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POSITIONS HELD:

Professor University of Tampa (2019 – Present)

Associate Professor University of Tampa (2013 – 2019)

Assistant Professor University of Tampa (2007 – 2013)

Instructor University of Florida (2002 – 2007)

EDUCATION:

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

Dissertation: ‘We Only Vote but Do Not Know:’ The Social Foundations of Partisanship in Ghana

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)

Magna Cum Laude Graduate

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

I have experience and am comfortable teaching courses across a broad range of topics within African Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Research Methods. Presently I am wrapping up several projects on multi-level governance and political participation in West Africa and exploring future projects on in-group policing and environmental protection in the region. My research interests in general have tended toward the relationship between society and the formal institutions of politics in Africa and this is a nexus which I plan to explore for the foreseeable future.

PUBLICATIONS:

Monographs

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

Fridy, Kevin S, Mary R. Anderson, Victor Brobbey, and William M. Myers. Forthcoming. “Ghana’s Swing Voters: Results from a Panel Study Following Voters Through the 2016 Campaign.” *Ghana Studies*.

- Fridy, Kevin S., Mary R. Anderson, and Isaac K. Yen. Forthcoming. "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*.
- 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

- 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:

- Friesen, Paul, Jaimie Bleck, and Kevin S. Fridy. In Review. "Personality as a Predictor of Values in the African Context."
- Anderson, Mary R. and Kevin S. Fridy. Under Contract. *Community, Civic Engagement and Democratic Governance in Africa: The Case of Ghana.*
- Fridy, Kevin S. and Zacharias P. Pieri. Under Contract. *Great Power Competition in West Africa: Implications for SOF.*
- Pieri, Zacharias P. and Kevin S. Fridy. Under Contract. *Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa: Implications for SOF.*
- Fridy, Kevin S. Revising draft. "When Do 'North and South' Translate into 'Us versus Them'? Exploring a Remarkably Consistent West African Social Cleavage that has Remarkably Varied Political Salience."
- Ariotti, Margaret H. and Kevin S. Fridy. In progress. "Local Governance in Burkina Faso."
- Ariotti, Margaret H., Ariana M. Ferraro, and Kevin S. Fridy. In progress. "Burkinabè Personality Traits and Support for Vigilantism."
- Ariotti, Margaret H., Kevin S. Fridy, and Julia R. Ingram. In progress. "Class and Access to Governance in Burkina Faso."

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:

- Joint Special Operations University (2021) – Co-PI Along with Zacharias Pieri awarded \$35,000.00 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 \$9,815.16 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 \$9,876.00 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 \$17,000.00 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 \$2,838.30 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 \$11,881.41 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 \$140,000 to evaluate a project in Northern Ghana titled “Youth and Electoral Violence in Ghana.”
- University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant (2017/18) – Awarded \$2,400.00 to use a longitudinal survey in Northern Ghana in three classes.
- University of Tampa Dana Grant (2017/18) – Awarded \$1,582.00 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 \$8,235.00 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 \$5,000.00 to present group lectures to students enrolled in sections of Introduction to Government and World Affairs.
- University of Tampa Delo Grant (2015/16) – Awarded \$6,000.00 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 \$4484.64 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 \$2050.50 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.”
- 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.”

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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 projects funded by international NGOs and government agencies, sent two researchers to R training to develop their quantitative skills, sponsored scholarships for the top exam scorer in the Nabdam district, and built a small office space in Nangodi, Ghana.

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.

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, helping students navigate graduation requirements, administrating the budget, solving faculty and student disputes, and promoting the departmental agenda.

Faculty Service, University of Tampa

- College Tenure and Promotion Committee member (2020–Present)
- Faculty Senator (2010–2021): served as CSSME Executive Senator (Spring 2012, Fall 2014–Spring 2016, and Fall 2018–Spring 2020)
- Faculty Grants Committee member (2009–2010)

Faculty Advisor, University of Tampa

- 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)

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 lead 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)

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.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- African Studies Association (2002 - Present)
- American Political Science Association (2002 - Present)
- African Politics Conference Group (2003 - Present): Chair of Best Graduate Paper Award Committee (2009/2010); Member of Best Article Committee (2016); Member of ASA Panel Selection Committee (2012/2013); Chair of ISA Panel Selection Committee (2015/2016, 2016/2017)
- Ghana Studies Association (2020 - Present)

LANGUAGES:

Native English speaker. Intermediate French and Asante Twi.