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Academic Appointment

- From 2016 Assistant Professor (non-TT), Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2013-2015 Predoctoral Fellow, Latin American Public Opinion Project, Department of Political Science, 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

Books

- 2021 Keith Weghorst and Karisa Cloward. *From the Outside In: How the Rise of Politicians from NGOs is Disrupting African Politics and Development* **Proposing to Publisher Sept/Oct 2021, Oxford University Press (right of first refusal)**
- 2021 Keith Weghorst. *Activist Origins of Political Ambition: Opposition Candidacy in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes*. **In Production, Cambridge University Press**

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2019 Eric Kramon and Keith Weghorst. “(Mis)Measuring Sensitive Attitudes with the List Experiment: Solutions to List Experiment Breakdown in Kenya.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*
- 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

Working Papers Nearing Submission

- 2021 Karisa Cloward and Keith Weghorst. “Careers and Campaigns: Election Strategy and Competitiveness in African Democracies”
- 2021 Karisa Cloward and Keith Weghorst. “Altruists on the Campaign Trail? Civil Society Work as a Path to Political Office”
- 2021 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.”
- 2021 Keith Weghorst. “We Can’t Escape Our Dues: Candidate Selection in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes.”
- 2021 Sterling Roop and Keith Weghorst. “Panel Survey Attrition in sub-Saharan Africa: The Promise of the Mobile Revolution.”

Policy-Oriented and Public Audience Publications

- 2019 Keith Weghorst. “Book Review: *How autocrats compete: Parties, Patrons, and Unfair Elections in Africa* by Yonatan L. Morse.” *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 57(2). [Invited Review].
- 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

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- 2021 COVID-19 Innovative Teaching Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Vanderbilt University
- 2021 Robert Birkby Undergraduate Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University
- 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

Grants

External

- 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

- 2020 Vanderbilt Strong Rapid Cycle Grant \$2,000
- 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

Presentations

Invited

- 2021 *Political Parties in Africa Workshop*, Columbia University, (Virtual)
- 2020 *Representation and Elections Africa Workshop*, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 2019 *Varieties of Democracy Institute Speaker Series*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 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 *Invited Speaker Series*, West Virginia University
- 2015 *Invited Speaker Series*, University of Amsterdam
- 2015 *Dan German Lecture Series*, Appalachian State University
- 2014 *Midwest Group in African Political Economy*, Ohio State University
- 2014 *Dominant Parties Systems Conference*, University of Michigan
- 2011 *How Autocracies Work: Beyond the Electoral Paradigm*, University of Michigan
- 2009 *Political Opposition & Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Linnæus University, Held in Nairobi, Kenya

Conferences

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

- 2019 **American Political Science Association (APSA)** (P), **African Studies Association (ASA)** (P)
- 2018 **APSA** (P, P), **ASA** (P)
- 2017 **APSA** (P, D), **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, F18, S19, S20, S21)
PSCI 2213: Democratization (F16, F17, S20, F20)
PSCI 2240/3894: Comparative Political Parties (Sp17, F18, F20)
PSCI 2278: Music and Politics in Comparative Perspective (S21)
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; 2017-2020)
International Law and Policy Institute (2010-2016)
Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project (2009)

Field Research

Tanzania (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)
Zanzibar (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
Kenya (2017, 2018)
Ghana (2009)
Mauritius (2009)
Uganda (2005)

Service & Membership

2016-
current Executive Board Member, African Politics Conference Group (APSA Section 44)

2017-
current Executive Board Member, African Legislatures Working Group (APSA Working Group)

2017 Co-Director, Africa at a Crossroads Transinstitutional Program, Vanderbilt University

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, African Legislators Working Group, POLDEVSUY (Surveys in Developing Countries), MGAPE (Midwest Group in African Political Economy) MWEPS (Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science)

Additional Affiliations

- 2019-2016 **Visiting Scholar**, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem), University of Gothenburg,
- 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: L^AT_EX, QGIS, Wordpress