic: Sierra Leone (9/5/14)
- IRPIA Webinar on "African knowledge: Deconstructing its Production and Application" organized by Institute for Research and Policy Integration in Africa (April 23, 2026).
- Northern Public Radio (interview on January 24, 2205) on South Africa and Gaza war.
- China Radio International—Beijing (10/30/2012), topic: Central African Republic civil war
- Wvon 1690 AM Radio, Dr. Carol Adams Show (several appearances in 2011), topics: Africa.
- Africa Kabisa WMBR 88.1 FM (September 2012), topic: Africa and civil wars
- Global Current 89.5 FM (October 2012), topic: Cote d'Ivoire war
- *GULAN Magazine*, Kurdistan, Iraq (January 22, 2024), topic: Conflicts in the Middle East
- *Mondo Economico*. "I golpe a catena in Africa? È il fallimento del progetto democratico." Interviewed by Massimo Ramaioli. September 11, 2023.
- *GULAN Magazine*, Kurdistan, Iraq (Aug 27, 2022), topic: Iran and conflicts in the Middle East
- *Bloomberg/Businessweek* (10/26/10), topic: Cote d'Ivoire war

- *Folha de S. Paulo*, Brazil (April 2011), topic: Cote d'Ivoire war
- *GULAN Magazine*, Kurdistan, Iraq (November 2011), topic: Iraq war
- *Northern Star*. "NIU professors discuss conflict between Israel, Hamas." October 20, 2023.
- Black Brown Bilingüe podcast (Oct. 30, 2020), topic: Immigration and Multilingualism

PUBLICATIONS

Books & Monograph

Bah, Abu Bakarr Bah and Nikolas Emmanuel. *International Statebuilding in West Africa: Civil Wars and New Humanitarianism in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Côte d'Ivoire* (Indiana University Press, 2024).

Bah, Abu Bakarr. *Breakdown and Reconstitution: Democracy, the Nation-State, and Ethnicity in Nigeria*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2005.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "Ethnic Conflicts and Management Strategies in Bulgaria, Sierra Leone and Nigeria." *Programme on Ethnic and Federal Studies Monograph New Series*, no. 3. Ibadan, Nigeria: John Archers Publishers, 2003.

Edited Books

Bah, Abu Bakarr (editor). *Glocalized Security: Domestic and External Issues in International Security*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2025.

Bah, Abu Bakarr (editor). *African States: Domestic and External Security Challenges*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2025.

Bah, Abu Bakarr (editor). *African Security: Local Issues and Global Connections*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2024.

Bah, Abu Bakarr (editor). *Post-Conflict Institutional Design: Peacebuilding and Democracy in Africa*. London: Zed Books/Bloomsbury Press, 2020.

Bah, Abu Bakarr (editor). *International Security and Peacebuilding: Africa, the Middle East, and Europe*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2017.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Bah, Abu Bakarr, Francis Onditi, et al. "Interethnic Marriages, Border Markets and Cattle Rustling: A Study of Ethnic Cleavages in Rural Kenya." *Journal of International Development* (2026): 1–17. https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.70084.

Bah, Abu Bakarr and Sirojuddin Arif. "Digitalized Electoral Democracy, Subversive Politics, and Islam: Indonesia in Comparative Perspective. *Comparative Sociology* 23, no. (2024): 547-582.

Bah, Abu Bakarr and Ibrahim Bangura. "Landholding and the Creation of Lumpen Tenants in Freetown: Youth Economic Survival and Patrimonialism in Postwar Sierra Leone." *Critical Sociology* 49, no. 7-8 (2023): 1289-1305.

Bah, Abu Bakarr, and Margaret Nasambu Barasa. “Indigenous Knowledge and the Social Construction of Patriarchy: The Case of the Bukusu of Kenya.” *Critical Sociology*, 49, 2 (2023): 217–232.

Bah, Abu Bakarr; Emmanuel, Nikolas. “Migration Cooperation between Africa and Europe: Understanding the Role of International Incentives.” In the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford University Press, 2022. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.735

Bah, Abu Bakarr and Nikolas Emmanuel. “Positive Peace and the Methodology of Costing Peacebuilding Needs: The Case of Burundi.” *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 43, no. 3 (2020): 299–318.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "People-Centered Liberalism: An Alternative Approach to International State-Building in Sierra Leone and Liberia." *Critical Sociology* 43, no. 7-8 (2017): 989-1007. [**Lead article**]

Bah, Abu Bakarr, “Civil Non-State Actors in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding in West Africa.” *Journal of International Peacekeeping* 17, no. 3-4 (2013): 313-336. [**Translated into Spanish** at *Campos en Ciencias Sociales* based at Universidad Santo Tomas in Colombia (vol. 8, #1, 2020)].

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “The Contours of New Humanitarianism: War and Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone.” *Africa Today* 60, no. 1 (2013): 3-26. [**Lead article**]

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “State Decay: A Conceptual Frame for Failing and Failed States in West Africa.” *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society* 25, no. 1-3 (2012): 71-89.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “State Decay and Civil War: A Discourse on Power in Sierra Leone.” *Critical Sociology* 37, no. 2 (2011): 199-216.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “Democracy and Civil War: Citizenship and Peacemaking in Côte d’Ivoire.” *African Affairs* 109, no. 437 (2010): 597-615. [**Translated into Spanish** at *Campos en Ciencias Sociales* based at Universidad Santo Tomas in Colombia (vol. 8, #2, 2020)].

Bah, Abu Bakarr, “Racial Profiling and the War on Terror: Changing Trends and Perspectives.” *Ethnic Studies Review* 29, no. 1 (2006): 76-100.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “Reconciling Ethnic and National Identities in a Divided Society: The Nigerian Dilemma of Nation-State Building.” *Democracy & Development: Journal of West African Affairs* 4, no. 2 (Harmattan Edition 2004): 27-43.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “Approaches to Nation Building in Post Colonial Nigeria.” *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* (renamed *Political and Military Sociology: An Annual Review*) 32, no. 1 (Summer 2004): 45-60.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “Changing World Order and the Future of Democracy in sub-Saharan Africa.” *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas* 21, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 3-12.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. “Women in Present-day West African Societies.” *Annuaire de L’Universite de Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski,” Faculte de Philisophie, Livre—Sociologie* 87 (1995): 111-128; (in Bulgarian language).

Peer-reviewed book chapters

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "Contemporary Nationalisms and Conceptions of National Security: Military Power and the Reshaping of International Security" in *Glocalized Security: Domestic and External Issues in International Security,* pp. 24- 68, edited by Abu Bakarr Bah. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2025.

Bah, Abu Bakarr and Kassandra Gonzalez. "Domestic and External Militarization under Democratic Governance: The Case of Sierra Leone" in *African States: Domestic and External Security Challenges*, pp. 81-118, edited by Abu Bakarr Bah. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2025.

Bah, Abu Bakarr and Nikolas Emmanuel. "African Realities and Knowledge Production: Conceptions of Civil Wars, International Interventions, and State Building" in *African Security: Local Issues and Global Connections*, pp. 30 – 54, edited by Abu Bakarr Bah. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2024.

Bah, Abu Bakarr and Fredrick Ogenga. "Institutional Design, Democracy, and Peacebuilding in Africa" in *Post-Conflict Institutional Designs in Africa*, edited by Abu Bakarr Bah. London: Zed Books/University of Chicago Press, 2020.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "African Agency in New Humanitarianism and Responsible Governance," in *International Security and Peacebuilding: Africa, the Middle East, and Europe*, pp. 148 – 169, edited by Abu Bakarr Bah. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2017.

Policy and non-refereed academic publications

Bah, Abu Bakarr, "The Ukraine War: An African Perspective into International Security." In Annual Report on African Geopolitics, edited by Abdelhak Bassou, pp: 95-101. Rabat, Morocco: Policy Center for the New South, 2023.

Bah, Abu Bakarr, "The Ukraine War and Strategic Shifts in International Relations." Leiden Security and Global Affairs Blog, June 29, 2023.

Bah, Abu Bakarr, "The Banality of Oppression, Multipolarity and the Ukraine War." *The Elephant*, November 11, 2022.

Bah, Abu Bakarr, "The Dialectics of Loyalty in African Politics: Rule of Law and Corruption." Democracy in Africa blog June 24, 2022.

Bah, Abu Bakarr, Mark Davidheiser, Niklas Hultin, and Tricia Redeker Hepner. "Introduction to *ACPR*: African Conflict in Global Perspective." *African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review* 1, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 1-7.

Bah, Abu Bakarr "Creole," in *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society*, edited by Richard T. Shaefer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications (2008).

Bah, Abu. "How Ethical is it to Purchase or Sell Weapons in Either Cash or Credit Instead of Financing Social and Economic Development?" in *Science, Technology, and Ethical Priorities*, edited by Jennifer Seltzer, 172-175. Washington: Student Pugwash USA, 1997.

Book reviews

Book review of *Nation Building, Propaganda, and Literature in Francophone Africa*, by Dominic Thomas, in *Journal of Military and Political Sociology* 32, no. 1 (2004): 165-166.

Book review of *The Peasant Cotton Revolution in West Africa: Côte d'Ivoire, 1880 -1995*, by Thomas Bassett. *Journal of International Labor and Working Class History* 63 (2003): 173-175.

KEYNOTES, INVITED LECTURES, AND TESTIMONIES

Invited lecture on "Glocalized Security and Democracy in Divided Societies: A critical refection on the challenges of peace and democracy in Sudan" at Chr Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, June 8, 2026

Opening keynote address on "The Glocality of African Peace and Development: Opportunities and Challenges" delivered at the African Congress on Politics and Society, hosted by Sakarya University (Turkey) October 22–23, 2025.

Invited Panelist, High level roundtable at the sidelines of the 80th UN General Meeting on "North-South Roundtable: A Deep Dive on the Next World Order" (September 25, 2025).

Invited lecture on "African at a Global Crossroads: Security, Minerals, and International Realignments" at Soka University, Tokyo, Japan (June 25, 2025).

Invited speaker and mentor, Young Scholars Initiative Workshop at the 100th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International, Marriott Marquis San Francisco, California (June 20 to 24, 2025).

Invited speaker, "Africa Since Independence: A glocal approach to the challenges of sovereignty" at NZUKO 2025 - AFRICA WEEK, Organized by AfrikaFora [https://africafora.com] (May 23 – 24, 2025).

Invited speaker, "The International Community's Role in the DR Congo." Webinar organized by African Liberty [https://www.africanliberty.org] (April 25, 2025).

Guest of Honor at the "State Fragility in Africa Conference" held at the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Rabat, Morocco (December 17, 2024).

Guest speaker, "African Security and Diplomacy" at the School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Riara University, Nairobi, Kenya (October 23, 2024).

Invited panel member, "I'm Tenured. Now What? Exploring Post-Tenure Career Paths" NIU, DeKalb, IL Nov. 11, 2024.

Guest of Honor Lecture on "Contemporary Nationalisms and Conceptions of National Security in Glocalized Security: Military power and the reshaping of international security" at the Inaugural Session of the XXV Annual International Conference 2024 on "World Peace: An Essential Ingredient for Survival of Humanity and the Planet." Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, Dwarka, Delhi, India, January 6-7, 2024.

Invited lecture, "Glocality and African Security Challenges: A Glocal Approach to Sustainable Peacebuilding, presented at the Sustainable Regional Peacebuilding in Africa: Practices and Disconnects Conference organized by the Interdisciplinary Fellow Group on Sustainable regional peacebuilding, Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA), University of Ghana, Legon Campus, Accra, November 27-28, 2023.

Invited panel member on "Researching at Predominantly White Institutions" organized by the Society of Black Student Scientists and Entrepreneurs (SBSSE) at the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA), November 8, 2023.

Keynote speaker on "The State and Social Justice in Global and Comparative Perspectives: From Oppression to Inclusive Social Democracy." The 4th International Indonesia Conference on Interdisciplinary Studies (IICIS), "Defining the Interest of Indonesian Society and State to Achieve Welfare and Justice." University of Lampung, Indonesia, November 2, 2023.

Invited lecture on "Glocality and African Security Policies: The domestic and external dimensions to African security." Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA), Egypt. Oct. 23, 2023.

Invited lecture on "Emerging Powers and African Securitization: Big Powers and Small Powers in African States." Sakarya University, Turkey. Oct. 17, 2023.

Invited panel member at the "Expert Workshop: Key Factors Influencing Russian Engagement in Côte d'Ivoire." Center for Crisis Early Warning, University of the Bundeswehr Munich, October 13, 2023.

Invited panel member, "Panel 1: The African Approach to Collective Security" at the 7th edition of the African Peace and Security Annual Conference (APSACO) on "Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Africa." Policy Center for the New South, Morocco, July 10-11, 2023.

Invited talk "The Ukraine War and Strategic Shifts in International Relations: The possibilities of a multipolar peace." Seminar on "Conflict and Peacebuilding: Local and Global Context." State Islamic State University (UIN) Jakarta, Indonesia, June 21st, 2023.

Invited lecture, "Sociological Epistemology and the Global South: A Glocalized Articulation and Critique of Knowledge." The Indonesia Sociology Study Program Association International Joint Lecture Series on Sociology and The Transformation of World New Society in the State Islamic University Bandung, Indonesia. June 20, 2023.

Invited lecture. "Doing Fieldwork for Political Research: Opportunities and Challenges." Indonesian International Islamic University, Jakarta. June 16, 2023.

Invited lecture on "The Ukraine War and the Challenges of Glocalized Security" to be delivered at Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique, Rabat, Morocco, March 8, 2023.

Invited lecture on "Democracy, Ethnicity, and Religion: An African Lens on Politics in Divided Societies" delivered at Indonesian International Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, January 20, 2023.

Invited lecture on "Challenge of Post War Settlements: A special focus on the African Continent" delivered to Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy, November 29, 2022.

Invited panel member, Distinguished Board sponsored panel on "African Perspectives on Russia-Ukraine War." Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, November 17-19, 2022.

Invited lecture on "Glocalized Security and International State-Building in West Africa" delivered to the Political Science Global Politics Seminar Series, Northern Illinois University, October 21, 2022.

Invited panelist on "I'm Tenured. Now What? Exploring Post Tenure Career Paths", Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, October 4, 2022.

Invited panelist. "Rebuilding Democracy Lecture Series: International Roundtable, Northern Illinois University, April 12, 2023.

Public lecture, "Democracy in a divided society: An institutional Design Approach to Democracy" at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, March 8, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, "The Production, Packaging, and Use of Knowledge: The Indigenous and the Scientific Modes of Knowledge" at the 2nd International Conference on Heritage and Sustainable Development Goals in Africa, Kisii University, Kenya, October 5 -7.

Public lecture, "Knowledge Production and University Visibility" at Riara University, Nairobi, Kenya, Oct. 9, 2021.

Public Lecture on "New Humanitarianism: Wars, State-Building, and Globalism" organized by the Art Museum, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, September 23, 2021.

Invited to serve as discussants at the Brainstorming Workshop on Next Generation Peacebuilding in Africa, Social Science Research Council, New York, June 1, 2021.

Invited panelist on "Post-Tenure Career Paths: Cultivating a Mentoring Culture at NIU", Northern Illinois University, March 5, 2021.

Invited to chair the Carnegie Foundation Sponsored Panel on "Conflict in the Digital Space" at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 19-21, 2020.

Invited lecture. "Global Governance and Populism: The Economic and Social Imperatives of Globalization" presented at the Future of Globalization conference at Renmin University, Beijing, China, October 11 – 14, 2019.

Guest speaker. "Institutional Design, Democracy, and Peacebuilding in Africa." Institute of African Affairs, GIGA German Institute of Global and Areas Studies, Hamburg, Germany (April 8, 2019).

Invited lecture. "Civil Military Action under Democratic Governance in Sierra Leone." The workshop on "Security Threats, Militarization and the Democratic Accountability of the Use of Military Force" GIGA German Institute of Global and Areas Studies Hamburg, Germany (April 8 – 10, 2019).

Expert witness. "Expert Statement/Affidavit to the United States Immigration Court" in relation to asylum cases from citizens of African countries (multiple cases from law firms and Columbia University Law Clinic).

Guest speaker. "Recent Elections: Political Processes and Post-Conflict Institutions in Africa." Institut Prospective et Sécurité en Europe, Paris, France (June 28, 2018).

Guest speaker. "The 2018 Kenyan Elections." U.S. State Department, Washington, DC (June 27, 2017).

Invited speaker. "Pluralism Lens." The Second Annual Global Pluralism Think Tank, Global Centre for Pluralism, Ottawa, Canada (March 31 to April 1, 2017).

Invited plenary speaker. "Post-Conflict Institutional Design: Challenges and Opportunities for Peace and Democracy in Africa." International Peace Research Association 26th Biannual Conference (Sierra Leone, November 27 and December 1, 2016).

Invited plenary speaker. "Perspectives to Peacebuilding in Africa: an overview." Second African Peacebuilding Network Grantee Workshop organized by the Social Science Research Council (New York), Kampala, Uganda, December 13-16, 2016.

Keynote address. "Post-Conflict Institutional Design and the Challenges of African Democracy." Third International Conference, Laikipia University, Kenya, May 24 – 27, 2016.

Public seminar. "Post-Conflict Institutional Design and the Challenges of African Democracy." Department of Sociology, University of Nairobi, Kenya, June 8, 2016.

Public lecture. "Post-Conflict Institutional Design and the Challenges of African Democracy." Kisii University, Kenya, May 23, 2016.

Public lecture. "Post-Conflict Institutional Design and the Challenges of African Democracy." Rongo University, Kenya, May 31, 2016.

Invited speaker. "Pluralism Lens Project: Cote d'Ivoire Case-Study." Think-Tank seminar (January 29-30, 2016), organized by the Global Centre for Pluralism, Ottawa, Canada.

Invited speaker. "Positive Peace Case Studies: Cote d'Ivoire." From Theory to Practice: Inaugural Positive Peace Conference. Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law, Stanford University, October 5, 2015.

Invited plenary speaker. "Promoting Global Visibility of Locally Produced Research-Based Knowledge by African Scholars working on Peacebuilding Research." Second African Peacebuilding Network Grantee Workshop organized by the Social Science Research Council (New York), Arusha, Tanzania, January 26-30, 2015.

Invited lecture. "State-building in Africa: The challenges, promises, and power of agency." delivered to Rongo University College (Kenya), June 16, 2014.

Invited presentation. "People-Centered Liberalism and International State-building in West Africa." to the University of Illinois--Urbana Champaign sociology department brown-bag, April 18, 2014.

Keynote address. "African Agency and the Contours of State-Building in Africa." African Students Organization 11th Annual Forum, "The (Un)spoken Emergent Africa: Myths and Realities, University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign, April 19, 2014.

Invited lecture. "Women Non-State Actors in Peacebuilding." Women, War and Peace Conference, Virginia Commonwealth University, September 20-21, 2013.

Invited lecture. "Extending Access: Tackling the Digital Divide." Africa and Information Technology: Practices, Potentials and Challenges Conference, Center for African Studies, University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign, September 11-13, 2013.

Invited plenary speaker. "Academic Writing in Africa and the Challenge of Global Visibility." African Peacebuilding Network Grantee Workshop organized by the Social Science Research Council (New York) and the African Leadership Centre (Kenya), Nairobi, August 26-30, 2013.

Invited speaker. "Summary and Future Research Agendas." Peacebuilding in West Africa: Looking for Answers conference. Center for African Studies, University of Illinois--Urbana Champaign, March 11, 2013.

Invited lecture. "The Limits of Democracy: Constitutionalism and Political Violence." High Level Workshop on "Northern Nigeria: The Dynamics of Social and Political Conflict." The Citizenship Initiative, University of South Florida, November 13-15, 2012.

Invited presentation. "Role of Non-State Actors in Peacekeeping Efforts in West Africa." International Peacekeeping in Africa Conference. Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, November 22-24, 2012.

Invited lecture. "Peace & Conflict in West Africa." Cambridge Main Library organized by the West African Research Association and the Cambridge Peace Commission, Sept. 27, 2012.

Invited lecture. "Publishing Academic Research." West African Research Association Peace Initiative Third Conference, Praia, Cape Verde, December 12-14, 2011.

Guest speaker. "Ethnic Conflicts and Management Strategies in Bulgaria, Sierra Leone and Nigeria." Program on Ethnic and Federal Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Aug. 2002.

Invited class lecture. "Literacy and its Challenges in sub-Saharan Africa." College of Staten Island, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. October 2000.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND CONSULTATIONS

- BTI Transformation Index, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany, Country Consultant for Cote d'Ivoire (2023, 2024, 2025).
- United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office and PeaceNexus Foundation grant, *Methodologies to Cost Peacebuilding Needs* (with Nikolas Emmanuel), 2017.
- *Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship*, Carnegie Foundation/Institute of International Education, 2016. Project: "Universities as Potential Sites for Radicalization and Impacts on State-Building."
- *CADFP Mini-Grant for Conference Participation*, Carnegie Foundation/Institute of International Education, 2016, (with Dr. Fredrick Ogenga).
- *Research and Artistry Grant*, NIU, 2016. Project: "Post-Conflict Institutional Designs: Peacebuilding and Democracy in Kenya and Sierra Leone."
- *Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship*, Carnegie Foundation/Institute of International Education, 2014. Project: Rongo University College (Kenya) peace and conflict curriculum development and research collaboration."
- *Multi-country Research Fellowship*, Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), 2012. Project title: "International State-Building: Lessons from the Civil Wars in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire."
- Varieties of Democracy, *Consultant: Country Expert (Sierra Leone)*, Kellogg Institute (University of Notre Dame) and University of Gothenburg (Sweden), 2013 to present. Project title: "Varieties of Democracy."
- *Cobb Fellowship*, NIU, 2016. Project title: "Center for Media, Democracy, Peace and Security (Rongo University College) Research Collaboration."
- *Sabbatical,* Northern Illinois University, 2010 and 2018.
- *Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Research in West Africa*, West African Research Association, Summer 2008. Project tile: "State Decay and Regional Insecurity: A Critical Examination of the International Peace Mediation in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Cote d'Ivoire."
- *Cobb Fellowship*, NIU, 2009. Project: "Study Abroad Program to Sierra Leone."
- *Research and Artistry Grant*, NIU, Summer 2005. Project title: "State Decay and Regional Insecurity: A Critical Examination of the Peace Mediation role of the International Community in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Cote d'Ivoire."
- *Multicultural Curriculum Transformation Institute Grant*, Provost's Task Force on Multicultural Transformation, NIU, May 2005.
- *Dissertation Fellowship***,** New School for Social Research, 2001-2002.
- *Elinor Goldmark Dissertation Fellowship***,** New School for Social Research, 2000-2001.

- *Doctoral Fellowship***,** Toda Institute, 2000-2001.
- *New Social Science Training Fellowship***,** New School for Social Research, 1999.
- *University Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 1998-2000.
- *Graduate Faculty Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 1997-1998.
- *Bulgarian Fellowship*, United Nations, 1990–96.

INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Volunteer (driver), Road to Recovery Program, American Cancer Society (DeKalb, IL chapter), 2016 to 2020.

Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology, NIU, June 2023 to present.

Founding Director, Institute for Research and Policy Integration in Africa (IRPIA), 2023 to present.

Founding-Editor, *African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review* (Indiana University Press), 2010 to present.

Member, Editorial Board, *National Security Journal* (official journal of the National Defense University in Kenya), 2025 to present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Academic Inquiries* (Sakarya University Publications and Social Sciences Institute, Turkey), 2023 to present.

Member, International Advisory Board, *Journal of Asian Social Science Research* (Centre for Asian Social Science Research, Universitas Islam Negeri (UIN) Bandung, Indonesia (2023 to 2024).

President (2013-14). PHI BETA DELTA Honor Society for International Scholars, NIU Chapter.

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Center for Media, Democracy, Peace, and Security (CMDPS). Rongo University College, Kenya (2014 to 2018).

Member, John Ruggie ISA Best Book Prize Selection Committee, International Studies Association (2023).

Member, Presidential Research Professorship Selection Committee, NIU (2022 - 2026).

Member, Presidential Commission on Interfaith Initiatives, NIU (2021 to 2025).

Member, Research Subcommittee for the Presidential Commissions, NIU (2022 to 2025).

Member, Provost Task Force on Innovative Curriculum, Northern Illinois University (2021 to 2023).

Member, Steering Committee, Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication, University of Tetova (Macedonia) and Northern Illinois University (2016).

Member, International Affairs Advisory Council, Northern Illinois University (2015-2018).

Member, Task Force on Internationalization, Northern Illinois University (2015 to 2018).

Member, Board of Directors, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (2015 to 2018).

Member, Board of Directors, West Africa Research Association (2009-2012).

Chair, Recruitment Committee, Sociology Department, NIU (2011/12; 2012/13).

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department, NIU (2007-09; 2013/2014; 2015/16; 2019/20; 2019/20).

Member, University Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum, NIU (2013 to 2016).

Member, Honorary Degree Committee, NIU (2015/16).

Member, Progressive Learning in Undergraduate Studies (PLUS) Implementation Committee, NIU (2014 to 2019).

Member, University Personnel Appeal Hearing Panel, NIU (2014/2015; 2016/17).

Member, Executive Council, Sociology Department, NIU (2004/05; 2008/09; 2012/13; 2016/17; 2021/22).

Member, Director of Center for NGO Leadership and Development Search Committee, NIU (2012/2013).

Member, By-laws Committee, Center for NGO Leadership and Development, NIU (2013/14).

Member, Personnel Committee, Center for NGO Leadership and Development NIU (2014/15).

Member, Local Arrangement Committee, Annual Meeting of the African Studies, Chicago, 2017.

Member, Local Arrangement Committee, African Studies conference, Chicago 2008 and 2017.

Member, Board of Directors of Jane Adeny Memorial School, Fort Ternan, Kisumu County, Kenya, (2012 – 2019).

Member, Board of Directors, Adventure Works, DeKalb, IL (2021 to present).

Secretary General, Center for Defense of Human Rights-Bulgaria, Sofia, 1993-1996.

Reviewer (selected), *Journal of Peacebuilding & Development*, *Democratization*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Political Geography Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *American Sociological Review*, *Ethnic Studies Review*, *Political and Military Sociology: An Annual Review*, *Africa Today*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*, *Critical Sociology*, Palgrave Macmillan Press, Kent State University Press, Carnegie Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation, NOREF—Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre, Institute of International Education, Bertelsmann Transformation Index, Verities of Democracy, PeaceNexus, UN Peacekeeping, and National Science Foundation (USA).

External Reviewer for tenure and promotion – cases at a state university in Ohio (2025), a private university in Minnesota (2025), a national university in Sierra Leone (2025), a state university in Virginia (2022), a private university in Kenya (2021), a state university in Texas (2019), a national university in South Africa (2018), and a national university in South Africa (2017).

Books Endorsements (back covers): Marco Wyss, *Félix Houphouët-Boigny* (Ohio University Press, 2026); Evert Kleynhans and Marco Wyss (eds.) *The Handbook of African Defence and Armed Forces* (Oxford University Press, 2025); Abidde, Sabella Ogbobode and Walters Tohnji Samah (eds.) *Maritime Security Challenges in Africa: Piracy, Armed Robbery, Smuggling, Kidnapping, and Terrorism* (Palgrave Macmillan 2025); Bangura, Irene D Mngutyo, and Cyril Obi (eds.) *African Youth during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Urban mobilities and peacebuilding trajectories* (Routledge: 2025); Cromer, Gia. *Transitioning Education in Africa: External Education Providers, Emergencies, and Authoritarian*

Structures by (Lexington Books, 2023); Witt, Antonia *Undoing Coups: The African Union and Post-coup Intervention in Madagascar* (Zed Books, 2020); Zerai, Assata et al. Olemako, Teresia, et al. *Safe Water, Sanitation, and Early Childhood Malnutrition in East Africa: An African Feminist Analysis of the Lives of Women in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda* (Lexington Books, 2018).

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Chair, Panel on "Security Activities of Foreign Powers in Africa." African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, December 2024.

Discussant, Panel on "Democratic Backsliding in West Africa: Explanations and Cases Part I." African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, December 2024.

Co-Organizer, Research Committee session on "Securitizing the State? The Challenges of Illiberal Democracies and Authoritarian Benevolence" XX ISA World Congress of Sociology (June 25-July 1, 2023), Melbourne, Australia.

Co-Organizer, Research Committee session on "The Military and Politics in 21st Century" XX ISA World Congress of Sociology (June 25-July 1, 2023), Melbourne, Australia.

Convenor, "Special Panel Session: Glocalized Security and Peacebuilding in the Global South" at the 2nd Symposium on "Beyond Great Powers: Multi-World Orders, Trans-Oceanic Sovereignty, and Hegemonic Civilization, Indonesian International Islamic University, Jakarta, June 14-15, 2023.

Co-Chair, workshop and lunch of ACPR Special issue on "The 2020 Juba Agreement for Peace in Sudan and Prospects for Peacebuilding in Darfur" hosted by Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy, November 19, 2022.

Chair, Panel on "Knowledge Production and African Peace and Conflict Epistemology." WARA Midwest Conference, July 26-27, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Chair, Session on "Lightning Talk: Global Governance and Regionalism", 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Conference, April 7 - 10, 2022, Chicago.

Discussant, Session on "JSS: Civil Conflict: Understudied Actors and Emerging Perspectives", 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Conference, April 7 - 10, 2022, Chicago.

Chair/Discussant, panel on "The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Empirical Studies on Religion, Conflict and Peace." American Political Science Association, Annual meeting (Oct. 2021).

Convener, panel on *Africa Rising: Utopic or real normative power?* Rethinking Development: Development Research Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden (August 22-23, 2018).

Responder, panel on *Safe Water, Sanitation and Early Childhood Malnutrition in East Africa: An Africana Feminist Analysis of the lives of Women and Children in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda,* International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign (May 18, 2018).

Presider, panel on *Teaching, School Culture, and the Sociological Imagination*. The Association for Humanist Sociology, 42nd Annual Meeting, Havana, Cuba (November 1-5, 2017).

Presider, panel on *Politics, Power and Resistance Movements*. The Association for Humanist Sociology, 42nd Annual Meeting, Havana, Cuba (November 1-5, 2017).

Organizer, session on *Irregular Wars: Conflict Studies I*. RC01, International Sociological Association, Third Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria (July 10-14, 2016).

Chair, panel on *Post-Conflict Institutional Designs in Africa*. Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding Commission. International Peace Research Association 26th Biannual Conference, Sierra Leone (November 27 to December 1, 2016).

Chair, session on *Urbanism in the Global South*. Globalization: The Urban Crisis and Economic Democracy. Global Studies Association annual conference, University of Toledo, Ohio (June 12-14, 2015).

Chair, session on *The Place of Language in War-making and Peacebuilding in Africa*. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 2014.

Member, *Carnegie African Diaspora Fellows Roundtable*. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 2014.

Chair, session on *International Humanitarian Intervention and State-Building*. Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution, RC01, XVIII International Sociological Association, World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan (13-19 July 2014).

Chair, session on *New Humanitarianism and International State-Building*. Working Group on Historical and Comparative Sociology, WG02, XVIII International Sociological Association, World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, 13-19 July 2014.

Chair, "African Independence: Structural Challenges to Peace in African States." Roundtable sponsored by the West African Research Association at the 54th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 17-19, 2011.

Discussant, Panel on *Humanitarian Action: Actors and Policies (2)*. Third Global International Studies Conference, organized by the World International Studies Committee, Porto, Portugal, August 17-20, 2011.

Chair, Session on *The State in National and International Struggles*. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago (November 2008).

CONFERENCE PAPERS (selected)

"Military Power, Contemporary Nationalism, and Conceptions of National Security under Glocalized Security" presented at the 18th Biennial ERGOMAS, Aarhus University, Denmark, May 31 to June 4, 2026.

"NATO Countries and Security in the Sahel: The Geopolitics of Mineral Resources and Migration" presented at the 18th Biennial ERGOMAS, Aarhus University, Denmark, May 31 to June 4, 2026.

"The Citizen-Soldier and Patriotism" presented at the workshop on Civil-Military Relations in the Euro-Atlantic Area, organized by Bundeswehr Centre of Military History and Social Sciences, Potsdam, Germany (Nov. 17-20, 2025).

"The Glocality of African Peace and Security: Understanding the Intersections for Sustainable Peace." Panel on Local Peacebuilding in Africa. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, December 2024.

"Whose West African Democracy? The Challenge of Inclusion and Sustainability." Panel on Democratic Backsliding in West Africa: Explanations and Cases Part II. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, December 2024.

"The Otherworldly Secular Conflict and Faith Based Housing: Menzil Community in Turkey" (with Osman Aydoğan). Fourteenth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, Institute of Religious Studies, Universidad Complutense Madrid, Madrid, Spain, May 23 - 24, 2024.

"Indonesian Democratic Consolidation and the Challenges of Digitalized Electoral Democracy." Asian Political and International Studies Association 17th Annual Congress, "Towards New Modalities of Governance in Asia: E-democracy, Civil Society, and Human-Centred Policymaking." Bali, Indonesia, June 29 to Saturday, July 1, 2023.

"Ethnic Politics, Illiberal Democracy and Power: The Cases of Sierra Leone and Guinea." Research Committees session "Securitizing the State? the Challenges of Illiberal Democracies and Authoritarian Benevolence" XX ISA World Congress of Sociology (June 25-July 1, 2023), Melbourne, Australia.

"Military Regimes and Human Security in West Africa: A Critique of Democratic Failures in Mali and Guinea." Research Committees session "The Military and Politics in 21st Century" XX ISA World Congress of Sociology (June 25-July 1, 2023), Australia.

"Digitalized Electoral Democracy: Islam, Political Campaigns, and the Media." Presented (with Sirojuddin Arif) at the 2022 G20 Bali Summit in Focus: Indonesia on the Global Stage, organized by University of Widya Mataram in collaboration with the Northern Illinois University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. January 24 – 25, 2023.

"African Epistemologies of Peace and Conflict and Knowledge Production" presented to panel on "Knowledge Production and African Peace and Conflict Epistemology." WARA Midwest Conference, July 26-27, 2022, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

"Contemporary Nationalisms and Conceptions of National Security: military power and the reshaping of international security" Dealing with Disasters Conference, 9th-10th June 2022, Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK.

"European-African Migration Cooperation: Agency within an Incentives Approach" (with Nikolas Emmanuel) presented to session on Comparative Politics Meets IR: Migration, Peacekeeping, Economic Development and Military, 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Conference, April 7 - 10, 2022, Chicago.

"Glocalized Security: The Wars in Yemen and the Horn of Africa." New Gulf Streams Middle East and Easter Africa intersected; 4th AEGIS Thematic Conference on Africa in the Indian Ocean, Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon (September 16-17, 2021).

"The Gentry and the Lumpen Tenants: Corruption and Environmental Damages in Africa." The Association for Humanist Sociology, 42nd Annual Meeting, Havana, Cuba (Nov. 1-5, 2017).

"African Security under Global Liberal Governance: The Nexus between R2P and Non-Indifference" (with Fredrick Ogenga). Fifth Global International Studies Conference, organized by the World International Studies Committee, Taiwan, April 1-3, 2017.

"The Creation of Lumpen Tenants in Freetown: Youth Economic Survival and Patrimonialism in Postwar Sierra Leone." Presented to the Global Studies Association annual conference, University of Toledo, Ohio, June 12-14, 2015.

"Civil Society and Public Finance Management in Postwar Sierra Leone and Liberia." Presented to the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis. November 2014.

"African Agency in New Humanitarianism and Responsible Governance." Panel on the geopolitics of African Peace and Security Architecture, International Studies Association 55th Annual Convention, March 26-29, 2014, Toronto, Canada.

"The Language of Nationalism in Postwar Reconstruction: Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire." Presented to the Second International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology, Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 1-4, 2012).

"Humanitarian Intervention and State-Building: New Humanitarianism in Theory and Practice." Presented to the Third Global International Studies Conference, organized by the World International Studies Committee, Porto, Portugal, August 17-20, 2011.

"The Contours of Humanitarian Intervention: War and Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone." Presented to the Third Annual Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Conference, Washington, DC, November 2010.

"International and Local Peace Initiatives: Lessons from the Conflict in Côte d'Ivoire." Presented to WARA/WARC Peace Initiative in West Africa Conference, Dakar, Senegal, Dec. 2009.

"State Decay and Civil War: A Discourse on Power in Sierra Leone." Presented to the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago. November 2008.

"Racial Profiling, the War on Terror, and Democracy: Changing Trends and Perspectives." Presented at the American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2005.

"State Decay, Refugee Formation, and Regional Stability in West Africa." Presented to the Towards an Africa Without Borders Conference, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, Oct. 8, 2004.

"Changing World Order and the Future of Democracy in Africa" presented to the Towards an Africa without Borders Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2003.

"Breakdown and Reconstitution: Problems and Prospects for Democracy and State-Building in Multiethnic Nigeria" presented to the conference on "The Road to Democratization: Freeways and Detours", Duke University, October 2001.

"Civic Nationality in Post-Communist Bulgaria." Presented to the summer institute on "Attitudes, Identities, and Legitimacy: The Political System and the Nation", University of Tübingen, Germany, July 2000.

"Reconciling Ethnic and National Identity in Divided Societies: The Nigerian Dilemma" presented to the "New Social Science Training Conference", TCDS, New School for Social Research, New York December 1999.

"How Ethical is it to Purchase Weapons in Either Cash or Credit Instead of Financing Social and Economic Development?" presented to the Student Pugwash International Conference on "Science, Technology, and Ethical Priorities", University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 1996.

"Human Rights Violations in Bulgaria" presented to the "East European Human Rights Network International Conference", Budapest, June 1995.

STUDENT MENTORING

- Sierra Leone Study Abroad: African Democracy and Socio-Economic Development, Freetown, Sierra Leone, May – June 2010 and June – July 2013.

- Visiting International Scholars Mentoring
  - Faculty mentor, Visiting scholar (Sakarya University, Turkey), Jan. – Dec. 2023.
  - Faculty mentor, Visiting Scholar (Indonesia), International Training Program
  - Led week long seminars for students from University of Makassar (summer 2013)
  - faculty advisor for doctoral students from University of Makassar (Fall 2013)
  - Served as guest speaker during program activities (several since 2004)

- Faculty mentor for project by Sofia Diaz (Music) and Ken Harris (Political Science) on "The Progression of Zouglou Protest Music in Côte d'Ivoire (1990s to present)" through the NIU College of Visual and Performing Arts Interdisciplinary Projects in Artistry and Research (completed and performed in April 2024).

Graduate and Undergraduate Courses

Classical Sociological Theory
Foundations of Sociology
Contemporary Sociological Theory
Race and Ethnic Relations
Sociology of Education
University Experience (UNIV 101)
Political Sociology
Democracy and Development
Sociology of the Military
Immigration
Contemporary Social Institutions

Dissertations and MA Theses Committees (selected)

Janek Sunga. Doctoral dissertation. "Impediments of Democratic Consolidation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Focusing on Ghana, Kenya, and Zambia." Political Science Department, NIU (dissertation committee member), in progress.

Jason Ardanowski. Doctoral dissertation. "Why Does Everybody Hate NGOs? How State Power Shapes International NGO's Security Identities and Roles." Political Science Department, NIU (dissertation committee member), in progress.

Sirojuddin Arif. Doctoral dissertation. "The State, Peasantry and State Responses to Food Crisis: The Politics of Agricultural Policy Formation in Indonesia and Nigeria." Political Science Department, NIU (dissertation committee member), defended May 2019.

Daniel Ghebretensae Ogbaharya. Doctoral dissertation. "Change and Continuity in Natural Resource Management: A Historical Institutional Analysis of Ethiopia and Namibia." Department of Political Science, Northern Arizona University (dissertation committee member), defended March 2013.

John Hink, Jr. Doctoral dissertation. "The Accident of Birth: Children, Birth Citizenship, and the Constitution, 1898-1986." History Dept. NIU (committee member), defended Oct. 2012.

Deb Kennedy. Doctoral dissertation: "The State's Role in Preventing Political Violence: An institutional Approach to Ethnic Conflict Resolution (Nigeria and Rwanda)." Political Science Department, NIU (dissertation committee member), defended June 2011.

Chris Jaffe. Doctoral dissertation: "`Us and Them': The Changing Boundaries of Acceptance and Exclusion for Incoming Ethnic, Religious, and Racial Groups in Rockford, Illinois, 1880-1933." History Department, NIU (dissertation committee member), defended: Mach 19, 2008.

Heather Heather LaCost. Doctoral dissertation, "Attributions of Organizational Politics: An Investigation of Locus of Causality, Justice, and Intentionality as Factors in Perceptions of Politics," Psychology Department, NIU (committee member), defended March 2005.

Shila Adhikari Devkota. MA thesis: “Success Narratives of Women’s Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Post Conflict Nepal.” Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), in progress.

Joel Quaye. MA thesis: "Regional Security and Stability in Sub-Saharan Africa: The role of the United States in Counter Terrorism and Combating Violent Extremism in Ghana." Sociology Department, NIU (committee member) in progress.

Jessica Deh. MA thesis: "Ideologies and Practices of Nonprofits and NGOs in the Child Welfare System; A Comparative Case of Ghana as First to Ratify and the U.S as a Non-ratifying Country." Sociology Department, NIU (committee member), defended May 2026.

Onyenum Ruth Udoh. MA thesis: “Audit Culture and Nonprofit in Dekalb County.” Department of Anthropology, NIU (committee member), defended, September 2025.

Md Imamul Hossain. MA thesis: “The Social Construction of Rohingya’s Citizenship Rights Leading to Statelessness.” Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), defended June 2025.

Nathan Katz. MA thesis: “Impression Management and the 2012 Presidential Primaries.” (Sociology Department, NIU (committee member), defended, spring 2015.

Jonathan Thomas, MA thesis: “Everything and Nothing: Hegemonic constructions of whiteness in American cinema.” Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), defended April 2014.

Jessica Petersen, “Conservatism, Class, and Race: An Ethnographic Study of the Tea Party Movement in Northern Illinois.” Sociology Dept. NIU (supervisor), defended March 2013.

Shawn Smith. MA thesis: “NGOs and Tanzania: Understanding Relationships in Community Development Strategies.” Anthropology, NIU, (committee member) defended March 2013.

Shay Galto. MA thesis: “Peace Education in Post-Genocide Cambodia.” Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), defended spring 2012.

Gary Myers. MA thesis: “Perceptions of Leadership among At-Risk Youths in Chicago.” Sociology Department, NIU (committee member), defended spring 2012.

Suzanne Banowsky. MA thesis: “Victim Advocacy.” Sociology Department.” Sociology Department, NIU (committee member), defended spring 2012.

Stephanie Lentz. MA thesis: “Rwandan Refugees Resettlement by the International Rescue Committee in Phoenix.” Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), defended Nov. 2007.

Tetyana Skorokhod. MA thesis: “The impact of Immigration on US Labor Market.” Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), defended November 2004.

Jacob Frank Michael. MA thesis: “Of Waste, Space, and Race: Toward a containment model of environmental racism.” Sociology, NIU (committee member), defended February 2006.

Tiffany Buchanan. MA thesis: “The World View of Racism: A Structural and Cultural Critique on the Development of the Self.” Sociology Department, NIU (committee member), defended November 2005.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Studies Association
International Sociological Association
African Studies Association
African Politics Conference Group

West African Research Association
American Sociological Association
Comparative and International Education Society
Global Studies Association
African Security Sector Network

LANGUAGES

English: fluent in reading, writing and speaking
Bulgarian: fluent in reading, writing and speaking
French: proficient in reading and speaking
Fulani: native speaker
Creole: native speaker
Arabic: basic reading, writing, and speaking

References: Available upon request