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### EMPLOYMENT

State University of New York, College at Oneonta

Associate Professor of Africana Latino Studies and Political Science, 2010 to present

Chair, 2011 to present

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2006 to 2010

Affiliate Faculty, Department of Africana Latino Studies, 2004 to 2010

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2001 to 2006

State University of New York, Center for International Development (CID)

Academic Mentor to the Legislative Fellows Program and Advisor to Zimbabwe Project, 2005 to 2008

Western Kentucky University, Department of Government

Assistant Professor of Government, 1998 to 2001

City of Elmira, NY

Policy Analyst (City Manager’s Office),1997 to 1998

**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, SUNY–Binghamton, 1998

Dissertation: Emerging Democratic Consolidation Patterns in East Asia:

Political Elites and the Cultural and Economic Construction of Politics

Major Field: Comparative Politics (East Asia and Africa: Political Development)  
Minor Fields: International Relations (Political Economy and North-South Issues)

Master of Public Administration, SUNY-Binghamton, 1998  
Concentration: Policy Analysis

Master of Arts, Political Science, Bowling Green State University, 1991

Bachelor of Arts, International Studies, Bowie State University (MD), 1989

**TEACHING AREAS**

Africana Latino Studies: Race, Class, and Gender and Southern Africa

Comparative Politics: Political Development and East Asia and Southern Africa

International Relations: International Political Economy

Public Administration: Strategic Planning

**RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS***Books, Articles, and Book Chapters*

“Comparative Regional Integration in SADC and ASEAN: Democracy and Governance Issues in Historical and Socio-Economic Context,*”* in Regions and Cohesion, vol. 3, #1, Spring, 2013: 5-31.

“The Elusive Quest? African Regionalism, Social Cohesion, and Institutions,” review essay in Regions and Cohesion, vol. 2, #2, Summer, 2012: 119-24.

“Academic Labor in the Conflict[ed] Country of Zimbabwe,” manuscript under review.

“Globalization and Changing State Legitimacy in South Africa and Japan,” in Imagining Globalization, eds. Leung, Ho Hon, Mathew Hendley, Robert Compton, and Brian Haley, (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2009).

Imagining Globalization, eds. Leung, Ho Hon, Matthew Hendley, Robert Compton, and Brian Haley, (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2009).

“Dynamics of HIV/AIDS in China and India: Assessing Governmental Response,” in HIV/AIDS and the Threat to National and International Security, ed. Robert Ostergard, (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2007), pp. 223-40.

“Land Reform Policies and Politics, Past and Present: Impact on Political Development in South Africa and Zimbabwe,” The Journal of African Policy Studies, vol. 10: no.1, 2004, pp.55-74.

Transforming East Asian Domestic and International Politics: The Impact Economy and Globalization, editor (Ashgate, 2002).  
  
“Introduction: Globalization and the Changing Nature of East Asia Politics,” in Transforming East Asian Domestic and International Politics: The Impact Economy and Globalization, ed. Robert Compton (Ashgate, 2002), pp. 1-9.

“Japan's Inability to Adjust to Globalization: Understanding Economic, Cultural, and Political Realities,” in Transforming East Asian Domestic and International Politics:  The Impact Economy and Globalization, ed. Robert Compton (Ashgate, 2002), pp. 68-82.

East Asian Democratization: Impact of Globalization, Culture, and Economy (Praeger, September 2000).

“Challenges of Reconstructing East Asian Political Legitimacy in the Era of Globalization,” International Journal on World Peace, vol. 17, #4, December 2000, pp. 19-39.

“Rapid Industrialization and the Environment in Asia: Prospects and Problems,” in Asian Profile, August 1996, vol. 24: no. 4, pp. 34-54.

*Book Reviews*

The Uncertainty of Hope, by Valerie Tagwira (2007), Phoebe, Fall 2009, vol. 21, no.2, pp. 81-2.

Why Race Matters in South Africa, by Michael MacDonald (2006), Perspectives on Politics, March 2007, vol.5, no. 1, pp. 191-92.

The Rules of Play: National Identity and the Shaping of Japanese Leisure, by David Leheny (2003), Perspectives on Politics, March 2004, vol.2, no.1, pp. 176-77.

Japan's War Memories, by George Hicks (1997), in Asian Thought and Society, January-April, vol. 25, no.73, pp.89-90.

Japan: Who Governs?, by Chalmers Johnson (1995), in Asian Thought and Society, January-September 1996, vol. 20, no.61-62, pp. 208-10.

Coups and Army Rule in Africa, by Samuel Decalo (1990), in Africa Today, Fourth Quarter 1992, vol. 39: no.4, p.64.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Developmental State for Service Delivery:  South Africa and the Implications for APRM and Good Governance,” paper presented at the Biennial South African Political Science Association meeting at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Conference Centre, North Campus, in Port Elizabeth (Eastern Cape), South Africa, August 28-September 1, 2012

*“*Parallels and Contrasts: Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Zimbabwe) and Protection of State Information Bill (South Africa),” paper presented at the 37th Annual meeting of the New York State African Studies Association (NYASA) meeting held at Pennsylvania State University, February 24-25, 2012

## “Comparative Regional Integration in SADC and ASEAN: Strategies Increasing Citizen Security and Social Cohesion within Countries to Maximize Regional Integration,” paper presented at the Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion (RISC) Conference at Rustenburg, North West province, South Africa, 30 November to 3 December 2011

## “Operation Murambatsvina [Drive out Rubbish]: (Re)Evaluating the Causes, Lessons, and Impact of Forced and Violent Urban Clearance Five Years Later,” presented at the 2nd Urban Space and Social Life: Theory and Practice Conference, SUNY Oneonta, April 1, 2011

## “Contested Political Space in Zimbabwe: Prospects for Nation Rebuilding,” presented at the 36th Annual New York State African Studies Association meeting, SUNY Oneonta, March 25, 2011

“The New Scramble for Africa: Competing Western and Eastern Motive, Strategies and Impact,” paper presented at the New York State African Studies Association meeting, Binghamton University, in Binghamton (NY), March 26-27, 2010

“The Power of Government and Effectiveness of Civil Society in South Africa and Zimbabwe,” paper presented at the New York State Political Science Association as part of the SUNY Center for International Development panel, “What’s the Commotion about Democracy Promotion?,” in Poughkeepsie (NY), April 19-20, 2007

“Dealing with Rogue States: Problems of Humanitarian and Development Assistance to North Korea and Zimbabwe,” Presentation at the Global Policy and Development Conference” Nation/State-Building in Contemporary International System, Old Dominion University, Norfolk (VA), March 31 and April 1, 2006

“Construction, Deconstruction, and Reconstruction of State Legitimacy in South Africa and Japan,” Presentation at the Congress of the International Political Science Association, Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa, July 1–5, 2003

“Political Culture as a Source of Japanese Immobilism in the New World Order,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30 to September 2, 2001

“Land Reform in South Africa and Zimbabwe: Catalyst for Crafting Competitive   
Party Systems,” Presented at the Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies (SIRAS), Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Kentucky, April 13-14, 2001

“Reconstructing Legitimacy in Asia: Globalization and Political Development,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September, 1999

“Political Change in Asian State-Society Relations: The Impact of Globalization and the Tenacity of the Developmental State,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, October-November, 1998 (with Kunihiko Imai)

“Explaining East Asian Democratization through Elite Political Behavior,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August, 1997

“Culture, Developmental Ideology and the Environment in Asia,” Annual Meeting of  the Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, November 1996

“Modernization, Authoritarianism, and Asian Party Systems,” Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Newark, November 1995

**HONORS AND GRANTS AWARDED**

Susan Sutton Smith Academic Achievement Award for 2010-2011, “Mad Scramble for Africa: Is China Winning and the US Losing?” $1000, lecture given on May 5, 2011

Oneonta Speakers Bureau (OSB), New York State Joint Labor Management Grant Program, Principal Investigator, $1875, (2010-11)

Visiting Associate Professor (Fulbright Scholar), University of Zimbabwe, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, January to June, 2008

Visiting Scholar, Center for Civil Society (CCS), University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa, June-July 2007

Walter B. Ford Grant for Professional Development, 2009 ($2000) and 2007 ($1000)

Binghamton University Masters in Public Administration Program’s Delta Award, (distinguished public service by graduate), 2006

Library Special Projects Grant, 2004 and 2003, $1000  
  
Faculty Professional Development Grant, SUNY-Oneonta, $1867, Spring 2003

United University Professions, SUNY–Oneonta, Chapter, Faculty Development Grant, 2006 ($212) and 2003 ($1,000)

Recipient, Western Kentucky University Faculty Scholarship, Spring-Summer 2001, manuscript completion, $500

Recipient, Western Kentucky University Faculty Fellowship for Professional Development, Summer 1999, stipend $5,000

Departmental Nomination for University Best Dissertation Award Nomination (SUNY-Binghamton), 1998

**SERVICE**

*Union and Campus Governance*

United University Professions (UUP)

Vice President for Academics (Oneonta Chapter), (2004 to present)

Chief of Staff, (2008 to present)

Secretary (Oneonta Chapter), (2003 to 2004)

*Committee and Task Force Memberships*

School of Social Science Dean Search Committee, Chair, 2012-13.

Ad-hoc Committee on Review of President’s Committee on Diversity (PCOD), (Summer, 2012)

Member Joint Statewide UUP/Management Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher

Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program, (2008 to present)

Member Joint Campus Labor-Management Oneonta Speakers Bureau

Committee, (2010-present)

UUP Ad-hoc Committee on Campus Administrative Assessment, Academic Representative (2011 to 2012)

UUP Ad-hoc Contract Negotiations Committee, (2010 to present)

UUP Oneonta Chapter Executive Board Member, (2003 to present)

UUP Statewide Committee on Academic Vice-Presidents, (2009 to present)

UUP Statewide Task Force on Academic New Member Recruitment, (2007 to 2009)

UUP Statewide Committee on Corporatization and Globalization, (2006 to present)

UUP Statewide Legislation Committee, (2004 to 2007)

UUP Statewide Vice Presidents for Academics Committee, (2008 to present)

UUP Oneonta Committee on Faculty Workload, (2004 to 2009)

UUP Oneonta Ad Hoc Task Force on DSI, Chair (2010)

*Governance*

Africana and Latino Studies Department, Senator to the Oneonta College Senate, (2010 to present)

Presiding Officer of the SUNY Oneonta College Senate, (2006 to 2007)

Strategic Planning and Resource Council (SPARC), SUNY Oneonta, elected faculty member, (2009-10)

Oneonta College Senate, Standing Committee on Academic Programs and Resource Allocation (APRA), 2009 to 2010

Committee Chair, 2009

University Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity and Cultural Competence, (2009 to 2010).

*Other and Departmental*

Center for International Development (CID), State University of New York Consultant for Uganda Parliamentary Research and Internship Program (PRIP), July 2012, Kampala, Uganda

Consultant for Zimbabwe Parliamentary Strengthening Project, June and July 2007, Harare, Zimbabwe

Academic Mentor for the International Legislative Fellows Program, 2005 to 2007

Advisor, Project on Parliamentary Strengthening, 2006

Member, Advisory Council, 2006 to 2009

Global Connectedness Committee (Strategic Plan), 2011-12

Model SADC-PF (Southern African Development Community- Parliamentary Forum), Organizer, (2011 and 2012)

Model United Nations Faculty Advisor, (2005 to 2007 and 2008 to 2010)

Designed New Undergraduate Minor in Social Justice Studies (2010) and Major in International Development Studies (2008 to 2009)

College Bookstore Advisory Committee (2004 to present)

Faculty Advisor to the Political Science Club (2004 to 2005) and the Pi Sigma Alpha-Political Science Honorary Society, (2008 to present)

Ad Hoc International Studies Committee, (2003 to 2005)

Curriculum Committee, Departmental Representative, (2001 to 2002)

Faculty Convivium Committee, (2002 to 2004)

*Community Service*

Commissioner, City-County Planning Commission of Warren County, KY, February 2000 to June 2001

Volunteer, Saturdays Bread (soup kitchen), twice a year

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“China, the West, and African Development: Comparative Strategies and Impacts,” presentation at the Institute for African Development, Cornell University, March 3, 2011

“Responses to Neoliberalism in South Africa and Zimbabwe: Implications for Ghana,” presentation at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, January 16, 2011

“Orientation and Expectations for US Study,” panel presentation with Mark Weinberg, Public Affairs Section (PAS) US Embassy, Harare, Zimbabwe, May 28, 2008

“Zim: What Now? Prospects for Change,” presentation at the Center for Civil Society, School of Development Studies, University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa, March 26, 2008

“Academic Unions: Organizing and Political Involvement as a Foundation of Democracy,” presentation for “Food for Thought” series at the Public Affairs Section (PAS) US Embassy, Harare, Zimbabwe, March 4, 2008

“Union Building and the Relevance of Academics,” presentation to the Trainers and Allied Workers Union (TAWU) of the Botswana Institute of Administration and Commerce (BIAC) and the University of Botswana Faculty Union, Gaborone, Botswana, on February 19th and 20th, 2008, respectively

“Structures, Selection, and Accountability: American, Japanese, and South African Systems and the Implications for Zimbabwe,” presentation at the SUNY Zimbabwe, Center for International Development (CID) workshop on parliamentary processes and public engagement of parliament with the Zimbabwe National Youth Development Trust (NYDT), Harare, Zimbabwe, February 12, 2008

“American Academic Labour Unions: When the Struggle is Not So Local,” presentation at the Center for Civil Society (CCS), School of Development Studies, University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN), Durban, South Africa, January 16, 2008

“SWOT Analysis of NYS UUP: State Meets Local,” presentation at the National Tertiary Education Staff Union (NTESU) 10th Anniversary Conference, University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN), Durban, South Africa, January 14, 2008

“Developmental States’ Debates from East Asia to South Africa,” presentation delivered at the Center for Civil Society (CCS), University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN), Durban, South Africa, July 13, 2007; and at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU), Port Elizabeth, South Africa, July 18, 2007

“Re-engaging Japan: US-China Relations and the 2000 Elections,” roundtable presentation at the Board of Advisors Meeting, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky, October 20, 2000

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

New York State African Studies Association (NYASA), Executive Board Member, 2011 to present

Textbook New Edition Reviewer for W.W. Norton, Cases in Comparative Politics (Japan Case), ed. Patrick O’Neil and Essential Readings in Comparative Politics, ed. Patrick O’Neil, 2011

NYASA Conference Organizing Committee, 2011

Queering Paradigms III Organizing Committee, 2011

Reviewer for W.W. Norton, Cases in Comparative Politics (Japan Case), ed. Patrick O’Neil and Essential Readings in Comparative Politics, ed. Patrick O’Neil, 2011

Reviewer for Asian Politics and Policies, 2008

Completed NYSUT/Cornell (Industrial Labor Relations School) Leadership Institute Program, July 31-August 5, 2005 and March 2-5, 2006

Attended AFT Higher Education Special Leadership Conference, Washington, D.C., November 18-20, 2005

Created Instructor’s Manual for Introduction to Politics by Martin Slann, Atomic Dog Publishing, 2005  
  
Reviewer for Issues and Studies (Republic of China), 2004 and 2005

Reviewer for Northwest Publishing, 2003  
  
Reviewer for Ashgate Publishers, 2002 and 2003  
  
Reviewer for SUNY-Press, 2000  
  
Organized Panel: “Globalization and East Asia: Bridging the International Relations and Comparative Politics Gap,” the American Political Science Association conference, September,1999

Reviewer for Houghton Mifflin Company, 1999