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## EDUCATION

### **PhD Candidate, ABD (Expected Graduation: December 2016), Political Science**

*University of Florida, Gainesville, FL*

1<sup>st</sup> Field: International Relations (Examination Field)

2<sup>nd</sup> Field: Comparative Politics (Examination Field)

3<sup>rd</sup> Field: Political Theory

Doctoral Dissertation: "Outsourcing Justice: Africa and the Politics of the International Criminal Court"

Committee: Aida A. Hozic (Chair), Ido Oren, Leonardo A. Villalón, Dan O'Neill, Sharon Abramowitz (Anthropology)

### **Research Associate, University of Nairobi, January 2016 - June 2016**

### **M.A., Political Science, February 2014**

*University of Florida, Gainesville, FL*

### **M.A., Political Science, March 2011**

*Ohio University, Athens, Ohio*

Thesis: "International Criminal Justice and State Sovereignty: An African Perspective"

Thesis Committee: Andrew Ross (PhD), Patricia Weitsman (PhD), Brandon Kendhammer (PhD)

### **M.A., International Affairs, August 2011**

*Ohio University, Athens, Ohio USA*

### **National African Language Resource Center (NALRC) - University of Wisconsin-Madison Fellow**

*Certificate of Completion of the NARLC Summer Institute, June 2011*

### **Certificate of Completion of the Summer Intensive Arabic at Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco, July 2011**

*Intermediate Level*

### **B.A., International Studies, March 2009**

*The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio USA*

Track: International Relations and Diplomacy

**B.A., Geography, August 1999**

*Universite Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, SENEGAL*

Major: Geography; Minor: History

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications:

Ba, Oumar. 2015. The Court is the Political Arena: Performance and Political Narratives at the International Criminal Court. *African Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 1(2): 174-189.

Ba, Oumar (co-author). 2015. Mobilizing for Elections: The Burkinabe Context." *APSA Africa Workshops Newsletter*, Vol. 3 (1), November 2015

Ba, Oumar. 2015. Review of *Unimaginable Atrocities: Justice, Politics, and Rights at the War Crimes Tribunals* by William Schabas (Oxford University Press, 2012) 240 pp. *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 13 (1)

Ba, Oumar (2014). Review of 'George Klay Kieh and Kelechi Kalu (Eds) (2012) *West Africa and the U.S. War on Terror*. Routledge. 224p.' *Political Studies Review*, Vol: 12 (2)

Ba, Oumar (2014). "Tuareg Nationalism and Cyclical Pattern of Rebellions: How the past and present explain each other." *Sahel Research Group Working Paper* No. 007

Ba, Oumar (2013). (Re)Drawing the African Map: A critique of the Africa's secessionist deficit argument. *Air and Space Power Journal-Africa and Francophonie*, 4 (3)

Ba, Oumar (2013). Review of 'Nina Caspersen (2012) *Unrecognized States*. Cambridge: Polity Press. 210pp'. *Political Studies Review*, Vol: 11 (1)

Working Papers:

Ba, Oumar "Dislocated Narratives and Kenyan Life Fragments: Identity, political violence, and nationhood in flux" [Revise and Resubmit]

Ba, Oumar "Regimes of International Justice as Organized Hypocrisy: The Case of Self-Referrals to the International Criminal Court (ICC)" [Under Review]

Ba, Oumar "International Justice and the Postcolonial Condition" [Under Review]

Ba, Oumar "International Criminal Justice and the Limits of State Compliance"

Ba, Oumar "The New Terrain of International Law: Destruction of Cultural Heritage as War Crimes"

Other Publications:

Ba, Oumar “Hissène Habré, Chad’s former dictator, just got a life sentence for crimes he committed in the 1980s.” *Washington Post*, June 1, 2016

Ba, Oumar “Gabon’s presidential elections: are the opposition’s attempts at unifying too little too late?” *African Arguments*, August 22, 2016

Ba, Oumar “Why is the U.S. defending the honor of the International Criminal Court?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], June 1, 2016

Ba, Oumar “The Power of Prayer” (on Kenya and the ICC). *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], April 14, 2016

Ba, Oumar “Africa is still front and center at The Hague” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], February 8, 2016

Ba, Oumar “Who is Laurent Gbagbo and why is he on trial at the ICC?” *Washington Post*, February 3, 2016.

Ba, Oumar (co-author) “How to Make Sense of the Short-Lived Coup in Burkina Faso” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], September 27, 2015

Ba, Oumar “Should South Africa Have Arrested President Bashir?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], June 15, 2015.

Ba, Oumar “Strikes, Protests Signal Political Uncertainty for Gabon’s Bongo” *World Politics Review*, April 9, 2015

Ba, Oumar “In the Name of Africa: Former President of Chad Hissène Habré will stand trial in Senegal” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], March 3, 2015

Ba, Oumar “Former LRA commander Dominic Ongwen on Trial: Perpetrator or Victim?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], January 26, 2015.

Ba, Oumar “The Trials and Tribulations of Simone Gbagbo” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], January 12, 2015.

Ba, Oumar “Francophonie: Do we still need an organization of France’s former colonies?” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], December 10, 2014.

Ba, Oumar “Kenyatta went to The Hague: how to bet and win against the (international) system” *Africa Is A Country* [Online Magazine], October 20, 2014.

CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS

“International Justice and the Postcolonial Condition”

Paper presented at the African Studies Association’s 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 19-22 2015

“International Justice and the Postcolonial Condition”

*Invited Talk*, Ohio University, April 8, 2015

"Regimes of International Justice as Organized Hypocrisy: The Case of Self-Referrals to the International Criminal Court (ICC)"

Paper presented at International Studies Association’s 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 18-21, 2015

“The Court is The Political Arena: Performance and Political Narratives at the International Criminal Court”

Paper presented at International Studies Association’s 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 18-21, 2015

“The International Criminal Court (ICC) and Africa: Self-referrals and Norms Perversion as Organized Hypocrisy”

Paper presented at the ISA Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 7-8, 2014

“The ICC and Africa: A Regime of ‘Organized Hypocrisy’”

Paper to be presented at the African Studies 57<sup>th</sup> Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November 20-23 2014

“International Justice: Field Notes from The Hague”

SASA Lunch Series, University of Florida Center for African Studies, October 15 2014

“The Drone Wars: The Narratives of Legitimization and Sanitization”

Paper presented at the International Studies Association 55<sup>th</sup> annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26-29 2014

“The Drone Wars: The Narratives of Legitimization and Sanitization”

Paper presented at the annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11-14 2013

“(Re)Drawing the African Map: A critique of the Africa’s secessionist deficit argument”

Paper presented at the annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012

“Africa and the International Criminal Court: Judicial Imperialism, De-legitimization, and the Making of New Norms”

Paper to be presented at the annual convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011

“International Criminal Law and the Politics of Selective Justice: Is the ICC a tool for judicial imperialism in Africa?”

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science, Boston, MA November 11-13 2010

“International Justice and State Sovereignty: Africa as a Victim of Judicial Imperialism?”

Paper presented at the Michigan State University Africanist Graduate Student Conference, East Lansing, MI, October 8-9 2010

“L’Affaire Hissène Habré: The Impossible Trial of an African Pinochet”

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA, March 18-21 2010

## TEACHING

### Courses Taught at UF:

INR 3603: Theories of International Relations (Fall 2016)

INR 3084: Culture and World Politics (Fall 2015)

INS 3004: International Studies Perspectives (with Professor Matthew Jacobs, Spring 2015)

AFS 4905: Advanced French (Summer 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

WOL 1130, 2200 and 3410: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Wolof (From Fall 2011 to Fall 2014)

### Other Teaching Experience:

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, Spring 2015 to present

Teaching Assistant, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Fall 2011 to Fall 2014

Tutor, University of Florida Athletic Association, January 2013 to May 2014

I tutored student-athletes for the classes POS2041 (American Federal Government) and POS2112 (State and Local Politics), and French.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Center for International Studies, Ohio University  
Professor Steve Howard, Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Spring 2011

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Ohio University  
Professor Patricia Weitsman, Fall 2010

Instructor and Academic Advisor, Upward Bound, College of Education, Ohio University,  
Winter 2010, Spring 2010, Summer 2010

Cultural Consultant, Ohio Valley International Council (OVIC), September 2009 to June  
2011

French Tutor, Ohio University Academic Advancement Center, September 2010 to August  
2011

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

UF Sahel Research Group grant, December 2016, to conduct research in Timbuktu on war  
crimes and destruction of religious edifices and cultural heritage.

David L. Boren Fellowship for dissertation research in Kenya and Uganda, January-May  
2016, \$12,000.

Graduate School Doctoral Research Award, a competitive university-wide award, for  
research at the International Criminal Court, in The Hague, Netherlands. \$4,179

Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Grant for  
fieldwork in The Hague, Netherlands. \$1,000

University of Florida, Department of Political Science Summer Dissertation Research  
Award, to conduct research at the ICC, in The Hague, Netherlands. \$800

Center for African Studies, University of Florida Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Fall 2011  
to Fall 2014

Department of Political Science, University of Florida, Graduate Teaching Assistantship,  
Spring 2015 to Present

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Spring 2016, \$300

University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Fall 2015, \$300

University of Florida, Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Fall 2015, \$300

Center for African Studies, University of Florida Travel Grant, Fall 2015, \$500

Center for African Studies, University of Florida Travel Grant, Spring 2014, \$500

University of Florida, Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Spring 2014, \$250

Center for African Studies, University of Florida Travel Grant, Spring 2013, \$400

University of Florida, Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Spring 2013, \$250

University of Florida, Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Spring 2012, \$250

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship: \$5,000 tuition and \$2,500 stipend to study Intermediate Arabic at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco in Summer 2011

Ohio University Center for International Studies Graduate Assistantship (Fall, Winter, and Spring 2011)

Ohio University Department of Political Science Graduate Assistantship (Fall and Winter 2011)

Ohio University College of Education Graduate Assistantship (Winter, Spring, and Summer 2010)

Ohio University Graduate Student Senate Travel Grant, Fall 2010, \$500

Ohio University Department of Political Science Travel Grant, Fall 2010, \$600

National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) Graduate Assistantship Award, March 2010, \$250

National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) Graduate Students Symposium Award, March, 2011, \$200

Ohio University Department of Political Science Travel Grant, March 2010, \$300

The Ohio State University Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male Achievement Award, March 2009

The Ohio State University College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Reviewer, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, since Fall 2016

Member, Editorial Committee, *African Studies Quarterly*, since Fall 2012

Member, University of Florida Sahel Research Group, since Fall 2011

Contributing Editor, *Africa Is A Country*, since October 2014

Chair of the African and Diaspora Politics section of the 2011 annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Raleigh, NC, March 16-20 2011

Co-coordinator of *Africa at Age 50: the state of 17 African countries*, Ohio University, African Studies Program, Athens, OH, October 1-8 2010

Membership: American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA), African Studies Association (ASA)

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: fluent

French: fluent

Pulaar/Fulani: fluent

Wolof: fluent

Arabic: proficient

Swahili: beginner