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ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS

Morehouse College, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor, 2017- current
FYE Teaching Fellow, 2017-2019

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
PhD, Political Science, 2017
1st Field: International Relations (Examination Field)
2nd Field: Comparative Politics (Examination Field)
3rd Field: Political Theory

Doctoral Dissertation: *Outsourcing Justice: Africa and the Politics of the International Criminal Court*

Committee: Aida A. Hozic (Chair), Ido Oren, Leonardo A. Villalón,
Dan O'Neill, Sharon Abramowitz (Anthropology)

University of Nairobi, Kenya
Research Associate, January 2016 - June 2016

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
M.A., Political Science, February 2014

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
M.A., Political Science, March 2011
Thesis: "International Criminal Justice and State Sovereignty:
An African Perspective"

M.A., International Affairs, August 2011

Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco
Certificate of Completion of the Summer Intensive Arabic,
Intermediate Level, July 2011

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
B.A., International Studies, March 2009
Track: International Relations and Diplomacy

Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal
B.A., Geography, August 1999

BOOK

States of Justice: The Politics of the International Criminal Court. Cambridge University Press [forthcoming]
2019 International Studies Association (ISA) Northeast Scholars' Circle honoree

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Ba, Oumar. 2019. "Who Are the Victims of Crimes Against Cultural Heritage?" *Human Rights Quarterly*, 41(3): 578-595.

Ba, Oumar. 2017. "International Justice and the Postcolonial Condition." *Africa Today*, 63(4): 44-62.

Ba, Oumar. 2017. "Dislocated Narratives and Kenyan Life Fragments: Political Violence, Nationhood, and Justice in Flux." *Journal of Narrative Politics*, 3(2): 108-119.

Ba, Oumar. 2015. "The Court is the Political Arena: Performance and Political Narratives at the International Criminal Court." *African Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 1(2): 174-189.

Book Reviews

Ba, Oumar. "Review of Phil Clark. (2018). 'Distant Justice: The Impact of the International Criminal Court on African Politics.' Cambridge University Press, 380 pp." *Journal of Modern African Studies*. [forthcoming]

Ba, Oumar. 2017. "Agents of Change: How International Courts Alter International Politics. Review of Karen J. Alter. (2014). 'The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights.' Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ, 450 pp." *International Studies Review*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/vix024>

Ba, Oumar. 2015. "Review of William Schabas. (2012). 'Unimaginable Atrocities: Justice, Politics, and Rights at the War Crimes Tribunals.' Oxford University Press, 240 pp." *Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 13 (1): 199-200.

Ba, Oumar. 2014. "Review of George Klay Kieh and Kelechi Kalu (Eds). (2012). 'West Africa and the U.S. War on Terror.' Routledge, 224pp." *Political Studies Review*: 12 (2)

Ba, Oumar. 2013. "Review of 'Nina Caspersen (2012) 'Unrecognized States.' Cambridge: Polity Press. 210pp." *Political Studies Review*: 11 (1).

Work in Progress:

Ba, Oumar "Contested Meanings: Timbuktu and the Prosecution of Destruction of Cultural Heritage as War Crimes" [Under Review]

Ba, Oumar “Governing the Souls and Community: Why Do Islamists Destroy World Heritage Sites?” [Under Review]

Ba, Oumar and Lina Benabdallah. “African Studies in The Classroom and on The Field: The Pathologization of a Continent” [Under Review]

Ba, Oumar “Reconciliation and the Aporia of Justice”

Ba, Oumar “‘The Europeans and Americans Don’t Know Africa’: Of Translation, Interpretation, and Extraction”

Ba, Oumar “Decentering The Hague: The Crisis of International Justice”

Other Publications:

Ba, Oumar “The International Criminal Court Just Acquitted the Former Ivory Coast President: What Happens Next?” *The Washington Post*, 22 January 2019

Ba, Oumar “Gabon’s Coup May Be Over, But Its Many Crises Are Not.” *African Arguments*, 8 January 2019

Ba, Oumar and Kelly-Jo Bluen “The Chagos Islands: Colonialism on Trial at the ICJ.” *Al Jazeera*, 12 September 2018

Ba, Oumar. “Senegal’s Art of the Unforeseen.” *The New York Review of Books*, 21 June 2018

Ba, Oumar “What Jean Pierre Bemba’s Acquittal by the ICC Means.” *Al Jazeera*, 13 June 2018

Ba, Oumar “Hissène Habré, Chad’s Former Dictator, Just Got a Life Sentence for Crimes He Committed in the 1980s.” *Washington Post*, 1 June 2016

Ba, Oumar “Gabon’s Presidential Elections: Are the Opposition’s Attempts at Unifying Too Little Too Late?” *African Arguments*, 22 August 2016

Ba, Oumar “Why is the U.S. Defending the Honor of the International Criminal Court?” *Africa Is a Country*, 1 June 2016

Ba, Oumar “The Power of Prayer (on Kenya and the ICC)” *Africa Is a Country*, 14 April 2016

Ba, Oumar “Africa is Still Front and Center at The Hague” *Africa Is a Country*, 8 February 2016

Ba, Oumar “Who is Laurent Gbagbo and Why Is He on Trial at the ICC?” *Washington Post*, 3 February 2016.

Ba, Oumar and Daniel Eizenga. 2015. "Mobilizing for Elections: The Burkinabe Context." *APSA Africa Workshops Newsletter*, 3 (1): 13-16.

Ba, Oumar and Dan Eizenga "How to Make Sense of the Short-Lived Coup in Burkina Faso" *Africa Is a Country*, 27 September 2015

Ba, Oumar "Should South Africa Have Arrested President Bashir?" *Africa Is A Country*, 15 June 2015.

Ba, Oumar "Strikes, Protests Signal Political Uncertainty for Gabon's Bongo" *World Politics Review*, 9 April 2015

Ba, Oumar "In the Name of Africa: Former President of Chad Hissène Habré Will Stand Trial in Senegal" *Africa Is a Country*, 3 March 2015

Ba, Oumar "Former LRA Commander Dominic Ongwen on Trial: Perpetrator or Victim?" *Africa Is a Country*, 26 January 2015.

Ba, Oumar "The Trials and Tribulations of Simone Gbagbo" *Africa Is A Country*, January 12, 2015.

Ba, Oumar "Francophonie: Do We Still Need an Organization of France's Former Colonies?" *Africa Is a Country*, 10 December 2014.

Ba, Oumar "Kenyatta Went to The Hague: How to Bet and Win against the (International) System" *Africa Is a Country*, 20 October 2014.

Ba, Oumar. 2014. "Tuareg Nationalism and Cyclical Pattern of Rebellions: How the Past and Present Explain Each Other." *Sabel Research Group Working Paper No. 007*

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

UF Sahel Research Group grant, December 2016, to conduct research in Timbuktu on war crimes and destruction of religious edifices and cultural heritage.

David L. Boren Fellowship for dissertation research in Kenya and Uganda, January-May 2016, \$12,000.

University of Florida Graduate School Doctoral Research Award, a competitive university-wide award, for research at the International Criminal Court, in The Hague, Netherlands. \$4,179

Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant for fieldwork in The Hague, Netherlands. \$1,000

University of Florida, Department of Political Science Summer Dissertation Research Award, to conduct research at the ICC, in The Hague, Netherlands. \$800

Center for African Studies, University of Florida Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Fall 2011 to Fall 2014

Department of Political Science, University of Florida, Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Spring 2015 to Spring 2017

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship, \$7,500 to study Intermediate Arabic at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco in Summer 2011

Ohio University Center for International Studies Graduate Assistantship (Fall, Winter, and Spring 2011)

Ohio University Department of Political Science Graduate Assistantship (Fall and Winter 2011)

Ohio University College of Education Graduate Assistantship (Winter, Spring, and Summer 2010)

The Ohio State University Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male Achievement Award

The Ohio State University College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List

CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS

“Decentering The Hague: The Crisis of International Justice”
Paper to be presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI 25-28 March 2020

Doing IR as if People Matter: Research and Learning through Community, Vulnerability, Accountability and Reciprocity
Roundtable, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI 25-28 March 2020

“‘The Europeans and Americans Don’t Know Africa’: Of Translation, Interpretation, and Extraction”

Paper to be presented at the *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* conference, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), 19-20 October 2019

“Governing the Souls and Community: Why Do Islamists Destroy World Heritage Sites?”
Paper to be presented at the ISA Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, 8-9 November 2019

“Who Are the Victims of Crimes against Cultural Heritage?”

Paper presented at the Global Human Rights at Risk? Challenges, Prospects, and Reforms conference, Leiden University, The Netherlands, 6-7 June 2019

“Reconciliation and the Aporia of Justice”

Paper presented at the 8th European Conference on African Studies, Edinburgh, UK, 11-14 June 2019

“In the Shadow of the War on Terror: Private Military and Security Contractors (PMSCs) in the Sahel”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA 30 August- 2 September 2018

“Contested Meanings: Timbuktu and the prosecution of destruction of cultural heritage as war crimes”

Paper presented at the International Studies Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA 4-7 April 2018

“Contested Meanings: Timbuktu and the Prosecution of Destruction of Cultural Heritage as War Crimes”

Paper presented at the African Studies Association’s 60th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL 16-18 November 2017

The Forest and the Trees: Reflexivity on the African Research Industry

Roundtable at the African Studies Association’s 60th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL 16-18 November 2017

“Contested Meanings: Timbuktu and the Prosecution of Destruction of Cultural Heritage as War Crimes”

Paper presented at the ISA Global South Caucus Workshop, Havana, Cuba, July 6-8, 2017

“International Criminal Justice and the Limits of State Compliance”

Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017

“International Criminal Justice and the Limits of State Compliance”

Paper presented at the African Studies Association’s 59th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 1-3, 2016

“International Justice and the Postcolonial Condition”

Paper presented at the African Studies Association’s 58th Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 19-22 2015

“International Justice and the Postcolonial Condition”

Invited Talk, Ohio University, April 8, 2015

“Regimes of International Justice as Organized Hypocrisy: The Case of Self-Referrals to the International Criminal Court (ICC)”

Paper presented at International Studies Association's 56th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 18-21, 2015

"The Court is The Political Arena: Performance and Political Narratives at the International Criminal Court"

Paper presented at International Studies Association's 56th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 18-21, 2015

"The International Criminal Court (ICC) and Africa: Self-referrals and Norms Perversion as Organized Hypocrisy"

Paper presented at the ISA Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 7-8, 2014

"The ICC and Africa: A Regime of 'Organized Hypocrisy'"

Paper to be presented at the African Studies 57th Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November 20-23 2014

"International Justice: Field Notes from The Hague"

SASA Lunch Series, University of Florida Center for African Studies, October 15 2014

"The Drone Wars: The Narratives of Legitimization and Sanitization"

Paper presented at the International Studies Association 55th annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26-29. 2014

"The Drone Wars: The Narratives of Legitimization and Sanitization"

Paper presented at the annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013

"(Re)Drawing the African Map: A critique of the Africa's secessionist deficit argument"

Paper presented at the annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012

"Africa and the International Criminal Court: Judicial Imperialism, De-legitimization, and the Making of New Norms"

Paper to be presented at the annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011

"International Criminal Law and the Politics of Selective Justice: Is the ICC a tool for judicial imperialism in Africa?"

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science, Boston, MA November 11-13, 2010

"L'Affaire Hissène Habré: The Impossible Trial of an African Pinochet"

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA, March 18-21, 2010

TEACHING

Courses Taught at Morehouse College:

PSC 497: Senior Seminar: Race and World Politics (Fall 2019)

PSC 487: International Organization (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

PSC 468: Seminar on International Security after the Cold War (Spring 2018)

PSC 385: Theories of International Relations (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

PSC 285: Intro to International Relations (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

PSC 100: Politics and Protests (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

Courses Taught at the University of Florida:

INR 3084: Culture and World Politics (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)

INR 3603: Theories of International Relations (Fall 2016)

INS 3004: International Studies Perspectives (with Professor Matthew Jacobs, Spring 2015)

AFS 4905: Advanced French (Summer 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

WOL 1130, 2200 and 3410: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Wolof (from Fall 2011 to Fall 2014)

Other Teaching Experience:

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, Spring 2015 to Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Fall 2011 to Fall 2014

Tutor, University of Florida Athletic Association, January 2013 to May 2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Center for International Studies, Ohio University
Professor Steve Howard, Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Spring 2011

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Ohio University
Professor Patricia Weitsman, Fall 2010

Instructor and Academic Advisor, Upward Bound, College of Education, Ohio University, Winter 2010, Spring 2010, Summer 2010

Cultural Consultant, Ohio Valley International Council (OVIC), September 2009 to June 2011

French Tutor, Ohio University Academic Advancement Center, September 2010 to August 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Panel Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF) – Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships, 2018, 2019

Analyst, Freedom House, 2017

Analyst, Oxford Analytica, 2018 to Present

Reviewer, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, Fall 2016 to Present

Reviewer, *African Studies Quarterly*, Fall 2017 to Present

Reviewer, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, Fall 2018 to Present

Reviewer, *South African Journal of International Affairs*, Spring 2019 to Present

Member, *African Studies Review* Digital Committee, 2019

Member, Editorial Committee, *African Studies Quarterly*, Fall 2012 to Spring 2017

Member, University of Florida Sahel Research Group, Fall 2011 to Present

Member, Editorial Board, *Africa Is a Country*, January 2018 to Present

Contributing Editor, *Africa Is a Country*, October 2014 to December 2017

Member, Faculty Council, Morehouse College

Member, American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA), African Studies Association (ASA)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: fluent

French: fluent

Pulaar/Fulani: fluent

Wolof: fluent