

Lisa Mueller

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EDUCATION

Ph.D in Political Science, University of California – Los Angeles, 2014

Major Field: Comparative Politics

Minor Fields: Quantitative Methods; Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

Dissertation: “Beyond Ethnicity: African Protests in an Age of Inequality”

Committee: Miriam Golden (Chair), Edmond Keller, Daniel Posner, Pierre Englebert

M.A. in Political Science, University of California – Los Angeles, 2009 (with honors)

B.A. in Politics and French, Pomona College, 2006 (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Macalester College, Department of Political Science

Associate Professor (2021-present)

Assistant Professor (2015-2021)

Director of African Studies (2019-2021)

Courses Taught: Foundations of Comparative Politics; Empirical Research Methods; Political Economy of Development; African Politics; Blood, Borders, and Belonging; Senior Capstone Seminar

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study

Residential Fellow (2018-2019)

Loyola Marymount University, Department of Political Science

Visiting Assistant Professor (2014-2015)

Courses Taught: Intro to Comparative Politics; Empirical Approaches; Advanced Research Methods; The Politics of Inequality (Senior Seminar)

RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine - Advisor (2021)

USAID and US State Department - Consultant (2015-present)

US Intelligence Community - Consultant (2017-present)

German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation & Development - Consultant (2018-2019)

World Bank - Consultant (2018)

YouGov America - Data Analyst (2008)

PUBLISHED SCHOLARLY WORKS

Books

Mueller, Lisa. 2018. *Political Protest in Contemporary Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Honorable Mention for Best Book, African Politics Conference Group

Refereed Articles

Roberts, Tyson and Lisa Mueller. 2021. "Does Charisma Affect Survival in Office for Leaders Who Take Power via Military Coup?" Forthcoming in *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

Mueller, Lisa. 2021. "United We Stand, Divided We Fall? How Signals of Activist Cohesion Affect Attraction to Advocacy Organizations." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* DOI: 10.1057/s41309-020-00108-7.

Bhandari, Abhit and Lisa Mueller. 2019. "Nation-State of Nation Family? Nationalism in Marginalised African Societies." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 57.2: 297-322.

Elischer, Sebastian and Lisa Mueller. 2019. "Niger Falls Back Off Track." *African Affairs* 118.471: 392-406.

Mueller, Lisa. 2018. "Personal Politics without Clientelism? Interpreting Citizen-Politician Contact in Africa." *African Studies Review* 61.2: 28-54.

Mueller, Lisa and Lukas Matthews (Macalester '19). 2016. "The National Elections in Niger, February-March 2016." *Electoral Studies* 43: 203-206.

Mueller, Lisa. 2016. "Religious Violence and Democracy in Niger." *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 6.1: 89-104.

Mueller, Lisa. 2013. "Democratic Revolutionaries or Pocketbook Protesters? The Roots of the 2009-2010 Uprisings in Niger." *African Affairs* 112.448: 398-420.

Invited Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes

Mueller, Lisa. 2021. "What is African about African Protests?" Forthcoming in the *SAIS Review of International Affairs*.

Mueller, Lisa. "Niger: Precarious Stability." In Leonardo A. Villalón et al., eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the African Sahel*. Forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

Mueller, Lisa. 2019. "Protest and Accountability." In Gabrielle Lynch and Peter VonDoepp, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Democratization in Africa*. New York: Routledge: 392-403.

Book Reviews

Mueller, Lisa. 2020. "Klaas van Walraven. *Le désir de calme: L'histoire du mouvement Sawaba au Niger*." *African Studies Review* 63.4: E74-E76.

Mueller, Lisa. 2019. "Insurgent Fragmentation in the Horn of Africa: Rebellion and Its Discontents by Michael Woldemariam." *Perspectives on Politics* 17.1: 209-211.

Mueller, Lisa. 2019. "Women and the Egyptian Revolution: Engagement and Activism during the 2011 Arab Uprisings by Nerim Allam." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 57.1: 164-165.

Mueller, Lisa. 2016. "Muslim Women in Postcolonial Kenya: Leadership, Representation and Social Change by Ousseina D. Alidou and *Bargaining for Women's Rights: Activism in an Aspiring Muslim Democracy* by Alice J. Kang." *African Studies Review* 59.2: 290-292.

Newspaper Contributions

Mueller, Lisa. 2020. "Guinea's president claims he won reelection. Thousands of Guineans disagree." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 30 October.

Mueller, Lisa and Abhit Bhandari. 2019. "African countries are opening their borders. What does this mean for security, identity and trade?" *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 13 August.

Elischer, Sebastian and Lisa Mueller. 2018. "Niger's protests are ramping up. Here's why." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 26 March.

Mueller, Lisa and Lukas Matthews (Macalester '19). 2016. "4 things you should know about Niger's recent elections." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 17 April.

Mueller, Lisa and Lukas Matthews (Macalester '19). 2016. "The upcoming Niger election and the drama surrounding it, explained." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 17 February.

Mueller, Lisa. 2016. "As Niger prepares for elections, it's concerned about security. Should it be?" *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 28 January.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations at National or International Conferences

- "African Protesters: Troublemakers or Heroes?" Invited talk at the Alison L. Des Forges International Virtual Symposium, October 2020.
- "Can We Talk Our Way Out of Development Problems? An Experimental Test of Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues in Niger." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, November 2019.
- "The Myth of Solidarity: How Diversity within Social Movements Shapes the Power of Protest." Research design presented at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, November 2018.
- "Coup de Hot: Does Appearance Affect Coup Leader Survival in Office?" Paper presented at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, December 2017.
- "Familial Nationalism in Weak African States." Paper presented with Abhit Bhandari at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, December 2016, and the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2017.
- "Generals of the Revolution: Protest Leadership in Africa." Book chapter presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2016.
- "Are the Harms of Artificial States Reversible?" Paper presented with Abhit Bhandari at a special meeting of the Working Group in African Political Economy at NYU-Abu Dhabi, January 2016.
- "Personal Politics Without Clientelism? Interpreting Citizen-Politician Contact in Africa." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2015.

Presentations at Regional or Local Conferences

- "Democracy in Africa: Autocrats under Pressure?" Invited presentation at the Africa Board of Experts Spring Conference (a gathering of U.S. intelligence personnel), May 2019.
- "Democracy without Democrats: Explaining Niger's Unstable Regime Trajectory." Paper presented with Sebastian Elischer at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019.

- “The Myth of Solidarity: How Diversity within Social Movements Shapes the Power of Protest.” Research design presented at the Michigan State University Comparative Politics Workshop (invited lecture), October 2018.
- “New Modes of Political Protest.” Invited Lecture, Northwestern University Graduate Summer Institute, July 2018.
- “Reframing Mass Violence in Africa: Social Memory and Social Justice.” Invited lecture at the University of Minnesota, April 2018.
- “Familial Nationalism in Weak African States.” Paper presented at a workshop on the African Sahel, Northwestern University, May 2017.
- “Interpretive Pitfalls in West Africa.” Invited presentation at the Africa Board of Experts Spring Conference (a gathering of U.S. intelligence personnel), May 2017.
- “Familial Nationalism in Weak African States.” Paper presented at a workshop on Researching and Teaching African Politics: Everyday Politics, Power, and Protest in the Digital Age, Smith College, April 2017.
- “Coup de Hot: Does Appearance Affect Coup Leader Survival in Office?” Paper presented at the Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Minnesota, February 2017.
- “Coup de Hot: Does Appearance Affect Coup Leader Survival in Office?” Paper presented with Tyson Roberts at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016.
- “A Pitch for a Rapid-Response Protest Research Team.” Presentation at the California Consensus, a summit of scholars and social entrepreneurs hosted by the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego, April 2016.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND GRANTS

Awards

- Honorable Mention for Best Book, African Politics Conference Group, 2019

Grants

- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$5,500), 2020
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$5,000), 2019
- Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Residential Fellowship (\$60,000), 2018
- USAID/AidData grant for “Participatory, Responsive Governance in Niger: Impact Evaluation” (\$772,193), with co-PIs Ariel BenYishay and Philip Roessler (College of William and Mary), 2015 (increased in 2017)
- Collaborative Summer Research Award, Macalester College (\$9,400), 2016
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$4,950), 2016
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$2,212), 2017
- Center for Teaching Excellence Grant, Loyola Marymount University (\$~2,000), 2015
- Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship, UCLA (\$~4,500), 2010
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA (\$~4,000), 2007 and 2009

Undergraduate Awards, Honors, or Other Recognition

- John A. Vieg Prize in Politics, Pomona College, 2006
- Graduated from Pomona College Magnum Cum Laude, 2006
- Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 2006
- Irvine Foundation Research Fellowship, 2005

SERVICE

Membership in Professional Societies

American Political Science Association, African Politics Conference Group, Midwest Political Science Association, African Studies Association, Working Group in African Political Economy, West African Research Center (Dakar)

Refereeing

Journal of Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Studies, African Studies Review, African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review, Interface, Routledge

Professional Service

Guest Editor, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 2019
Best Dissertation Award Committee, African Politics Conference Group, 2019
Event Coordinator for the African Politics Conference Group, 2017

Macalester College Service

Social Science IRB, 2019-201 (chair, 2020-2021)
African Studies Concentration Director, 2019-2021
Political Science Research Workshop Coordinator, 2019-present
Cross Country and Track and Field Faculty Liaison, 2019-present
African Studies Concentration Steering Committee, 2016-present
International Development Studies Concentration Steering Committee, 2016-present
Economics Search Committee, 2018
Political Science Library Liaison, 2015-2018
Assisted a faculty search for the French and Francophone Studies Department, 2017
Mitau Summer Research Opportunity Grant Selection Committee, 2017
Political Science Post-Doctoral Fellow Search Committee, 2016