

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Professor, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University (NIU), DeKalb, Illinois, (2017 to present).

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois, 2009 to August 2017).

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

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

Coordinator, Global Connections Pathway, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois (2016 to 2018).

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

Faculty Associate, Center for NGO Leadership and Development, School of Public and Global Affairs, NIU (2012 to present).

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, NIU, DeKalb, Illinois, (2003 to 2009).

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Hunter College, City University of New York, 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

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED

Recipient, 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).

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

Recipient, 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).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Bah, Abu Bakarr. *Breakdown and Reconstitution: Democracy, the Nation-State, and Ethnicity in Nigeria*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2005.
- Bah, Abu Bakarr (editor). *International Security and Peacebuilding: Africa, the Middle East, and Europe*. Indiana University Press, 2017.

Monograph

- 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.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 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): pp. 989-1007.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 chapter

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "African Agency in New Humanitarianism and Responsible Governance," in *International Security and Peacebuilding: Africa, the Middle East, and Europe*, edited by Abu Bakarr Bah (Indiana University Press, 2017).

Non-refereed academic publications

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.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Positive Peace Case Studies: Cote d’Ivoire.” Invited case-study author and speaker at From Theory to Practice: Inaugural Positive Peace Conference. Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law, Stanford University, October 5, 2015.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Academic Writing in Africa and the Challenge of Global Visibility.” Invited plenary speaker at the 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.

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

“The Limits of Democracy: Constitutionalism and Political Violence.” Invited lecture at a high level workshop on “Northern Nigeria: The Dynamics of Social and Political Conflict.” The Citizenship Initiative, University of South Florida, November 13-15, 2012.

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

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

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

“Literacy and its Challenges in sub-Saharan Africa” invited lecture presented to the College of Staten Island, New York, October 2000.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

- United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office and PeaceNexus Foundation grant, *Methodologies to Cost Peacebuilding Needs*, [\$10,000] (with Nikolas Emmanuel), 2017.
- *Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship*, Carnegie Foundation/Institute of International Education, 2016, (\$7,912 stipend plus travel, insurance, and room/board in Kenya for one month). 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, up to \$8,000 plus travel insurance for presentation at WISC 2017 conference, Taiwan).
- *Research and Artistry Grant*, NIU, 2016 (\$9,000). Project: “Post-Conflict Institutional Designs: Peacebuilding and Democracy in Kenya and Sierra Leone.”
- *Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship*, Carnegie Foundation/Institute of International Education, 2014, (\$5,700 stipend plus transportation, insurance, and room/board in Kenya for three weeks). 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 (\$12,000). Project title: “International State-Building: Lessons from the Civil Wars in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Côte d’Ivoire.”
- *Consultant: Country Expert (Sierra Leone)*, Kellogg Institute (University of Notre Dame) and University of Gothenburg (Sweden), 2013 to present (\$2,500). Project title: “Varieties of Democracy” (multiyear and multi-million project funding).
- *Cobb Fellowship*, NIU, 2016 (\$2,500). Project title: “Center for Media, Democracy, Peace and Security (Rongo University College) Research Collaboration.”
- *Sabbatical*, Northern Illinois University, 2010.
- *Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Research in West Africa*, West African Research Association, Summer 2008, (\$5,000 plus matching funds from Northern Illinois University). Project title: “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 (\$2,400). Project: “Study Abroad Program to Sierra Leone.”

- *Research and Artistry Grant*, NIU, Summer 2005, (\$7,500). 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 (\$1,000)
- *Dissertation Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 2001-2002 (\$4,000)
- *Elinor Goldmark Black Dissertation Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 2000-2001 (\$4,000)
- *Doctoral Fellowship*, Toda Institute, 2000-2001 (\$5,000)
- *New Social Science Training Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 1999 (\$3,000)
- *University Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 1998-2000 (\$18,000/year, tuition)
- *Graduate Faculty Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 1997-1998 (\$17,000 per year, tuition)
- *Bulgarian Fellowship*, United Nations, 1990–96 (full tuition and living expenses, and travel; Sofia University)

INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Founding-Editor, *African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review* (Indiana University Press)

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

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 present)

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

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

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

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

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)

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 present)

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)

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, Annual Meetings of the African Studies, Chicago 2008 and 2017

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

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

Reviewer, *Journal of Peacebuilding & Development*, *Democratization*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Political Geography* *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *American Sociological 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.

Media Appearances: Al Jazeera TV (12/28/10), Channel 13 WREX in Rockford (9/5/14), Today show, China Radio International—Beijing (10/30/2012), Wvon 1690 AM Radio, Dr. Carol Adams Show (several appearances in 2011), *Bloomberg/Businessweek* (10/26/10), *Folha de S. Paulo*, Brazil (April 2011), *GULAN Magazine*, Kurdistan, Iraq (November 2011), Africa Kabisa WMBR 88.1 FM (September 2012), Global Current 89.5 FM (October 2012),

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

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

- “The Gentry and the Lumpen Tenants: Corruption and Environmental Damages in Africa.” The Association for Humanist Sociology, 42nd Annual Meeting, Havana, Cuba (November 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, August 1-4, 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“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, December 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, University 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.

“Ethnic Conflicts and Management Strategies in Bulgaria, Sierra Leone and Nigeria” guest speaker presented to the Program on Ethnic and Federal Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Aug. 2002.

“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 Tuebingen, 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

Study abroad programs directed

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

Visiting International Scholars Mentoring

- Faculty mentor, Visiting Scholar (Indonesia) Program, International Training Program
- Led week long seminars for students from University of Makassar (summer 2013)
- Served as faculty advisor for doctoral students from University of Makassar (Fall 2013)
- Served as guest speaker during program activities (several since 2004)

Graduate and Undergraduate Courses

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

Dissertations and MA Theses Committees (selected)

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), 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.

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.

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.

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

Greta Gustafson. MA thesis: "Gender Inequality and Human Development: A comparative study of developed and developing countries." Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), in progress.

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 Department, NIU (supervisor), defended March 2013.

Shawn Smith. MA thesis: "NGOs and Tanzania: Understanding Relationships in Community Development Strategies." Anthropology Department, 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, Arizona." Sociology Department, NIU (supervisor), defended November 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
 West African Research Association
 American Sociological Association
 Comparative and International Education Society

African Studies Association
 African Politics Conference Group
 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 and Creole: native speaker

Arabic: basic reading, writing, and speaking