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EDUCATION

The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia USA

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2011

- Dissertation Topic: “The Evolution of Regional Integration Arrangements in the Developing World”
- Advisor: Jeffrey D. Berejikian

M.A., Political Science, May 2007

- Thesis: “Regional Integration and Trade: Prospects and Challenges of Regionalism in Africa”

Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia USA

B.A. *with honors*, Political Science, May, 2004

- Minor: European Union Studies
- *magna cum laude*

POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan (2012-current)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Political Economy, International Security & Cooperation.

PUBLICATIONS

“Economic Interdependence and Post-Coup Democratization” (with Jonathan Powell). *Democratization*. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2016.1263617 (forthcoming).

“Colonial Ties and Civil Conflict Intervention: Clarifying the Causal Mechanisms” (with Szymon Stojek). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. DOI: 10.1177/0738894216655514 (2016).

“Investing in Stability: Economic Interdependence, Coups d’etat, and the Capitalist Peace” (with Jonathan Powell). *Journal of Peace Research*. Vol. 53.4 (2016): 525-538.

“Adding Trade To The Equation. Multilevel Model Of Biased Civil War Interventions” (with Szymon Stojek). *Journal of Peace Research*. 52.2 (2015): 228-242.

- Also featured in the *Political Violence @ a Glance* blog (2015): “Civil Conflict Intervention: The Dividend of Economic Ties?”

“Leadership Change and the Power of Domestic Audiences: A Game Theoretic Account of Escalation and De-escalation in Civil Conflicts” (with Cale Horne). *African Security*. 7.2 (2014): 110-134.

“Regional Integration and the Challenge of Overlapping Memberships on Trade.” *Journal of International Relations and Development*. 17.4 (2014): 522-544.

“Regional Attachment and Support for European Integration.” *European Union Politics*. 14.2 (2013): 206-227.

“Regional Integration and Nuclear Energy in Africa.” *African Security Review*. 21.4 (2012): 38-50.

- BOOK CHAPTERS “The Quest for Development: Regional Integration in Africa.” In Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.) *Introduction to Africa*. Cognella Academic Publishing. January 2012.
- “Political and economic effects of sanctions on targeted States.” In Quentin Michel, Odette Jankowitsch-Prevor and Sylvain Paile-Calvo (Eds.) *Controlling the trade of strategic goods: Sanctions and Penalties*. European Studies Unit (University of Liege). August 2016.
- PAPERS UNDER REVIEW “Opening Up or Digging In? Failed Coups, Democratization, and Authoritarian Entrenchment” (with Jonathan Powell and Gary Smith).
- “Identity and Public Trust in Regional Organizations: An Examination of the Commonwealth of Independent States” (with Yoshiharu Kobayashi)
- WORKING PAPERS “Overlapping Memberships and the Depth of Regional Integration.”
- “The Breadth-Depth Trade-Off and Regional Integration.”
- “Motivations and Consequences of Intergovernmental Organization Observer Status in the United Nations.”
- “Democracy Survival and Economic Interdependence” (with Jonathan Powell).
- “Economic Interdependence and the Success of Civil War Mediation” (with Szymon Stojek).
- CONFERENCE AND INVITED TALKS Chacha, Mwita. European Integration and Regional Autonomy. International Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.
- Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. Economic Openness and the Success of Civil War Mediation. European Political Science Association Meeting, Brussels, Belgium, June 2016.
- Chacha, Mwita and Jonathan Powell. Which way forward? Economic Interdependence, Coups, and Democratization. American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015 & Southern Political Science Association Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.
- Chacha, Mwita. The Political and Economic Effects of Embargoes and Trade Restrictions. Chaudfontaine Group Seminar. Liege, Belgium, November 2015.
- Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. Colonial Ties and Civil Conflict Intervention: Clarifying the Causal Mechanisms. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- Powell, Jonathan and Mwita Chacha. Economic Interdependence and Coup Occurrence. International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, Richmond, Virginia, October 2014 & Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.
- Chacha, Mwita. Economic and Political Determinants of Public Support for Regional Integration in East Africa. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, March 2014 & European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2014.
- Chacha, Mwita. Membership Dynamics and the Evolution of Regional Integration in the Developing World. International Relations Colloquium, Political Science Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison & International Politics Seminar, Political Science Department, University of Gothenburg, October 2013.

Chacha, Mwita. International Trade and Investment Agreements, Investment Climate, and Foreign Direct Investments. Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2013.

Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. Intervening for Profit? Economic Motivations in Government- and Rebel-Biased Civil War Intervention. Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia, October 2012.

Chacha, Mwita. The Regional Integration Depth and Investment Climates of Developing States. International Forum Lecture, Southern Polytechnic and State University, February 2012.

Chacha, Mwita. Strengthening Nonproliferation Efforts in Asia. 19th Asian Export Control Seminar, Tokyo, Japan, February 2012.

Chacha, Mwita and Ann Kryzanek. Wherefore Foreign Aid? Reconceptualizing the Effect of Official Development Assistance. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

Horne, Cale and Mwita Chacha. Leadership Change and the Power of Domestic Audiences: A Game Theoretic Account of Escalation and De-escalation in Civil Conflicts. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

Chacha, Mwita and Ann Kryzanek. Wherefore Foreign Aid? Reconceptualizing the Effect of Official Development Assistance. Pan-European International Relations Conference, Stockholm, Sweden, September 2010.

Chacha, Mwita and Szymon Stojek. The Logic of Intervention: Economic Interdependence and Civil Conflicts. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010.

Chacha, Mwita. The New Community: Liberal Intergovernmentalism and East African Integration. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, September 2009.

Chacha, Mwita. Regional Attachment and Support for the European Union: Explaining the Emergence of 'A Europe of Regions'. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2009.

Chacha, Mwita. Why Belgium? Regional Attachment and Support for the European Union. International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, Ashland, Virginia, October 2008.

Chacha, Mwita. Regional Integration and Trade: Overlapping Memberships and Challenges of Regionalism in Africa. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 2008.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia USA

- Introduction to Global Issues (Summer 2010)
- Latin American Political Systems (Summer 2010)
- InterAmerican Relations (Summer 2010)
- Introduction to American Government (Fall 2009)
- African Political Systems (Summer 2009)
- Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2009)

Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

- PLS 550: Core Seminar in International Relations (Graduate, Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2016)
- PLS 458/558: International Organization (Spring 2015; Fall 2016)
- PLS 359: United Nations (Fall 2015)

- PLS 353: Politics of European Integration (Fall 2013; Spring 2016)
- PLS 352: International Relations Theory (Fall 2012; Spring 2015; Spring 2016; Spring 2017)
- PLS 351: International Political Economy (Fall 2012)
- PLS 341: Politics of Development (Spring 2013; Spring 2017)
- PLS 150: Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2013; Summer 2013; Fall 2013; Fall 2014)

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia USA

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

August 2011–August 2012

Center for International Trade and Security

The East African Community Secretariat, Arusha, Tanzania

Research Intern

Summer 2005

Office of the Legal Counsel

Southern Center for International Studies, Atlanta, Georgia USA

Research Intern

Fall 2004

Research Department

SERVICE

- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Library Committee (2012-2013); served as Chair.
- Nazarbayev University Library Committee (2012-2013; 2013-2014; 2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016-2017)
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Affairs Committee (2013-2014)
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Conference Sub-Committee (Fall 2014); served as Chair.
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Committee (2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016-2017)
- Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate member (2016-2017)

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- European Political Science Association
- European Neighbourhood Council
- International Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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