

RACHEL BEATTY RIEDL

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Peggy J. Koenig '78 Director of the Brooks Center on Global Democracy and Professor, Department of Government and Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University (July 2024 – present)

John S. Knight Professor of International Studies and Director of the Einaudi Center for International Studies; Professor in the Government Department and Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University (July 2019 – 2024)

Faculty Research Affiliate, Sciences Po Bordeaux (Research laboratory: *Les Afriques dans le Monde*) (2016 – 2020 and 2025 – present)

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Institute for Policy Research Fellow, Northwestern University (Sept 2016 – June 2019)

- Director, Program of African Studies (Sept 2018 – 2019)
- Director, French Interdisciplinary Group (2017-2018)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University (Sept 2010 - 2016)

- Institute for Policy Research Faculty Associate, Northwestern University, 2012 – 2015
- Equality, Development and Globalization Studies Associate, 2012 – 2015
- Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Associate, Faculty Affiliate, 2011 - 2012

Visiting Fellow, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (Nov – Dec 2008)

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (Jan 2009 – Aug 2010)

EDUCATION

Princeton University, PhD in Politics, 2008

University of Wisconsin, Madison, BA in International Relations, Honors, May 2000

AWARDS and PROJECT / RESEARCH SUPPORT

Open Society University Network Steering Committee Member “Democracy and Development” Project 2024 - 2026

PI Academic Director: Laidlaw Leadership and Research Program. 2020-2024.

Young African Leadership Institute Grant – Mandela Washington Fellows. Hosted by the Einaudi Center and Brooks School of Public Policy. IREX. PI 2023.

Mellon Foundation Just Futures Grant Award research team: “Racism, Dispossession, and Migration” 2021 - 2026

Institute for Advanced Study, Nantes, France. 2019-2020 Fellowship Award.

Fulbright Scholar Award Africa Regional Research Program (Zambia) 2019

Carnegie Corporation. “Bridging gaps in knowledge about Africa through the Ufahamu Africa podcast” (2020- 2024)

Young African Leadership Institute Grant, administered via the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University. PI 2019.

Institute of International Education, administered via the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University. Fulbright Africa Pre-Departure Orientation Workshop. PI 2019.

Buffett Institute for International Studies and Institute for Policy Research co-sponsorship: “The Democratic Change Research Initiative: Global Trajectories and Policy Analysis.” April 2017.

R. Barry Farrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Northwestern University 2017.

The Graduate School Award for Faculty Engagement, Northwestern University. 2016.

Fulbright Scholar: Research Center *Les Afriques dans le Monde, Sciences Po Bordeaux* for the project “Religious Political Engagement in Francophone Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Institutions, Identities, and Representation,” Sept 2015-March 2016.

Public Voices Fellowship on Thought Leadership, Northwestern University 2014-15.

Program on Democracy, Whitney and Betty Macmillan Center, Yale University, Residential Visiting Fellowship, Spring 2013.

Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Research Award 2011. Funded subnational research on religion and politics in Kenya and Tanzania.

John Hunwick Research Award, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University. 2011 and 2015. For the project “Religion and Politics in Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa”.

Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation of the APSA Comparative Democratization Section, Honorable Mention 2009: “Institutions in New Democracies: Variations in African Party Systems”

Institute of International Education, National Security Education Program, David L. Boren Scholarship: Senegal 1998-99

Council for Regional Studies Award: Funded research in Mozambique, June – July 2003

MacArthur Foundation Award: Dissertation field research in Senegal and Benin, Fall 2005

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books:

How Democracies Resist (provisional title). Book manuscript in progress. With co-author Paul Friesen.

Global Challenges to Democracy: Comparative Perspectives on Backsliding, Autocracy, and Resilience. Editor, with Valerie Bunce, Kenneth Roberts, and Thomas Pepinsky. 2025. Cambridge University Press.

From Pews to Politics: How Religious Ideas Can Influence Modes of Political Engagement in Africa and Beyond. With co-author Gwyneth McClendon. 2019. Cambridge University Press.

-Winner of the Best Book Award from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of the American Political Science Association 2019 Honorable Mention.

- Finalist for the Albert J. Raboteau prize
- Reviewed at *Perspectives on Politics*, *Foreign Affairs* and the *Washington Post*

Authoritarian Origins of Democratic Party Systems in Africa. 2014. Cambridge University Press.

-Winner of the Best Book Award from the African Politics Conference Group of the American Political Science Association 2014 and Honorable Mention, Best Book Award of the Comparative Democratization Section of the APSA 2015.

- Reviewed at *Choice*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *African Affairs*, *Government and Opposition*, & *Journal of Modern African Studies*

Articles and Chapters:

“Beyond the Urban-Rural Divide: Urban Duration, Rural Connections, and Sociopolitical (Re)orientation in Kenya.” With Amanda Robinson. Forthcoming. *Journal of Modern African Studies*.

“Neoliberalism and the Third Wave.” 2025. *Journal of Democracy*.

“Democratic Backsliding: How It Happens and How It Can Be Countered,” 2025. *Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science*. With Jennifer McCoy, Kenneth Roberts, and Murat Somer.

“World Development Report 2023 Review Forum: Introduction.” 2024. *International Migration*. With Wendy Welford.

“Beyond the World Development Report’s State-Centrism: Multi-Level Migration Governance and Migrant Exclusion,” 2025. *International Migration*. With Sabrina Axster.

“Democracy Wins in Senegal.” 2024. *Journal of Democracy*.

“Democratic Backsliding, Resilience, and Resistance.” 2024. *World Politics*. With Paul Friesen, Jennifer McCoy and Kenneth Roberts.

“The Potential of Mixed Methods for Qualitative Research.” 2024. With Thalia Gerzso. In *Doing Good Qualitative Research*. Ed Jennifer Cyr and Sara Wallace Goodman. Cambridge University Press.

“Rethinking the Politics of Identity.” 2024. In *The State, Ethnicity, and Gender in Africa: The Intellectual Legacies of Crawford Young*. Ed Scott Strauss and Aili Tripp. University of Wisconsin Press.

“Democratic Backsliding in Africa? Autocratization, Resilience, and Contention – by Nicolas van de Walle, Lise Rakner and Leonardo Arriola.” 2024. Book Review in *Perspectives on Politics*.

“Africa’s Democratic Outliers: Success Amid Challenges in Benin and South Africa.” 2022. In *Democracy in Hard Places*, ed. Scott Mainwaring and Tarek Masoud. Oxford University Press.

“Critical Junctures, Contingency, and Models of Institutional Change.” with Kenneth Roberts. 2022. In *Critical Junctures and Historical Legacies: Insights and Methods for Comparative Social Science*. Ed. David Collier and Gerardo Munck. Rowman and Littlefield.

“Using Sermons to Study Religions’ Influence on Political Behavior” with Gwyneth McClendon. *Comparative Political Studies*. 2021.

“Les défis démocratiques en temps de Covid-19.” 2021. In Covid-19 Tour Du Monde, ed. Shigehisa Kuriyama, Ota de Leonardis, Carlos Sonnenschein and Ibrahima Thioub. Editions Manucius. Institut D’Etudes Avancées de Nantes.

“Authoritarian-Led Democratization” with Dan Slater, Joe Wong, and Daniel Ziblatt. *Annual Review of Political Science*. 2020.

“Faith in Flux. Pentecostalism and mobility in rural Mozambique – by Devaka Premawardhana.” Book Review. 2020. *The Journal of Modern African Studies*.

“Transparency in Qualitative Research: An Overview of Key Findings and Recommendations” with Alan Jacobs, Time Buthe, et al. SSRN Aug 2019.

“Senegal’s Vigorous But Constrained Election” with Ndongo Samba Sylla. In *Journal of Democracy*. July 2019.

“From the Outside Looking In: Latin American Parties in Comparative Perspective” with Allen Hicken. 2018. In *Latin American Party Systems: Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse*, ed. Scott Mainwaring. Cambridge University Press.

“Institutional Legacies: Understanding multiparty politics in historical perspective.” 2018. In *Politics in Africa: The Importance of Institutions*, ed. Nic Cheeseman. Cambridge University Press.

“Authoritarian Successor Parties in Sub-Saharan Africa: Into the Wilderness and Back Again?” 2018. In *Authoritarian Success Parties: Causes and Consequences*, eds. Scott Mainwaring and James Loxton. Cambridge University Press.

“Subnational – Cross-National Variation: Method and Analysis in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *American Behavioral Scientist* 2017: 1(28).

“Strong Parties, Weak Parties: Divergent Pathways to Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.” 2016. In *Parties, Movements and Democracy in the Developing World*, eds. Nancy Bermeo and Deborah Yashar. Cambridge University Press.

“Individualism and Empowerment in Pentecostal Sermons: New Evidence from Nairobi, Kenya” with Gwyneth McClendon. *African Affairs* 2016 115(458):1045-1057.

“Political Parties, Regimes and Social Cleavages.” 2016. In *Oxford Handbook on Historical Institutionalism*, eds. Tulia Falleti, Orfeo Fioretos, and Adam Sheingate. Oxford University Press.

“Sub-National Elections and Accountability: A Study of Political Decentralization and Democratic Governance” with J. Tyler Dickovick. 2016. In *Growing Democracy in Africa: Elections, Accountable Governance and Political Economy*, eds. Muna Ndulo and Mamoudou Gazibo. Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2016.

“Religion as Stimulant of Political Participation: Evidence from an Experiment in Nairobi, Kenya” with Gwyneth McClendon. *Journal of Politics* 2015 77(4).

“Party Systems and Decentralization in Africa” with J. Tyler Dickovick. *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 2014 49(3):321-342.

“African Decentralization in Comparative Perspective”, with J. Tyler Dickovick. 2014. In *Decentralization in Africa: The Paradox of State Strength*, eds. James Wunsch and Tyler Dickovick. Lynne Rienner Publishers.

“Political Parties and Uncertainty in Developing Democracies” with Noam Lupu. Co-Editor: Special Edition on Political Parties in the Developing World. *Comparative Political Studies* 46 (11) 2013.

“Transforming Politics, Dynamic Religion: Religion’s Political Impact in Contemporary Africa”. *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* October 2012, Vol. 2.2.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & POLICY REPORTS

[“Future of Social Democracy. Power without the People.”](#) International Politics and Society. Nov 2025.

[Technical Guide: Democratic Backsliding.](#) (Riedl, Snider, and Camacho 2025)

[Technical Guide: Democratic Opening.](#) (Riedl, Snider, and Camacho 2025)

“Why democracies die and what to do next.” Review of Susan Stokes *Backsliders*. *Science* 389 (6767). 2025.

“Key takeaways from the conference ‘Democracy and policy: Reimagining a global democratic future.’” Brookings Commentary. With Renée Rippberger, Jonathan Katz, Paul Friesen, Noam Lupu, Marie Miller, Caroline Macneill, Randi Wright, and Alexandra Rumford. 2025.

“Targeting Higher Education is an Essential Tool in the Autocratic Playbook.” Brookings Commentary. With Jonathan Katz and Renée Rippberger. 2025.

“Our Foreign Students are Terrified.” *New York Times*. With Stephen Yale-Loehr. 2025.

“DRG Center Learning Agenda: Opening up Democratic Spaces Original Research: Summary Report.” USAID Democracy Rights and Governance Bureau. 2024

“DRG Center Learning Agenda: Opening up Democratic Spaces Literature Review.” USAID Democracy Rights and Governance Bureau. 2024

“Factions, Moderation, and Democratic Responsibility”. 2023. In *More than Red and Blue: Political Parties and American Democracy*. Eds Liliana Mason and David Lublin. APSA Task Force and Protect Democracy.

“Senegal: Behind the protests is a fight for democratic freedom.” 2023. In *The Conversation*. With Bamba Ndiaye.

“The U.K. wants to send refugees to Rwanda. That’s become a trend.” With Eleanor Paynter and Christa Kuntzelman. *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. April 20, 2022.

“Senegal’s Presidential poll is shaping up as a real contest, with voters in the drivers’ seat.” In *The Conversation*. 2022. With Bamba Ndiaye and Oumar Ba.

“Some GOP members didn’t accept Biden’s win. What happens when an anti-democratic faction rocks a democracy?” with Ken Roberts. *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. January 27, 2021.

USIP Sahel Senior Study Group 2022

Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Assessment, Benin 2019. USAID.

“Sahel as Contemporary Crossroads.” Conference hosted with Chicago Council on Global Affairs. 2019. Africa Expert Board Joint Task Force.

Carter Center – Liberia Election Monitoring Mission. October 2017.

Council on Foreign Relations. Congressional Representative Breakfast. “Security in the Sahel.” Nov. 2017. Political Instability Task Force. 2015 – 2018.

Carter Center - Burkina Faso Democratic Transition Assessment. February 2015.

World Bank – Working Group on African Political Economy. Workshop Participant. May 2013

Department of Defense – AFRICOM Lecture: Democracy and Governance in Africa April 2013

U.S. Department of State - Analytic Exchange: Power Dynamics and the Next Generation of Africa Leadership. Feb 2013.

U.S. Department of State and the National Intelligence Council - Executive Analytic Exchange on Ghana. Report on Politics and Elections. August 2012.

World Bank - “Local Governance and Community Development in Africa,” Research Paper for the *World Bank Policy Research Report*. Fall 2008.

“This is why global AIDS interventions fail” Book Review of *Doomed Interventions*. *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. July 14, 2018.

“As Pope Francis calls for compassion toward the poor in Africa, what are African churches doing?” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. November 28, 2015.

“Are efforts to limit presidential power in Africa working?” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. February 16, 2015.

“Vibrant democracies emerging from power vacuums give hope for Burkina Faso” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. November 5, 2014.

“No Separation: Can the Church Calm the Crisis in Burundi?” *Pacific Standard*. June 1, 2015.

“The Iron Cage of Democracy”. Kellogg Institute Working Paper #372. November 2010.

Review of Abdul Raufu Mustapha, and Lindsay Whitefield “Turning Points in African Democracy” *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol 50, Issue 02, June 2012.

“Comparative Assessment of Decentralization in Africa: Final Report and Summary of Findings”, with J. Tyler Dickovick. USAID September 2010.

Bridging Disciplines, Spanning the World: Approaches to Inequalities, Institutions and Identities. (Edited with Sada Aksartova and Kristine Mitchell). Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Monograph Series 2006.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH:

Democracy Dialogues - Podcast and YouTube video production

Ufahamu Africa – Weekly Podcast Production

WSKG (PBS Channel): Migrations Interstitials

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and SERVICE

- APSA Presidential Task Force on Democracy and Universities 2025 – 2026
- APSA Presidential Task Force on Political Parties 2022 – 2023
- APSA Women’s Mentoring Workshop 2023
- Chair: Comparative Democratization Section (Democracy and Autocracy Section), American Political Science Association 2017 – 2019. Created Emerging Scholars Research Development Program.
- Council on Foreign Relations 2014- 2019 term member. 2022 – present Full Member
- NSF Human Networks and Data Science -Infrastructure 2023 Panel Review
- Member: American Political Science Association, African Studies Association, Mid-West Political Science Association, West African Research Association
- MPSA Section Chair: Comparative Politics of Developing Countries. Midwest Political Science Association 2013.

EDITOR

Co-Editor Cambridge University Press Elements Series Politics of Development

World Politics Editorial Committee – 2019 – Present

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Journal of Democracy Editorial Board – 2022 - Present

Comparative Political Studies Editorial Board 2015 – 2024

Journal of Politics Editorial Board – 2017 – 2019

African Affairs Editorial Board – 2018 – Present

Africa Spectrum Editorial Board 2018 - Present

SCIENTIFIC BOARDS

President, Scientific Council of the Institute for Advanced Studies (Nantes) 2021- 2023

PROFESSIONAL TALKS (selected)

- Dresden University Keynote: The Paradox of Authoritarian Networks – Disrupting Democracy and Stabilizing Autocracy 2025
- Brussels Democracy Dialogue 2025
- Copenhagen Democracy Summit 2025

- University College London 2025
 - Watson Seminar, Brown University 2024
 - Political Science Now at Johns Hopkins 2024
 - Leadership Now, NYC 2024
 - Higher Level Forum on Democracy, Lithuania 2024
 - Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies 2023
 - Democracy and Civil Society at Sciences Po 2023
 - Keynote Seminar at Northern Illinois University 2023
 - Democratic Resilience at University of Costa Rica 2023
 - Democracy and Autocracy University of Texas Austin 2022
 - Religion and Politics Conference Yale 2022
 - Democracy in Hard Places. University of Michigan. 2022
 - Stanford University Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law Nov 2021
 - Maxwell School of Public Policy, Syracuse University Feb 2021.
 - Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, January 2020 “Party Politics of Transitional Justice”
 - Washington University, April 2019 “Authoritarian-Led Democratization”
 - McGill University, Institute for the Study of International Development. March 2019.
 - Columbia University, Jan 2019 “Urban-Rural Linkage Dimensions and Political Behavior”
 - University of Minnesota, Oct 2018. “Pews to Politics in Africa and Beyond”
 - Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Sept 2018. “Pews to Politics in Africa and Beyond”
 - Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. University of Michigan. “Authoritarian-Led Democratization.” Sept 2018.
 - Cornell University. Institute for African Development. “Autocratization in Sub-Saharan Africa,” April. 2018.
 - Georgetown University. “From Pews to Politics: Religious Messages and Political Participation in Africa.” March 2018.
 - Varieties of Democracy Visiting Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg. “Authoritarian Led Democratization.” Feb 2018.
 - European Conference on African Studies, University of Basel. “Urban-Rural Linkages in Africa.” June 2017.
 - Sciences Po Visiting Fellow. June 2017.
 - Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS). Paris. “Political Parties in Anglophone Africa.” November 2015.
 - Oxford University, Blavatnik School of Government. “Religion, Redistribution and Political Participation in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Democracy and Difference Series. January 2016.
 - Sciences Po Bordeaux, Les Afriques dans le monde. “Religious Actors and Politics.” January 2016.
 - Social Science History Association. “Authoritarian Successor Parties in Africa.” November 2016.
- 2010- 2017: MIT; Colgate University; University of Minnesota; University of Missouri; Texas A&M University; Princeton University, Democracy and Development Project; University of Toronto; Institute for Food Policy Research; Johns Hopkins University SAIS; University of WI – Madison; University of Pennsylvania and Temple University; Oxford Handbook Historical Institutionalism Authors Conference 2013; University of Notre Dame; Kellogg Institute for International Studies; University of Pittsburgh; University of Chicago; Boston University; Cornell University: Institute for African Development Conference on Elections, Democracy and Governance in Africa; University of Michigan; Oxford University; University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign; Peacemaking in West Africa: Faith Communities and their Role in Conflict, Freetown, Sierra Leone 2010; University of Cape Town: “State Expansion and Regime Consolidation in Africa; Multi-level State Strategies.” State Building in the Developing World, Democracy and Development Project. 2010.
- Annual Conference Presentations at: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA) ; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA); Midwest Working Group on African Political Economy (Co-Founder and presenter); African Studies Association Annual Meeting (ASA)

PEER REVIEW and REFEREE

Book and Article Awards Committees:

Luebbert Article Award - Best Article in Comparative Politics Committee 2026

Robert Dahl APSA Democracy Award Committee Chair. 2025

Nominating Committee 2022: Qualitative and Multimethod Research APSA Section

Best Book Committee 2022: Qualitative and Multimethod Research APSA Section

APSA Robert A. Dahl Award Selection Committee 2020

Politics and History APSA Section – Best Book Award 2017 Committee

Comparative Politics APSA Section – Luebbert Best Article Award 2017 Committee

African Politics Conference Group Best Dissertation Award 2016 Committee

Comparative Democratization APSA Best Book 2015 Committee

African Politics Conference Group Best Book 2013 Committee

Comparative Democratization APSA Group Best Book 2013 Committee

History and Politics APSA Best Dissertation Award 2014 Committee

Reviewer: National Science Foundation, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, World Politics, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Government and Opposition, Religion & Politics, Studies in Comparative International Development, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Lynne Rienner Press, International Political Science Review, African Affairs, Journal of Modern African Studies, AfricaToday

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- The Democratic Change Research Initiative: Global Trajectories and Policy Analysis,” sponsored by the Institute for Policy Research and the Buffett Institute. April 2017.
- French Interdisciplinary Group Project Coordinator. Research collaboration with Sciences Po CERI: “Comparative Conflict Studies” 2015; “A Transatlantic Exchange of Ideas on the State in the Sahel Region” 2016; “Post-Intervention Governance and Security in the African Sahel” 2017; “Radicalization, Governance, and Conflict in the Sahel” 2018
- Midwest Working Group on African Political Economy, Co-Founder and Executive Committee Member. Coordinator for 2011 and 2017 Meeting at the Program of African Studies, Northwestern University.
- Political Parties Working Group, Co-Organizer. Northwestern University
- States, Societies and Development Working Group, Faculty Supervisor, Northwestern University The Graduate School and The Program of African Studies.
- “Political Parties in the Developing World”, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies. Co-directed with Noam Lupu.
- Project Assistant, Project on Democracy and Development, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Interdisciplinary Research Initiative 2006-2008.
- “Self-Determination in Africa” organized by Princeton University’s Liechtenstein Institute for Self-Determination. Paris, France, June 2003
- “Problems of Inequality in the Developing World” organized by the Democracy and Development Project. Princeton University, September 2007
- “Violence and Citizenship in Post-Authoritarian Latin America” organized by the Democracy and Development Project. Princeton University, March 2008

TEACHING and ADVISING

Undergraduate Teaching:

Democratic Backsliding and Resistance (Sciences Po Bordeaux)

Democracy and Public Policy (PUBPOL 2320); Global Studies Gateway (GOVT 2274); Decentralization and

Local Governance (POLI_SCI 395); Inequality and Representation, Research Seminar (POLI_SCI 395);

Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLI_SCI 250); Religion and Politics (POLI_SCI 390); Contemporary African Politics (POLI_SCI 259 and AFST 390); Why Nations Succeed? (POLI_SCI 101-6-22 First Year Seminar); Democracy in the World: Opportunities and Challenges (POLI_SCI 101 First Year Seminar)

Graduate Teaching:

Democracy and Authoritarianism; Comparative Politics Proseminar; Comparative Politics Proseminar II (*New Course Developed and Established in Curriculum at Northwestern): POLI_SCI 490 ; Democratization (POLI_SCI 452); African Studies Seminar (Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Seminar AFST 483)

- Nexus Research Faculty Mentor 2023 -present
- Democracy Fellows Undergraduate and Graduate Program, Director 2024 - present
- Posner Fellow Faculty Mentor, Under-represented minority undergraduate research training in Weinberg College, Summer 2015
- Summer Research Opportunity Program, Under-represented minority undergraduate research training, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, Faculty Mentor 2013
- Mellon Post-doctoral Fellow Faculty Advisor, Program of African Studies 2013-2014
- Farrell Fellow Research Mentor, Department of Political Science 2014-2018
- Residential College Fellow Assistant Researcher Award, Northwestern University 2011 – 2013
- Global Engagement Studies Institute, South Africa Undergraduate Orientation Training 2011 – 2015
- Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (URAP) Faculty Advisor, 2010 – 2015
- Undergraduate Research Grants Selection Committee 2011 – 2014
- Fulbright Committee, Office of Fellowships, Northwestern University, 2014 - 2015
- Farrell Fellow Undergraduate Research Advisor, 2014 – 2015
- Arryman Fellow Faculty Mentor, 2014 – 2015
- Faculty Advisor for Graduate Student Conference: “Africa Misperceived: Beyond Africa as a Laboratory”, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015.
- Faculty Advisor for Graduate Student Conference: “Stability Amidst Chaos: Reflections on Two Decades of Ghanaian Democracy” – Northwestern University Graduate School Catalyst Award Winner 2012
- Faculty Advisor for Graduate Student Conference “State, Society and Development” in the Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, Fall 2013

PROGRAM REVIEW, UNIVERSITY SERVICE and External Outreach

Agora Institute Program Review, Johns Hopkins University, 2025

Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, Advisory Board 2023 – 2026

William and Mary, Global Research Institute Program Review 2024

Justice and Equitable Futures Search Committee

University AdHoc Promotion Committee

Brooks and Govt Dept : Race and Public Policy Search Committee

Govt Dept: Brooks Public Policy School Committee

Brooks: International Council Representative

Brooks Global Task Force Co-Lead 2023 - 2024

Brooks Curriculum Committee Fall 2022

University Brooks School of Public Policy Dean Search Committee

Buffett Institute Faculty Advisory Council 2019

The Graduate School Administrative Board Division II Representative (2017 – 2019).

Director, French Interdisciplinary Group, Northwestern University (2017 – 2018).

Executive Committee, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University (2011 – 2015; 2016 -2018)

Newberry Teaching Consortium, Continuing Education for Educators: “African Politics” 2017

Selection Committee, Undergraduate Research Grants, Northwestern University (2011- 2014)

Selection Committee, Circumnavigators Undergraduate Grant (2012, 2014)

Faculty Fellow, Women's Residential College (2011- 2018)
States, Society and Development Graduate Student Working Group Faculty Coordinator
Department Representative to the Faculty Senate 2014 – 2017; Member of the Special Committee on Climate Change and the Anthropocene
Executive Committee, French Interdisciplinary Group (2015 – 2016)

COMMUNITY WORK

Social Venture Partners, Chicago (2013 – 2016)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in French, Beginner in Wolof (West Africa)