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Education

B.A. *with honors* Political Science, Valdosta State University (USA), 2004.

M.A. Political Science, University of Georgia (USA), 2007.

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Georgia (USA), 2011.

Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & International Studies, University of Birmingham, 2019-.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations, Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), 2012–2019.

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Center for International Trade & Security, University of Georgia (USA), 2011–2012.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed

- “Forum: A Coup at the Capitol? Conceptualizing Coups and Other Anti-Democratic Actions” (with Jonathan M. Powell, et. al.) *International Studies Review* 24.1 (2022): viabo62.
- “The Breadth-Depth Trade-Off and Varieties of Preferential Trade Agreements” (with Adil Nussipov). *Journal of Common Market Studies* 60.2 (2022): 821-844.
- “European Union Membership Status and Decentralization: A Top-Down Approach.” *Regional & Federal Studies* 30.1 (2020): 1-23. (Best Article Prize nominee, 2021.)
- “Closing the Book on Africa’s First Generation Coups” (with Jonathan Powell). *African Studies Quarterly* 18.2 (2019): 87-94.
- “Opening Up or Digging In? Failed Coups, Democratization, and Authoritarian Entrenchment” (with Jonathan Powell and Gary Smith). *African Affairs* 118.471 (2019): 238-258.
- “Colonial Ties and Civil Conflict Intervention: Clarifying the Causal Mechanisms” (with Szymon Stojek). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 36.1 (2019): 42-62.
- “Migration and Public Trust in the Commonwealth of Independent States” (with Yoshiharu Kobayashi). *Regional & Federal Studies* 28.4 (2018): 523-554.
- “Economic Interdependence and Post-Coup Democratization” (with Jonathan Powell). *Democratization* 24.5 (2017): 819-838.
- “Investing in Stability: Economic Interdependence, Coups d’etat, and the Capitalist Peace” (with Jonathan Powell). *Journal of Peace Research* 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.
- “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.

Commentary

- “A New Coup Era for Africa?” (with Jonathan Powell & Abigail Reynolds) *Conflict Trends* (March 2022).
*Also featured in *Independent Online*.
- “The scourge of popular coups in Africa.” *Democracy in Africa* (February 2022).
*Also featured in *The Continent*.
- “Coups and democracy: Searching for unicorns.” (with Jonathan Powell) *Arrested Dictatorship* (December 2021).
- “Did the Zimbabwe Coup Encourage Gabon’s Plotters?” (with Jonathan Powell) *Political Violence @ a Glance* (January 2019).
- “It’s been one year since Zimbabwe toppled Mugabe. Why isn’t it a democracy yet?” (with Jonathan Powell) *Monkey Cage* (November 2018).

Working Papers & Projects

- “Public opinion and regional integration in sub-Saharan Africa.”
- “Coups, electoral history and public support for external democracy promotion in Africa”
- “Coup leadership and the African Union’s Policy on Unconstitutional Changes of Government (with Jonathan Powell).

Awards & Grants

- University of Birmingham, 2022: POLSIS Research Fund, £1,244.
- University of Birmingham, 2022: COVID Support Programme, £3,444.
- University of Birmingham, 2021: School of Government Research Fund, £500.
- Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies, 2017: Young Investigator Training Program Scholarship, €4,000.
- Nazarbayev University, 2013-2015: Research Seed Grant, \$20,000.

Selected Conference & Invited Talks

- “Public attitudes towards external democracy promotion in Africa.” European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Prague, Czechia, June 2022.
- “Coup leadership and the African Union’s Policy on Unconstitutional Changes of Government,” (with Jonathan Powell). 10th Eurasian Peace Science Conference, virtual, January 2022.
- “Doing the “Hatchet Work:” A Reappraisal of Leadership in Military Coups,” (with Jonathan Powell). Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, virtual, March 2021.
- “Public Awareness of the East African Community.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2018.
- Chacha, Mwita. Oil and the Propensity of Biased Civil War Interventions. European Political Science Association Meeting, Milan, Italy, June 2017.
- “European Integration and Regional Autonomy.” International Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.
- “Economic Openness and the Success of Civil War Mediation,” (with Szymon Stojek). European Political Science Association Meeting, Brussels, Belgium, June 2016.
- “Which way forward? Economic Interdependence, Coups, and Democratization,” (with Jonathan Powell). American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 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.
- Chacha, Mwita. Economic and Political Determinants of Public Support for Regional Integration in East Africa. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, March 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, October 2013.
- Milward, Marie and Mwita Chacha. Street Level Diplomats? Election Observers and the Role of International Organizations in Domestic Politics. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 2012.

Teaching

University of Birmingham, UK

- POLS 227: Global Governance
- POLS 307: Conflict and Peace: Theory and Practice
- POLS 329: Rebuilding War Torn States? Confronting Legacies of Conflict
- POLS G85: International Relations Theory (Post-graduate)
- POLS G81H: Post Conflict Peacebuilding and the International Order (Post-graduate)

Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

- PLS 150: Introduction to International Relations
- PLS 341: Politics of Development
- PLS 351: International Political Economy
- PLS 352: International Relations Theory
- PLS 353: Politics of European Integration
- PLS 359: United Nations
- PLS 458/558: International Organization
- PLS 550: Core Seminar in International Relations (Post-graduate)

Service

University of Birmingham

- Member, School of Government Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (2022-)
- Deputy Director, Department of Political Science and International Relations Post-graduate programmes (2021-)
- Member, Department of Political Science and International Relations Research Committee (2021-)
- Library Representative, Department of Political Science and International Relations (2020-2021)
- Distance Learning Co-Lead, Department of Political Science and International Relations (2020-2021)

Nazarbayev University

- Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Institutional Research Ethics Committee (2016-2019).
- Senator, Nazarbayev University Faculty Senate (2016-2018).
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Inclusion Task Force (2016-2019)
- Member, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Committee (2014-2018)
- Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Conference Sub-Committee (Fall 2014).
- Member, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Affairs Committee (2013-2014)
- Member, Nazarbayev University Library Committee (2012-2017)
- Chair, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Library Committee (2012-2013).

Reviewer

American Political Science Review	Applied Economics
British Journal of Politics & International Relations	Cambridge Review of International Affairs
Comparative Political Studies	Conflict Management & Peace Science
De Gruyter	Democratization
Digital War	European Union Politics
International Interactions	International Studies Perspectives
International Studies Quarterly	International Political Science Review
Journal of Conflict Resolution	Journal of European Integration
Journal of Global Security Studies	Journal of International Relations & Development
Journal of Politics	Journal of Peace Research
Regional & Federal Studies	Regional Studies
Palgrave-McMillan	Social Science Quarterly
Springer	

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
European Political Science Association

British Institute of Eastern Africa
International Studies Association

References

To be provided upon request.

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