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## Academic Appointment

From Assistant Professor (non-TT), Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University  
Fall 2016

2015- Postdoctoral Fellow, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Department of Political Science,  
2016 Vanderbilt University

2013- Predoctoral Fellow, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Department of Political Science,  
2015 Vanderbilt University

## Education

2015 **Ph.D., Political Science**, University of Florida  
Major Field: Comparative Politics (*with distinction*)  
Minor Fields: Political Methodology (*with distinction*), International Relations

2011 **M.A. Political Science**, University of Florida

2008 **M.A. African Studies**, University of California, Los Angeles

2006 **B.A. Political Science, Legal Studies** (*with honors*), Northwestern University, 2006

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

2014 Keith Weghorst and Michael Bernhard. "From Formlessness to Structure: The Impact of Competitiveness on Party Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(12): 1707-37

2013 Keith Weghorst and Staffan I. Lindberg. "What Drives the Swing Voter in Africa?" *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3): 717-34

2011 Keith Weghorst and Staffan I. Lindberg. "Effective Opposition Strategies: Collective Goods or Clientelism?" *Democratization* 18(5): 1193-1214

## Works in Progress

2018 Keith Weghorst. *Activist Origins of Political Ambition: Opposition Candidacy in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes*. (Book Manuscript) **Preparing to submit; Workshopped in 2017**

2018 Eric Kramon and Keith Weghorst. "(Mis)Measuring Support for Election Violence with the List Experiment: Evidence from Kenya." **Revise & Resubmit; Revision Under Review**

2018 Kristin Michelitch and Keith Weghorst. "Women's Equality in sub-Saharan Africa: The Influence of Religion on Views Towards Women in Mixed Muslim-Christian Countries." **Under Review**

2018 Sterling Roop and Keith Weghorst. "Panel Survey Attrition in sub-Saharan Africa: The Promise of the Mobile Revolution" **Preparing to Submit**

## Policy-Oriented and Public Audience Publications

- 2017 Kristin Michelitch and Keith Weghorst. “Strengthening Media and Civil Society.” *USAID-DRG Learning Center Concept Note*.
- 2016 Sterling Roop and Keith Weghorst. “The 2015 National Elections in Tanzania.” *Electoral Studies: Election Reports*.
- 2016 Sterling Roop and Keith Weghorst. “Wasemavyo Wazanzibari: A Mobile Panel Survey” *Contribution for World Bank Mobile Phone Panel Surveys in Developing Countries Handbook*
- 2016 Keith Weghorst. “Destined for Defeat? Why People Run for the Opposition in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes.” *Comparative Democratization*. 14(1)
- 2015 Keith Weghorst. “In Zanzibar, democracy, peace, and unity are at stake after annulled elections” *Monkey Cage/ Washington Post*
- 2015 Keith Weghorst and Sterling Roop. “Will elections steer Tanzania in a new direction?” *Monkey Cage/ Washington Post*
- 2015 Ruth Carlitz and Keith Weghorst. “Why is the Tanzanian government making information illegal?” *Monkey Cage/ Washington Post*
- 2013 Dereje Dori, Sterling Roop, Kjetil Tronvoll, and Keith Weghorst. “Tanzania Towards 2015: Political Conflict Tracking Inception Report.” Prepared for Norwegian and Danish Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- 2012 Eric Kramon and Keith Weghorst. “Measuring Sensitive Attitudes in Developing Countries: Lessons from Implementing the List Experiment.” *Experimental Political Scientist* 3(2): 14-26
- 2011 “Legislators’ Attitudes Towards Good Governance and Corruption: Results from a 2011 Survey in Zanzibar.” *International Law and Policy Institute: Zanzibar Reports Series*, ed. Kjetil Tronvoll. Prepared for the Ministry of Good Governance of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar
- 2011 “Citizens’ Attitudes Towards Good Governance and Corruption: Results from a 2011 Survey in Zanzibar.” *International Law and Policy Institute: Zanzibar Reports Series*, ed. Kjetil Tronvoll. Prepared for the Ministry of Good Governance of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar
- 2010 Staffan I. Lindberg and Keith Weghorst. “Are Swing Voters Instruments of Democracy or Farmers of Clientelism? Evidence from Ghana.” *Working Paper Series, No. 17: University of Gothenburg Quality of Government Institute*
- 2009 Staffan I. Lindberg and Keith Weghorst. “The Role of Private and Public Goods in Elections: Evidence from Ghana.” *Working Paper No. 5: African Power and Politics Program* Overseas Development Institute

## Grants

### External

- 2017 USAID DRG/Learning Center, appx.\$ 500,000 USD (with Kristin Michelitch)
- 2017 Powell Fellowship, \$7,000 (with Karisa Cloward)
- 2017 American Political Science Africa Workshops Continuing Research Grant, \$1,500
- 2013-2016 Norwegian & Danish Ministries of Foreign Affairs, 12,000,000 NOK [appx. \$2,000,000 USD] (with Reza Lahidji, Sterling Roop, and Kjetil Tronvoll)
- 2009 American Political Science Africa Workshops, \$1,000

## Internal

- 2017 TIPs Faculty-Student Collaborative Grant, \$6,711
- 2017 TIPs Africa at a Crossroads Book Workshop Grant, \$3,200
- 2012 Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Grant, \$5,000 (*Declined*)
- 2011 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, \$1,500
- 2010 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Center for African Studies, \$1,000
- 2010 Student Faculty Collaborative Research Grant, Department of Political Science, \$1,000
- 2010 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Political Science \$1,000
- 2010 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, \$1,500
- 2009 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, \$1,500

## Awards and Fellowships

- 2012 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad, \$29,398
- 2011 Best Graduate Student Paper, Department of Political Science, University of Florida
- 2009 American Political Science Association Africa Workshop Fellow, Ghana
- 2008-2012 Alumni Fellowship (university wide), University of Florida
- 2007 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Fellowship, Tanzania

## Presentations

### Invited

- 2016 *Data-Driven Development in Africa*, Penn State Program on African Studies
- 2016 *Varieties of Democracy Institute Speaker Series*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2016 *Petro Working Group*, Chr. Michelson Institute, Norway
- 2016 *Political Inequality Program*, Chr. Michelson Institute, Norway
- 2015 *Dan German Lecture Series*, Appalachian State University
- 2014 *Dominant Parties Systems Conference*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2011 *How Autocracies Work: Beyond the Electoral Paradigm*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2009 *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Linnæus University, Held in Nairobi, Kenya

## Conferences

(P=Presentation, C=Panel Chair, D=Discussant)

- 2018 **American Political Science Association (APSA)** (P,)
- 2017 **APSA** (P, D), **African Studies Association (ASA)** (P)
- 2016 **Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)** (P, C, D)

2015 **APSA** (P, P), **ASA** (P, D), **EPSA** (P), **Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)** (P)  
 2013 **APSA** (P) **MPSA** (P,P,P)  
 2012 **APSA** (P, *Meeting Canceled*) **ISA** (P,P) **MPSA** (P,P)  
 2011 **MPSA** (P,P)  
 2010 **ASA** (P,C) **APSA** (P,P) **MPSA**(P)  
 2009 **ASA** (P)  
 2008 **ASA** (P)

## Teaching Experience

### Undergraduate Teaching

PSCI 1101: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, F17, Sp18, F17)  
 PSCI 2213: Democratization (F16, F17)  
 PSCI 3894: Comparative Political Parties (Sp17, F18)  
 UNIV 3100: Rhythm of Change: African Politics and African Music (Sp 17; Sp 19)

## Field Experience

### Consultancy

United States Agency for International Development (2017- Current)  
 Freedom House (2016-Current)  
 Varieties of Democracy (2012; 2017- Current)  
 International Law and Policy Institute (2010-2016)  
 Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project (2009)

### Field Research

Tanzania (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017)  
 Zanzibar (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017)  
 Kenya (2017, 2018)  
 Ghana (2009)  
 Mauritius (2009)  
 Uganda (2005)

## Service & Membership

2017 Co-Director, Africa at a Crossroads Transinstitutional Program, Vanderbilt University  
 2016 Editor, Newsletter & Website of the African Politics Conference Group (Official APSA Section)  
 2016 Challenges to Data Collection Workshop, SPSA 2016 (Co-organized w/ Kevin Fridy & Kristin Michelitch)  
 2015 LAPOPx Working Group in Experimental Survey Design (Organizer)  
 2015 Midwest Group for African Political Economy (Co-hosted w/ Amanda Clayton & Kristin Michelitch)  
 2010 Research Frontiers in African Politics Graduate Student Workshop (Co-organized w Jaimie Bleck)

2009-2010 Editorial Board Member, *African Studies Quarterly*

2006-2008 Editorial Board Member, *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*

Reviewer, *AJPS*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *World Politics*

Member, American Political Science Association, African Studies Association, Tanzania Studies Association, African Politics Conference Group, POLDEVSVY (Surveys in Developing Countries), MGAPE (Midwest Group in African Political Economy)

### **Additional Affiliations**

2012-2013 **Guest Scholar**, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

2010 **Visiting Researcher**, Political Science and Public Administration, University of Dar es Salaam

### **Skills**

Swahili: Full Professional Proficiency

Statistical Software: STATA

Survey-Related Software: iSurvey/droidSurvey, Remark Office OMR

Other Software & Interfaces: ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, QGIS, Wordpress

## References

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