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EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, 2004, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Dissertation: *The Human Face of Justice: Victims' Responses to South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process*

Committee: Jennifer Widner (chair), Ronald Inglehart, Allen Hicken, Richard Lempert

MA, Political Science, 1998, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Thesis: *Appraising the Past amid Political Transitions*

Fulbright Scholar (completed coursework for MSocSci, South African and African Studies), Department of Political Studies, February–November 1994, University of Cape Town, South Africa

BA *summa cum laude*, Interdisciplinary Studies and Economics, 1990, Amherst College, Amherst, MA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland (College Park, MD)

- June 2012–present: Director, Minor in International Development and Conflict Management
- March 2012–present: Research Associate Professor, Department of Government & Politics, and Assistant Director, Center for International Development and Conflict Management

United States Institute of Peace (Washington, DC)

- July 2010–September 2011: Program Officer/Senior Program Officer, Grant Program

College of William & Mary (Williamsburg, VA)

- August 2005–July 2010: Assistant Professor, Department of Government, and Affiliated Faculty, African Studies and International Relations Programs

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

- August 2004–April 2005: Lecturer, Department of Political Science
- August 1998–June 2004 (periodic): Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Science
- May 1997–August 2003 (periodic): Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Department of History, Law School, Center for Political Studies
- May–August 1996: Government Relations Intern, Office of the Vice President for Research

Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa)

- August 2001–present: Research Associate
- October 2000–April 2001: Intern

The Carter Center (Atlanta, GA)

- May–August 1999: Graduate Assistant, Democracy Program

National Economic Research Associates, Inc. (White Plains, NY)

- January–October 1993, November 1994–July 1995: Associate Analyst
- January 1992–December 1992: Research Associate
- July 1990–December 1991: Research Assistant

CONSULTING PROJECTS

Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan

September 2014–August 2015: Data collection and report writing for USAID-funded project on election forensics

Media, Technology & Peacebuilding Program, United States Institute of Peace

August 2013–January 2014: Draft report about the use of new media and technology in social and political mobilization

Innovations for Successful Societies Research Program, Princeton University

November 2011–January 2012: Background report on election-related violence (factors, cross-national data, annotated bibliography, case studies); Analysis of Afrobarometer data on government performance in Nigeria

Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation

July–October 2008: Assessment of website summarizing measures of transitional justice around the world

HONORS & AWARDS

Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2012 [co-recipient with Ken Kollman, Allen Hicken, and Daniele Caramani for Constituency-Level Elections Archive]

Visiting Fellowship, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2009-10

Post-Doctoral Scholarship, Center on Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law, Stanford University, 2005-06

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (Political Science), US Department of Education, 1995-99

Fulbright Scholar (South Africa), Institute of International Education, 1994

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (Economics), US Department of Education, 1993 [declined]

RESEARCH FUNDING

University of Maryland, *University of Maryland – University of Ulster Workshop Grant* (March 2016 – February 2017): \$30,000 for development of project on creating a peace event dataset and detailed cityscapes [co-PI with Brandon Hamber]

USAID (via Management Systems International), *USAID 2015-2018 Alert Lists Contract* (August 2015–December 2018): \$721,993 for analyses of state fragility and instability risk, as well as relationship to development aid [co-PI with Paul Huth]

US National Science Foundation, *Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Program Grant* (August 2015–August 2016): \$249,984 to study factors mediating relationship between foreign aid and development outcomes [PI of sub-award (\$31,250); co-PIs on collaborative award: Ken Kollman (Michigan), Allen Hicken (Michigan), Brian Min (Michigan), Eugenio Arima (Texas), Michael Findley (Texas), and Joel Selway (BYU)]

US National Science Foundation, *Political Science Program Grant* (September 2015–August 2016): \$78,013 to advance and transition Constituency-Level Elections Archive [co-PI with Ken Kollman, Allen Hicken and David Lublin (American)]

US Department of Defense, *Minerva Initiative Grant* (September 2014–September 2017): \$2,549,460 to study relationship between development aid and resilience to intrastate armed conflict [co-PI with Paul Huth and Kevin Jones]

USAID (via Tetra Tech ARD), *USAID 2014 Alert Lists Contract* (October 2013–December 2014): \$145,428 for analyses of state fragility and instability risk, as well as relationship to development aid [co-PI with Paul Huth]

US National Science Foundation, *Human & Social Dynamics Program Grant* (November 2006–October 2013): \$682,036 for comparative study of victims' responses to transitional justice in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, *International Cooperation Program Grant* (May–December 2008): \$18,000 for acquisitions and database development of Constituency-Level Elections Archive

College of William & Mary, *Technology Improvement Program Grant* (2006): \$2,000 for equipment/software on WATJ Project

College of William & Mary, *Faculty Development Grant* (2006): \$5,000 for study on transitional justice in Latin America

United States Institute of Peace, *Solicited Grant* (January 2006–September 2007): \$45,000 for study of victims' responses to transitional justice in Ghana

US Department of Defense, *Small Group Dynamics Grant* (October 2001–December 2004): \$537,350 to apply agent-based modeling methods to analyze leadership decision-making and coalition dynamics in closed political regimes [co-PI with Rick Riolo and Ravi Bhavnani]

US National Science Foundation, *U.S.-South Africa Dissertation Enhancement Grant* (August 2001–July 2002): \$10,000 for first wave of survey of apartheid-era victims in the Cape Town area [Jennifer Widner PI as dissertation advisor]

University of Michigan, 13 separate grants from the Department of Political Science, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and Center for Afro-American & African Studies (1999-2004): overall total of \$25,982 to conduct PhD fieldwork in South Africa, Cape Town survey, training of enumerators, interviews, and follow-up research

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Backer, David, Ravi Bhavnani, and Paul Huth (eds.), *Peace and Conflict 2016*, New York: Routledge, 2016

- Backer, David, Ravi Bhavnani, and Paul Huth, “Introduction”
- Backer, David and Paul Huth, “The Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger: Ranking States on Future Risks”

Backer, David, Jonathan Wilkenfeld, and Paul Huth (eds.), *Peace and Conflict 2014*, Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2014

- Backer, David, Jonathan Wilkenfeld, and Paul Huth, “Introduction”
- Backer, David and Paul Huth, “The Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger: Ranking States on Future Risks”
- Backer, David and Paul Huth, “Global Trends in Armed Conflict, 1946–2012”
- Backer, David, “Special Theme—Disaggregation and the Micro-Dynamics of Conflict and Peacebuilding”

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Backer, David and Anupma L. Kulkarni, “Humanizing Transitional Justice: Reflections on the Role of Survey Research in Studying Violent Conflict and its Aftermath,” *Transitional Justice Review* 1(4) [2016]: 185-231

Backer, David and James D. Long, “Electoral and Party System Development in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Oxford Bibliographies*, August 2015, DOI: 10.1093/obo/9780199756223-0126

Backer, David, “Watching a Bargain Unravel? A Panel Study of Victims’ Attitudes about Transitional Justice in Cape Town, South Africa,” *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 4(2) [November 2010]: 443-456

Backer, David, “The Layers of Amnesty: Evidence from Surveys of Victims in Five African Countries,” *Global Studies Review* 5(2) [Fall 2009]

Bhavnani, Ravi, David Backer and Rick Riolo, “Simulating Closed Regimes with Agent-Based Models,” *Complexity* 14(1) [September/October 2008]: 36-44

Backer, David, “Civil Society and Transitional Justice: Possibilities, Patterns and Prospects,” *Journal of Human Rights* 2(3) [September 2003]: 297-313

Backer, David and David Carroll, “NGOs and Constructive Engagement: Promoting Human Rights, Good Governance and the Rule of Law in Liberia,” *International Politics* 38(1) [March 2001]: 1-26

Bhavnani, Ravi and David Backer, “Localized Ethnic Conflict and Genocide: Accounting for Differences in Rwanda and Burundi,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44(3) [June 2000]: 283-306

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Backer, David, “Cross-National Comparative Analysis,” in Hugo van der Merwe, Victoria Baxter and Audrey Chapman (eds.), *Assessing the Impact of Transitional Justice: Issues for Empirical Research* (Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace Press, 2009)

Backer, David, “Victims’ Responses to Truth Commissions: Evidence from South Africa,” in Muna Ndulo (ed.), *Security, Reconciliation and Reconstruction: When the Wars End* (London: University College of London Press, 2006)

Olaleye, Wole and David Backer, “NGOs as Agents of Social Stabilization? Trauma Management and Crime Prevention Initiatives in the Southern African Region,” in Oliver Richmond and Henry Carey eds., *Subcontracting Peace: The Challenges of NGO Peacebuilding* (Williston, VT: Ashgate Publishing, 2005)

Backer, David and David Carroll, “NGOs and Constructive Engagement: Promoting Human Rights, Good Governance and the Rule of Law in Liberia,” in Daniel Nelson and Laura Neack eds., *Global Society in Transition: An International Politics Reader* (The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 2002)

Papers in Conference Proceedings

Backer, David, Ravi Bhavnani and Rick Riolo, “A Hybrid Model of Decision-Making Processes in Closed Political Regimes,” in *Agent 2002—A Workshop on Social Agents: Ecology, Exchange and Evolution* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory, 2003)

Backer, David, “The CODEPU Study—A South African Perspective,” in *Truth Commissions: Torture, Reparations and Prevention* (Geneva: Association for the Prevention of Torture, 2003)

Working Papers

Backer, David, Joseph Lahouchuc and James Long, “Addressing the Post-Election Violence: Micro-Level Perspectives on Transitional Justice in Kenya,” *Oxford Transitional Justice Research Working Paper Series*, June 16, 2010

Ravi Bhavnani and David Backer, “Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Afrobarometer Working Paper #90*, September 2007

Backer, David and David Carroll, “The Carter Center in Liberia: Promoting Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Difficult Transitional Settings,” *Carter Center Working Paper*, February 2000

Bhavnani, Ravi and David Backer, “Localized Ethnic Conflict and Genocide: Accounting for Differences,” *Santa Fe Institute Working Paper #99-08-053*, August 1999

Book Reviews

Backer, David, *Traditional Justice and Reconciliation after Violent Conflict: Learning from African Experiences*, by Luc Huyse and Mark Salter eds., *Democratization* 16(5) [December 2009]: 1035-1038

Backer, David, *The Order of Genocide: Race, Power and War in Rwanda*, by Scott Straus, *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* 4(1) [July 2008]: 179-85

Backer, David, *Overcoming Apartheid: Can Truth Reconcile a Divided Nation?* by James Gibson, *Comparative Political Studies* 39(8) [October 2006]: 1157-1161

Government Reports

Backer, David, *2013 Alert Lists—Fragility and Risk for Instability: Worldwide Rankings*, Washington, DC: USAID, 2013

Other Publications

Backer, David, “Public Radio International’s In-Depth Reporting on Security Issues in Afghanistan and Pakistan,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, July 2011

Backer, David, “Counting the Dead and Wounded: Improving Capacity to Measure the Casualties of Armed Conflict,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, June 2011

Backer, David, “Building Confidence to Enable Peacebuilding: USIP Support for Track II Dialogue,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, May 2011

Backer, David, “A Multimedia Online Atlas of War Crimes in Bosnia-Herzegovina,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, March 2011

Backer, David, “Evaluating Transitional Justice in South Africa from a Victims’ Perspective,” *Journal of the International Institute* 12(2) [Winter 2005]: 8-9

DATASETS

Kollman, Ken, Allen Hicken, Daniele Caramani, David Backer, Joel Selway and Fabricio Vasselai, *GeoReferenced Electoral Districts (GRED)*: GIS shapefiles of electoral constituency maps for 34 countries around the world [[online](#)]

Kollman, Ken, Allen Hicken, Daniele Caramani, and David Backer, *Constituency-Level Elections Archive (CLEA) v1 – v8*: latest update with detailed results of 1,591 lower house legislative elections from 136 countries around the world [[online](#)]

Backer, David and Anu Kulkarni, *West Africa Transitional Justice Project*: surveys administered in 2007-08 and 2010 to a grand total of 3,293 victims of past conflict in Ghana, Liberia (two waves), Nigeria and Sierra Leone

Backer, David, *Political Attitudes of Victims of Human Rights Abuses in the Cape Town Area*: survey conducted in 2002-03 with 220 victims of gross violations during the apartheid era, 153 of whom were interviewed again in 2008

WORK IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscripts

Peace and Conflict 2017, under contract with Routledge [edited with Ravi Bhavnani & Paul Huth]

- Melander, Erik, David Backer & Eric Dunford, “The Geography of Violence from Armed Conflict around the World”
- Aronson, Jacob, David Backer & Paul Huth, “The Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger: Ranking States on Future Risks”

Peace and Conflict 2018, under contract with Routledge [edited with Ravi Bhavnani & Paul Huth]

The Arc of Transitional Justice: Surveying Victims’ Experiences with Conflict and Post-Conflict Processes in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone [with Anu Kulkarni]

The Human Face of Justice: Victims’ Responses to South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process

The Diversity of Reconciliation: Comparative Practice and Assessment [edited with Elizabeth Cole, Pamina Firchow & Anu Kulkarni]

Book Chapters

“Factoring Transitional Justice into the Quality Peace,” in John Darby, Erik Melander, Peter Wallensteen, & Madhav Joshi (eds), *Quality Peace: The Role of Third Parties and the Search for Indicators*, under review at Oxford University Press

Article Manuscripts

“Using Micro-Level Computational Models in Data-Poor Urban Contexts” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Karsten Donnay], under review at *Comparative Politics* as part of special issue on “Tackling Data Scarcity and Social Complexity in Comparative Politics: Methodological Insights from Urban Settings”

“Introducing a New Methodology for Integrating Event Data” [with Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath & David Cunningham], submitting to *American Journal of Political Science*

“Violence among Victims of Past Conflict: Results from Surveys in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni]

“Trading Justice for Peace? Victims’ Attitudes towards Amnesty in Four West African Countries” [with Anu Kulkarni]

“Tradition versus Modernity: Empirical Reflections on the Suitability of Local-Cultural Practices for Transitional Justice” [with Anu Kulkarni]

“Trauma and Efficacy among Survivors of Conflict in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni & Harvey Weinstein]

“What Is and Is Not Transitional Justice? A Taxonomy with Reflections” [with Anu Kulkarni & Brandon Hamber]

“Revisiting Transitional Justice: Latin America and Beyond” [with H. Chloe Foster]

“Does Associational Membership Influence Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa?” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Christina Bodea]

INVITED TALKS

2016: “Aiding Resilience: The Impact of Foreign Assistance on the Dynamics of Intrastate Armed Conflict,” Economic Development and Stability Working Group, United States Institute of Peace [with Paul Huth, Jacob Aronson & Deniz Cil]

2015: “Conceptualizing Justice in Transition & the Mutability of Memory,” Conference on *The Politics of Memory: Victimization, Violence and Contested Memories of the Past*, Columbia University

“Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Patterns among Victims of Past Atrocities in Liberia,” Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)

2014: Strategic Studies Group – Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army [with Paul Huth and Jacob Aronson]

2012: “Identifying and Managing Conflict Risks in Post-Conflict States,” Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, US Department of State [with Anu Kulkarni]

“Transitional Justice in West Africa,” *Development Circle Forum*, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland

2011: “Who Reconciles? Influences on Victims’ Reactions to Experiences of Conflict and Trauma,” INCORE & Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster (Northern Ireland)

- “Violence among Victims of Conflict: Results from Surveys in Liberia,” London Transitional Justice Network & School of Oriental and African Studies – University of London
- “Victims Attitudes about Amnesty and Accountability: Evidence from Five African Cases,” Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section, US Department of Justice
- 2010: “Quality Peace: Dealing with Past Violence,” University of Notre Dame
- “Are Amnesties Acceptable and Durable? The Conditional Support among Victims in Five African Countries and Its Implications,” Human Rights Program, Center on Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law, Stanford University
- “Watching the Bargain Unravel? A Panel Study of Victims’ Attitudes about Transitional Justice in Cape Town, South Africa,” Africa Working Group, University of Notre Dame
- “Who Reconciles? Overcoming Past Injustices in Post-Conflict Settings,” Kellogg Institute for International Studies & Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2009: “Understanding Victims’ Justice: Perspectives from Post-Conflict Settings in Africa,” Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- “A New Perspective on the Justice vs. Peace Debate: What Do Victims Think about Amnesty?” class on *Accountability for Gross Violations of Human Rights*, University of Notre Dame Law School
- “Understanding Victims’ Justice: Evidence from Surveys in Five African Countries,” symposium on *Accountability after Mass Atrocity: Latin American and African Examples in Comparative Perspective*, George Mason University
- “The Impact of Transitional Justice Interventions on Post-Conflict Development Processes in West Africa,” Harrison Program, University of Maryland
- 2008: “Elections and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa,” panel at the Reves Center for International Studies, College of William & Mary
- 2006: “Assessing the Implications of Transitional Justice Processes: Evidence from South Africa,” Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University
- 2004: “Exit, Voice and Loyalty in Transitional Justice Processes: Evidence on Victims’ Responses to South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission,” symposium on *Security, Reconciliation and Reconstruction: When the Wars End*, Cornell University
- 2003: “The Human Face of Justice: Survivors’ Perspectives on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process in South Africa,” Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (South Africa)
- “Electoral Laws under Extreme Conditions: The Case of Africa,” *Democracy Seminar Series*, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (South Africa)
- 2002: “The CODEPU Study—A South African Perspective,” symposium on *Truth Commissions: Torture, Reparations and Prevention*, Mexico City
- 1999: “When Normative and Practical Collide in the Breach: Assessing the Contributions of NGOs to the Rule of Law in Liberia,” workshop on *Nongovernmental Organizations and the Rule of Law*, Georgia State University [with David Carroll]

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2016 | “Perceptions of Social Distance and Grievance” [with Erin McGrath, Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay, and David Cunningham] | <i>American Political Science Association</i> |
| | “Integrating African Conflict Event Datasets” [with Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay, Erin McGrath and David Cunningham] | <i>American Political Science Association</i> |
| | “An Aggregation of Geo-coded Violent and Non-violent Conflict Events” [with Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay, Erin McGrath and David Cunningham] | <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i> |
| | “Needs of Peace: Individual-Level Perspectives from Post-Conflict Societies” [with Anu Kulkarni] | <i>International Studies Association</i> |
| | “A Micro-Level Study of the Relationship between Crime and Immigration” [with Ravi Bhavnani and Karsten Donnay] | <i>International Studies Association</i> |
| 2014: | “Who Reconciles? Influences on Victims’ Reactions to Experiences of Conflict and Trauma” [with Anu Kulkarni] | <i>International Studies Association</i> |

- 2013: “From Victims to Citizens? A Micro-Level Analysis of Transitional Justice and the Development of Democracy in Post-Conflict West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] *American Political Science Association*
- “Conceptualizing Justice in Transition: Exploring the Understandings of Human Rights Victims and Their Sources” *International Studies Association*
- “The Arc of Transitional Justice: Violent Conflict, Its Victims and Pursuing Redress in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] *International Studies Association*
- 2012: “The Arc of Transitional Justice: Violent Conflict, Its Victims and Pursuing Redress in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] *African Studies Association*
- “From Victims to Citizens? A Micro-Level Analysis of Transitional Justice and the Development of Democracy in Post-Conflict West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] *Transitional Justice - Transitions in/ to Democracy: Contemporary Chances and Challenges*
- “Accountability on Trial: Tracing the Evolution of Transitional Justice Practice in Post-Conflict Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni] (scheduled) *American Political Science Association*
- “Accountability on Trial: Tracing the Evolution of Transitional Justice Practice in Post-Conflict Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni] *Law & Society Association*
- “The Arc of Transitional Justice: Violent Conflict, Its Victims and Pursuing Redress in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] *World Society Of Victimology*
- “Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Accounting for Patterns among Victims of War in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni] *World Society Of Victimology*
- “Investigating Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Accounting for Patterns among Victims of Past Atrocities in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni] *International Studies Association*
- 2011: “Investigating Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Accounting for Patterns among Victims of Past Atrocities in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni] *American Political Science Association*
- “Amnesty for Serious Human Rights Violations? Complex Perspectives from a Survey of Victims in Four West African States with Legacies of Conflict” [with Anu Kulkarni] *Law & Society Association*
- 2010: “Trading Justice for Peace? A Study of Victims’ Attitudes towards Amnesty in Four West African Countries” [with Anu Kulkarni] *American Political Science Association*
- “A New Perspective on the Justice vs. Peace Debate: What Do Victims Think About Amnesty?” [with Anu Kulkarni] *Midwest Political Science Association*
- “The Subtleties of Victims’ Attitudes toward Amnesty: Evidence from a Four-Country Study in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] *Western Political Science Association*
- “The Evolution of Victims’ Responses to South Africa’s Transitional Justice Process: A Panel Study in the Cape Town Area” *Western Political Science Association*
- 2009: “Trauma and Efficacy: The Impact of Transitional Justice Interventions on Post-Conflict Development Processes in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni & Harvey Weinstein] *American Political Science Association*
- “Trauma and Efficacy: The Impact of Transitional Justice Interventions on Post-Conflict Development Processes in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni and Harvey Weinstein] *International Studies Association*
- 2008: “The West Africa Transitional Justice Project: Priorities, Preferences and Evaluations of Victims in Ghana and Sierra Leone” [with Anu Kulkarni] *American Political Science Association*
- “The Nature and Implications of Victims’ Responses to Transitional Justice: A Comparative Study in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] *International Studies Association*
- 2007: “Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa” [with Ravi Bhavnani] *American Political Science Association*
- “Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa” [with Ravi Bhavnani] *Afrobarometer Conference on The Microfoundations of Mass Behavior in Sub-Saharan Africa*

- 2006: “Comparing the Attitudes of Victims and the General Public toward South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process” *American Political Science Association*
- “Using Agent-Based Models to Explore Alliance Dynamics in Closed Political Regimes” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo] *International Studies Association*
- 2005: “The Active Management of Closed Regimes: An Agent-Based Model of Alliance Politics with Applications to Syria” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo] *American Political Science Association*
- “Comparing the Attitudes of Victims and the General Public toward South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process” *Midwest Political Science Association*
- 2004: “Exit, Voice and Loyalty in Transitional Justice Processes: Evidence on Victims’ Responses to South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission” *American Political Science Association*
- “Alliance Politics within Closed Regimes: Modeling the 1949 Coups in Syria” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo] *American Political Science Association*
- 2003: “The Human Face of Justice: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process in South Africa” *American Political Science Association*
- “Participation and Alienation: The Truth and Reconciliation Process in South Africa and Its Impact on the Political Attitudes of Victims” *American Political Science Association*
- “The Human Face of Justice: Survivors’ Perspective on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process in South Africa” *International Political Science Association*
- “A Landscape Model of Decision-Making in Closed Political Regimes” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo] *Central & East European International Studies Association*
- “Electoral Laws under Extreme Conditions: The Case of Africa” [with Ken Kollman] *Midwest Political Science Association*
- 2002: “South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its Impact on the Political Attitudes of Victims of Gross Human Rights Violations” *Midwest Political Science Association*
- “Forgiveness among Victims of Political Violence: Evidence from South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Process” [with Jeffrey Sonis, Hugo van der Merwe, Cyril Adonis & Hlaha Masitha] *American Psychological Association*
- “A Hybrid Model of Decision-Making Processes in Closed Political Regimes” [with Ravi Bhavnani and Rick Riolo] *Agent 2002—A Workshop on Social Agents: Ecology, Exchange and Evolution*
- “Reconstructing Societies after War: NGO Initiatives in the Southern African Region” [with Wole Olaleye] *Midwest Political Science Association*
- “The Nexus between Local and National Politics: Electoral Competition and Party System Development in Sub-Saharan Africa” [with Ken Kollman] *Midwest Political Science Association*
- 2001: “Survivor Perspectives on South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Voices from Focus Groups” [with Jeffrey Sonis, Hugo van der Merwe, Nomusa Nkambule & Hlaha Masitha] *International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies*
- 2000: “Developing a Methodology for Assessing the Effects of Transitional Justice” *Midwest Political Science Association*
- “The Puzzling Persistence of Semi-Permanent Refugee Camps: Analyzing Humanitarian Crises Using Bargaining Models” [with Devra Coren] *Midwest Political Science Association*
- 1998: “Localized Ethnic Conflict and Genocide: Accounting for Differences in Rwanda and Burundi” [with Ravi Bhavnani] *American Political Science Association*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Government & Politics, University of Maryland

Special Topics: Geographies of Conflict and Development (Government & Politics 368J), Spring 2015 [with Paul Huth]

Department of Government, College of William & Mary

Human Rights (Government 150W), Spring 2009

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Government 203), Spring 2009

Politics in Africa (Government 337), Spring 2008

Transitional Justice (Government 150W), Fall 2006, Fall 2007

Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

Conflict, Crisis & Contestation in Africa (Political Science 389), Winter 2005

Comparative Democratization (Political Science 497), Winter 2005

Human Rights in Theory & Practice (Political Science 489), Fall 2004

Human Rights in Theory & Practice (Political Science 389, own course), Spring 2004

TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Programme Doctoral en Science Politique - Workshop on Security Studies, Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, October 19-20, 2012

- Participants: Eight graduate students from India, Romania, and Switzerland

“Goals, Methods, & Ethics of Research on Victims of Conflict,” West Africa Transitional Justice Project

- Monrovia, Liberia, March 27-31, 2010: local partners, research manager, and 35 survey enumerators
- Abuja, Nigeria: March 8-11, 2008: local partners, research manager, and 13 survey enumerators
- Accra, Ghana, April 23-26, 2007: local partners, research manager, and 15 survey enumerators
- Freetown, Sierra Leone, April 17-20, 2007: local partners, research manager, and 15 survey enumerators
- Monrovia, Liberia, March 19-22, 2007: local partners, research manager, and 26 survey enumerators

“Goals, Methods, & Ethics of Research on Victims of Conflict,” South Africa TRC Project

- Cape Town, June 5, 2008: local partners; research manager; 7 survey enumerators
- Cape Town, November 15-16, 2002: local partners; research manager; 8 survey enumerators

“Practicum on Writing for Scholarly Publications,” organized by *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, Stellenbosch, South Africa, May 30–June 1, 2008

- 6 journal fellows from Cambodia, East Timor, Liberia, Peru, Sri Lanka, and Uganda

“Capacity-Building Workshop on Evaluating the Transitional Justice Process in Sierra Leone,” organized by African Transitional Justice Research Network, Freetown, Sierra Leone, March 15 & 17–18, 2008

- 30 representatives of local civil society organizations, government, UNIOSIL, and academia

“Capacity-Building Workshop on Transitional Justice Advocacy for Liberian Civil Society,” organized by Center for Democratic Empowerment (Liberia) and Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (South Africa), Gbarnga, Liberia, March 5–7, 2007

- 18 representatives of local civil society organizations and media

“Capacity-Building Workshop on Furthering Objectives of Transitional Justice through Research,” organized by African Transitional Justice Research Network, Monrovia, Liberia, June 26–28, 2006

- 15 representatives of local civil society organizations

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University of Maryland

Search Committee Member, Postdoctoral Fellow in Computational Social Science, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, 2015

Participant, Delegation to University College Dublin (Ireland) and University of Ulster (Northern Ireland) [with VP for Research, VP for International Affairs, and Professor Stephen Thomas (School of Public Health)], 2014

Reviewer, Maryland Summer Scholars Program, Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research, 2014

Reviewer, Nominations for Carnegie Junior Fellows Program, Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research, 2013

Application Committee, Global Communities Program, 2013

College of William & Mary

Search Committee Member, Tenure-Track Faculty Position in Africana Studies, 2009

Search Committee Member, Tenure-Track Faculty Position in Middle East & North African Politics, 2006

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Collaborative Initiatives

Co-Director, West Africa Transitional Justice Project

Co-Director, Constituency-Level Elections Archive

Co-Director, Liberia Reconciliation Barometer

Member, AidData Research Consortium

Publication Administration

Member, Board of Editors, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, 2006–present

Reviewer - Journals

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations

American Political Science Review

Comparative Political Studies

Conflict Management & Peace Science

Ethics & International Affairs

Human Rights Review

International Journal of Conflict Engagement and Resolution

International Journal of Transitional Justice

International Studies Perspectives

International Studies Quarterly

International Studies Review

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Historical Sociology

Journal of Human Rights

Journal of Peacebuilding & Development

Journal of Peace Research

Journal of Politics

Law & Society Review

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Politics & Gender

Taiwan Journal of Democracy

Transitional Justice Review

World Politics

Reviewer - Publishers

Palgrave Macmillan

Routledge

University of Notre Dame Press

Reviewer - Funders

American Political Science Association, Small Research Grant Program

National Research Foundation (South Africa)

National Science Foundation - Political Science Program, Research Grants

US Institute of Peace, Unsolicited Grant Initiative

Member

American Political Science Association

International Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Law & Society Association

Midwest Political Science Association

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Canada, France, **Ghana**, Greece, India, Ireland, **Liberia**, Mexico, Netherlands, **Nigeria**, **Sierra Leone**, **South Africa**, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland)

- conducted extensive field research in all countries in bold