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POSITIONS HELD:

University of Tampa, Department of Political Science and International Studies

Department Chair (2021 – Present)

Professor (2019 – Present)

Associate Professor (2013 – 2019)

Assistant Professor (2007 – 2013)

Nangodi Institute

Founding Member and Chairman of the Board (2017 – Present)

University of Florida, Department of Political Science and Center for African Studies

Graduate Student Instructor (2002 – 2007)

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Political Science University of Florida, Gainesville FL (2007)

Dissertation Chair: Goran Hyden

Fields: Comparative (First), International Relations (Second), Theory (Third)

M.A. in International Relations American University, Washington DC (2001)

With Honors Graduate

B.A. in International Relations The George Washington University, Washington DC (1999)

Spent Fall 1997 as an exchange student at the University of Ghana, Legon

Magna Cum Laude Graduate

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

As a teacher I have experience and am comfortable delivering courses across a broad range of topics within African Politics, Environmental Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Research Methods. Presently I am working through several research projects on multi-level governance and political participation in West Africa and beginning a project looking at the generators of environmentalism in the Global South. My research interests in general tend toward the relationship between social understandings and the formal institutions of politics in Africa and this is a nexus which I plan to explore for the foreseeable future. I serve as chair of a department of nine full-time faculty, nearly as many contingent faculty, and approximately two hundred majors. This position involves managing personnel, administering the departmental budget, setting teaching schedules, assisting with assessment, and facilitating program reviews. I am also the pro bono chairman of the board of Nangodi Institute, a small research institute situated along the Ghana/Burkina Faso border.

PUBLICATIONS:

Monographs

- Anderson, Mary R. and Kevin S. Fridy. 2022. *Community, Civic Engagement, and Democratic Governance in Africa: The Case of Ghana*. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Ariotti, Margaret H. and Kevin S. Fridy. 2020. *Informal Governance as a Force Multiplier in Counterterrorism: Evidence for Burkina Faso*. Tampa, FL: Joint Special Operations University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Friesen, Paul, Jaimie Bleck, and Kevin S. Fridy. 2022. "Personality, Community, and Politics: Relating the Five Factor Model to Political Behavior in an African Setting." *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 60(2): 190-211.
- Fridy, Kevin S, Mary R. Anderson, Victor Brobbey, and William M. Myers. 2021. "Ghana's Swing Voters: Results from a Panel Study Following Voters Through the 2016 Campaign." *Ghana Studies* 23: 56-80.
- Fridy, Kevin S., Mary R. Anderson, and Isaac K. Yen. 2021. "Personal, Public, and Political Impacts of a New District: Survey Data from Before and After the Creation of Ghana's Nabdum District." *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 56(3): 495-510.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and William M. Myers. 2019. "Challenges to Decentralisation in Ghana: Where do citizens seek assistance?" *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 57(1): 71-92.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2018. "A Freezing Moment in Ghana's Party System: How Two Thorns in Nkrumah's Side Framed Elections in the Fourth Republic." *Journal of West African History* 4(2): 57-84.
- Myers, William M. and Kevin S. Fridy. 2017. "Formal Versus Traditional Institutions: Evidence from Ghana." *Democratization* 24(2): 367-382.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2016. "Electoral Predictions in Africa: Predicting Winners in Relatively Stable Two-party Systems with Early and Incomplete Results." *Journal of African Elections* 15(1): 139-156.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2012. "Where are Ghana's Swing Voters? A Look at the Voters Responsible for Altering Power in One of Africa's Most Successful Democracies." *Africa Review* 4(2):107-121.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Fredline A.O. M'Cormack-Hale. 2011. "Sierra Leone's 2007 Elections: Monumental and More of the Same." *African Studies Quarterly* 12(4): 39-57.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2009. "Africa's Disappearing Election Results: Why Announcing the Winner is Simply not Enough." *Journal of African Elections* 8(2): 88-101.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Victor Brobbey. 2009. "Win the Match and Vote for Me: The Politicization of Ghana's Accra Hearts of Oak and Kumasi Asante Kotoko Football Clubs." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 47(1): 19-39.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2007. "The Elephant, Umbrella, and Quarrelling Cocks: Disaggregating Partisanship in Ghana's Fourth Republic." *African Affairs* 106(423): 281-305
- Wald, Kenneth D., Adam L. Silverman, and Kevin S. Fridy. 2005. "Making Sense of Religion in Political Life." *Annual Review of Political Science* 8: 121-144.

Other Publications

- Ingram, Julia, Kevin S. Fridy, and Margaret H. Ariotti. 2022. "Social Class and Access to Governance in Burkina Faso." In *Challenges to Local Governance in the Pandemic Era: Perspectives from South Asia and Beyond*, eds. John S. Moolakkattu and Jos Chathukulam. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 299-317.

- Fridy, Kevin S. 2018. "Review of Cooking Data: Culture and Politics in an African Research World, by Crystal Biruk." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 56(4): 705-706.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Victor Brobbey. 2016. "Win the Match and Vote for Me." In *The Ghana Reader: History, Culture, Politics*, eds. Kwasi Konadu and Clifford C. Campbell. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 336-340.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2016. "Who Will Stop It? The Conflict in Syria Without an End in Sight." *World View*. 2-3.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2013. "Using VoIP to Connect Students in the US to People in Africa." APCG Newsletter (September): 10-11.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2009. "When Two Continents Meet, It's the Variables That Get Trampled." *PS* 42(4): 828-829.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2009. "Between the Occident and the Orient, One Finds Teranga." *World View*. 4-5.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2006. "The Elephant, Umbrella, and Cocks: Disaggregating Partisanship and Social Cleavages in Ghana's Fourth Republic." Ghana Center for Democratic Development *Critical Perspectives* No. 20.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2003. "Review of *Smugglers, Secessionists, and Loyal Citizens on the Ghana-Togo Frontier*, by Paul Nugent." *African Studies Quarterly* 7(4): 58-59.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- Callahan, Joellen and Kevin S. Fridy. In progress. "Environmentalism of the North and Environmentalism of the South: Understanding Factors Driving Differing Types of Environmentalism in Ghana."
- Fridy, Kevin S. In progress. "When Do 'North and South' Translate into 'Us versus Them'? Exploring a Remarkably Consistent West African Social Cleavage that has Remarkably Varied Political Salience."
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Zacharias P. Pieri. In press at Joint Special Operations University. *Great Power Competition in West Africa: Implications for SOF*.
- Pieri, Zacharias P. and Kevin S. Fridy. In press at Joint Special Operations University. *Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa: Implications for SOF*.
- Pieri, Zacharias P. and Kevin S. Fridy. Under contract at Lynne Rienner. *Local Grievances and Governance in West Africa: The Impact of Violent Extremism and Great Power Competition*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- Fridy, Kevin S., Joellen Callahan (Student), Grace Magnacca (Student), and Caroline Petty-Kane (Student). 2024. "Predicting Environmental Activism in the Global South." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Fridy, Kevin S., Jaimie Bleck, Paul Friesen, and Rasheed Ibrahim. 2023. "Youth Engagement in Politics and Civil Society in Northern Ghana." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2022. "Conducting Fieldwork in Developing Countries During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Innovations and Adjustments." Participated in a roundtable at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2022. "Post-Tenure Transitions." Participated in a roundtable at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

- Fridy, Kevin S., Julia Ingram (Student), and Margaret H. Ariotti. 2020. "Class and Access to Governance in Burkina Faso." Presented at a conference on Rethinking the Role of Local Governments in a Post Covid-19 World organized by the Central University of Kerala and the Centre for Rural Management, Kerala, India.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Margaret H. Ariotti. 2020. "Cognitive Mappings of Local Governance in Burkina Faso across Demographic Categories." Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Ariotti, Margaret H. and Kevin S. Fridy. 2019. "Governance and Violent Extremism: Evidence from Burkina Faso." Presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston, MA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Margaret H. Ariotti. 2019. "Local Governance and Mitigation of Support for Islamist Insurgent Groups in Burkina Faso." Presented at the biennial meeting of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Security, Reston, VA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Margaret H. Ariotti. 2019. "Governance and Terrorism in Burkina Faso." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and the Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN), Charleston, SC.
- Bleck, Jaimie, Kevin S Fridy, and Paul Friesen. 2019. "Personality, Values, and Candidate Preference: A Conjoint Experiment from Northern Ghana." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Mary R. Anderson. 2018. "Social, Economic, and Political Impacts of a New District: Survey Data from Before and after the Creation of Ghana's Nabdum District." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2018. "Governance along the Burkina Faso/Ghana Border." Paper presented at the Joint Special Operations University Burkina Faso Applied Research Inquiry conference, Tampa, FL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Mary R. Anderson. 2018. "The Promises of Decentralization: A Natural Experiment in the new Nabdum District of Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2017. "Multi-level Governance in Burkina Faso and Ghana Compared." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fridy, Kevin S., Mary R. Anderson, and William M. Myers. 2016. "Personality and Political Participation in Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Mary R. Anderson. 2016. "Better understanding poverty in Africa: Results from multi-dimensional poverty survey administered in Northern Ghana and Accra." Paper presented at the 12th International Scientific Conference of the University of Ciego de Ávila Máximo Gómez Báez, Cayo Coco, Cuba.
- Fridy, Kevin S., Mary R. Anderson, and William M. Myers. 2016. "Examining the Big Five Personality Traits in Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Camoratto, Julia (student), Mary R. Anderson, and Kevin S. Fridy. 2016. "Access to Non-Governmental Organizations in Developing Countries." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2016. "Win the Match and Vote for Me (A Redux): The Impact of Football's Globalization on the Political Salience of Ghana's Domestic League." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and the Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN), Gainesville, FL.

- Fridy, Kevin S. and Mary R. Anderson. 2016. "Operationalizing Socio-economic Status in Africa: Results from surveys administered in Northern Ghana and Accra." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2015. "Discord and Harmony between Formal and Informal Political Institutions in Ghana." Invited speaker for the University of Florida's Center for African Studies Baraza Lecture Series, Gainesville, FL.
- Anderson, Mary R. and Kevin S. Fridy. 2015. "The Relationship between Trust and Approval: Results of a panel survey in Northern Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Hammel, Mollie (student), Mary R. Anderson, and Kevin S. Fridy. 2015. "The Effect of Personality on Political Engagement in Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2015. "Democratic Development in Ghana's Fourth Republic." Lecture presented to the US Department of State's Foreign Service Institute, Washington, DC.
- Anderson, Mary R. and Kevin S. Fridy. 2015. "Political Knowledge in Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Baranowski, Rachel (student), Mary R. Anderson, and Kevin S. Fridy. 2015. "Political Participation Differences between Men and Women in Northern Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Fridy, Kevin S., Mary R. Anderson, and Isaac Yen. 2014. "Competing Measures of Poverty: Results from a Panel Survey from Northern Ghana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2014. "Ethnic Identity in West Africa: Exploring the North/South divide." Invited presentation at the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research and the National Intelligence Council, Washington, DC.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2014. "Between Voting and Results There is Just Waiting: Using incomplete voting results to predict winners and identify cases of likely fraud." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- Anderson, Mary R. and Kevin S. Fridy 2014. "Community Influence on Political Behavior in Rural Ghana: The Cases of Duusi, Nangodi, and Pelungu." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Anderson, Mary R. and Kevin S. Fridy. 2013. "Community Influence on Political Behavior in Rural Ghana: The Cases of Duusi, Nangodi, and Pelungu." Paper presented to the Economic and Social Rights Group of the Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Mary R. Anderson. 2013. "Community Influence on Political Behavior in Rural Ghana: The Cases of Duusi, Nangodi, and Pelungu." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2012. "Teaching African Politics." Roundtable presenter at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2012. "To Whom Does (S)He Turn? Gender and Grievance Resolution in Ghanaian Local Politics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2011. "What is Bridging the NPP/NDC Divide? Seeking Explanations for Lessening Levels of Electoral Polarization in Ghana's Fourth Republic." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2011. "Multi-level governance in Ghana's Fourth Republic." Invited presentation at Ghana's Center for Democratic Development.

- Fridy, Kevin S. 2011. "To Whom Should We Go to for Help? Disentangling the multiple layers in Ghanaian Local Politics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2010. "The MP, the Mayor, and the Chief: Multi-level Governance in Ghana's Fourth Republic." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2010. "All Aboard the Afrique Occidentale Express: The Orient Express and Europe's West African Trains." Paper presented at a special symposium on The Orient Express at the University of Tampa, Tampa, FL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2009. "Who are Ghana's Swing Voters? A Closer Look at the People Responsible for Alternating Power in one of Africa's Most Successful Democracies." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2009. "Applying the Most Similar System Design to an Exploration of the North/South Political Cleavage in Five West African Countries." Paper presented at the APSA Workshop on Elections and Democracy, Accra, Ghana.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2008. "Whither the North? An Exploration of Ghana's Comparatively Latent North/South Political Cleavage." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2008. "When Does 'North and South' Translate into 'Us versus Them'? Exploring a Remarkably Consistent West African Social Cleavage that has Remarkably Varied Political Salience." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Fredline M'Cormack. 2008. "Sierra Leone's 2007 Elections, Monumental and More of the Same." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Victor Brobbey. 2007. "Fabulous, Phobia, and Political Parties in Ghana: An Exploration of the Nexus between the Culture of Football and the Culture of Politics." Invited paper presentation at the Ghana Day Symposium, University of Florida, Gainesville FL.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Victor Brobbey. 2006. "Win the Match and Vote for Me: The Politicization of Ghana's Accra Hearts of Oak and Kumasi Asante Kotoko Football Clubs." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco CA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2006. "The Political Foundations of Contemporary Ghanaian Parties: A Look at the Social Foundations of Ghanaian Parties across Four Republics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA.
- Fridy, Kevin S. 2005. "Has the Political Kingdom Finally Generated a Viable Party System? A Case Study of Ghana's Fourth Republic." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington DC.
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Daniel A. Smith. 2004. "Elephants, Umbrellas, and Quarrelling Cocks: Disaggregating Party Identification in Ghana's Fourth Republic." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland OR.
- Wald, Kenneth D., Adam L. Silverman, and Kevin S. Fridy. 2003. "Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Politics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- University of Tampa International Collaboration Award (2019)
- University of Tampa Quality Enhancement Plan CIEE Summer Scholarship (2008, 2015)
- College of Social Sciences, Math, and Education - University of Tampa Faculty Student Engagement Award recipient (2011)
- Joyce Keller Faculty Volunteer Award recipient (2010) from University of Tampa's P.E.A.C.E. volunteer center
- University of Tampa Faculty International Service Award recipient (2010)
- Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship (Ghana 2004-2005)
- Best Paper Award – American Political Science Association Religion and Politics section (2004)
- FLAS Fellowship for the study of Akan, University of Florida (2001-2004)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED:

- University of Tampa Research Innovation and Scholarly Excellence Award (2024/25) – Awarded \$4333 for a writing project titled “Traditional Rulers and Social Capital.”
- University of Tampa Faculty International Professional Development Travel Grant (2023/24) – Awarded \$1513 for an archival research project titled “Traditional Rulers and Social Capital.”
- University of Tampa Research Innovation and Scholarly Excellence Award (2022/23) – Awarded \$9537 for an interview and survey project titled “Post-Materialism and Environmental Activism in the Global South.”
- Joint Special Operations University (2021) – Co-PI Along with Zacharias Pieri awarded \$35000 for a multi-country survey project and two monographs titled *Great Power Competition in West Africa: Implications for SOF* and *Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa: Implications for SOF*.
- University of Tampa Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Grant (2020/21) – Principal Investigator working with students Alison Bednar, Lyndsey Campbell, and Hunter W. Marshall-House. Awarded \$9815 for a research project titled “Where Have All the Flowers Gone? Determinants of Forest and Dryland Preservation in Africa.”
- University of Tampa Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Grant (2019/20) – Principal Investigator working with students Ariana M. Ferraro, Julia R. Ingram, and Cheyenne Lee. Awarded \$9876 for a research project titled “Local Governance and Mitigating Support for Islamist Insurgent Groups in Burkina Faso.”
- Joint Special Operations University (2019) – Co-Principal Investigator along with Margaret Ariotti awarded \$17000 for a survey project and monograph titled *Local Governance and Mitigating Support for Islamist Insurgent Groups in Burkina Faso*.
- University of Tampa Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Grant (2018/19) – Along with Ana Mejia awarded \$2838 for a data analysis project titled “The effects of institutions and social perceptions on women’s likelihood of governing.”
- University of Tampa Research Innovation and Scholarly Excellence Award (2018/19) – Along with Mary Anderson and William Myers awarded \$11881 for a survey project titled “Causes of Ebbing and Flowing Approval Ratings: A Telephone Panel Study in Accra and Nabdham.”
- University of Tampa Professional Development Award (2018/19) – Awarded a one course off-load for Spring 2019 to work on a project titled “R and Ghana Panel Survey.”

- Catholic Relief Services (2018) – Along with Jaimie Bleck and Paul Friesen awarded \$140000 to evaluate a project in Northern Ghana titled “Youth and Electoral Violence in Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant (2017/18) – Awarded \$2400 to use a longitudinal survey in Northern Ghana in three classes.
- University of Tampa Dana Grant (2017/18) – Awarded \$1582 for a survey project titled “The Chief, the Assemblyman, and the Development Worker: An Exploration of Multi-Level Governance in Burkina Faso.”
- University of Tampa Delo Grant (2016/17) – Along with Mary Anderson and William Myers awarded \$8235 for a survey project titled “An African Campaign: Monitoring the impact of campaign appeals in real-time in Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant (2015/16) – Along with my department awarded \$5000 to present group lectures to students enrolled in sections of Introduction to Government and World Affairs.
- University of Tampa Delo Grant (2015/16) – Awarded \$6000 for a survey project titled “Political Knowledge and Participation amongst the Elite, Middle Class, and Lumpenproletariat in Accra, Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Delo Grant (2014/15) – Awarded \$4485 for a ballot experiment project titled “Sexism at the Polls: A Ballot Experiment in Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Delo Grant (2013/14) – Along with Mary Anderson awarded \$2051 for a survey project titled “Political Knowledge’s Relationship to Political Behavior in Northern Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Dana Grant (2013/14) – Awarded \$1600 for a data gathering exercise titled “Completing West African Election Data Set.”
- University of Tampa Dana Grant (2012/13) – Along with Mary Anderson awarded \$3500 for a survey project titled “Exploring the Impact of a New District Capital on Social Connections in Ghana’s Upper East Region.”
- University of Tampa Dana Grant (2011/12) – Awarded \$2000 for a project titled “Primary Data Research at Ghanaian Archives and Libraries.”
- University of Tampa Dana Grant (2010/11) – Awarded \$1890 for an interview project titled “The Chief, the Assemblyman, and the Development Worker: An Exploration of Multi-Level Governance in Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Delo Grant (2010/11) – Awarded \$498 for a graphical software purchase under a grant titled “Geographical Analysis of Voting Patterns and Demographic Data in West Africa.”
- University of Tampa Professional Development Award (2009/10) – Awarded a one course off-load for Spring 2010 to work on a project titled “The Chief, the Assemblyman, and the Development Worker: An Exploration of Multi-Level Governance in Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Delo Award (2009/10) – Awarded \$5000 to administer a survey titled “The Chief, the Assemblyman, and the Development Worker: An Exploration of Multi-Level Governance in Ghana.”
- American Political Science Association (2009) – Along with Daniel A. Smith served as co-organizer of the \$179600 Andrew Mellon Foundation funded conference/workshop on “Elections and Democracy: Exchanging African and Comparative Perspectives” held in Accra, Ghana.
- University of Tampa Dana Award (2008/09) – Awarded \$2000 to field test a survey titled “The Chief, the Assemblyman, and the Development Worker: An Exploration of Multi-Level Governance in Ghana.”

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board, *Nangodi Institute* (2017-Present)

Founding member of a think tank in Ghana's rural Upper East region. Over the course of the organization's first few years of existence we provided employment to more than 60 enumerators from Mali, Burkina Faso, and Ghana for several projects funded by international NGOs and government agencies, sent two researchers to R training to develop quantitative skills, sponsored scholarships for the top high school exam scorer in the Nabdam district, and built a small office space in Nangodi, Ghana.

Department Chair, *Department of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Tampa* (2021-Present)

Elected by my peers to chair the Department of Political Science and International Studies. Responsible for scheduling classes, hiring part-time faculty, helping students navigate graduation requirements, administering the budget, solving faculty and student disputes, facilitating conversations on our strategic plan, evaluating our programs, and promoting the departmental agenda.

Section Chair, *Southern Political Science Association* (2023-2025)

Nominated and accepted position as section chair for "Comparative Politics in Developing Areas." Serve as a member of the 2025 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference's organizing committee. Responsible for organizing section panels.

Faculty Governance, *University of Tampa*

- Faculty Senator (2010–2021, 2022–Present): served as CSSME Executive Senator (Spring 2012, Fall 2014–Spring 2016, Fall 2018–Spring 2020, and Fall 2023-Present)
- UT American Association of University Professors Advocacy Chapter (2020–Present): served as President (2020-2022) and Secretary (2022-Present) of a newly recognized campus chapter.
- College Tenure and Promotion Committee member (2020–2024)
- Faculty Workload Committee (2020-2023): created committee through Senate resolution.
- Faculty Grants Committee member (2009–2010)
- International Program Committee (2010-2022): served as Chair (2016-2018)

Program Leader, *Spartans Academy Abroad at the University of Tampa* (2016-Present)

Co-created a multi-disciplinary program for incoming first-year students. Teach a course in August on environmental politics in Costa Rica.

Faculty Advisor, *University of Tampa*

- College Republicans (2023-Present)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (2008-2020)
- Harvard Model UN Program (2007-2012, 2016-2019)
- She's the First (2013-2018)
- Animal Rights Group (2009-2012)
- African Studies Group (2008-2010)

Invited Speaker/Conference Participant

- Ghana Center for Democratic Development (2011)
- International Republican Institute (2020, 2021, 2022)
- Joint Special Operations University (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- University of Florida – Center for African Studies (2007, 2015)
- USAID (2023)
- US State Department (2012, 2014)

Co-Principal Investigator, *Joint Special Operations University Research Contracts* (2021)

Along with a professor from the University of South Florida designed large international survey on issues of governance, great power competition, and violent extremist organizations in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. The survey (N=1200) design and implementation were my responsibility.

Co-Principal Investigator, *Joint Special Operations University Research Contract* (2019)

Along with a professor from the University of Georgia designed large national survey on issues of governance and violent extremist organizations in Burkina Faso. The survey (N=1000) stretched from the south to the north of the country. Shared responsibility for designing the instrument and training teams of enumerators from Centre-Sud, Centre, Plateau Central, Centre-Nord, and Sahel regions.

Consultant and Co-leader, *CRS Youth Peace Ambassador Evaluation* (2018)

Along with a professor and graduate student from the University of Notre Dame designed and implemented a program evaluation for Catholic Relief Services Youth Peace Ambassador program in Northern Ghana. This evaluation called for a large survey (N=1500+) as well as qualitative interviews with peace ambassadors and controls (N=60+). Shared responsibility for designing the instrument and leading the research team based in Damongo.

Conference within a Conference Organizer, *Southern Political Science Association* (2016)

Along with two professors from Vanderbilt University organized and lead a conference within a conference on the topic of data collection in Africa. This conference within a conference included three paper panels and four roundtables designed to introduce participants to innovative data collection techniques and problem solve issues that occur across multiple projects. Twenty-two participants from academia and the policy community participated in this one day workshop.

Workshop Leader, *American Political Science Association* (2009)

Organized a Mellon Foundation funded workshop for two dozen African academics and four American graduate students on the topic of elections and democracy. The three-week workshop had as its ultimate goal the crosspollination of American and African political science and was written up in the October 2009 edition of *PS*.

Editorial Committee Member, *African Studies Quarterly* (2001 – 2007, 2024-Present)**Researcher in Residence, *Ghana Center for Democratic Development* (2004-2005)**

Assisted the Center in their election monitoring exercise, parliamentary debates, incumbency abuse monitoring, and analysis of Afrobarometer survey results.

LANGUAGES:

Native English speaker. Intermediate French and Asante Twi.