

Lisa Mueller

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California – Los Angeles, 2014

Dissertation: “Beyond Ethnicity: African Protests in an Age of Inequality”

Committee: Miriam Golden (Chair), Edmond Keller, Daniel Posner, Pierre Englebert

M.A. in Political Science, University of California – Los Angeles, 2009 (with honors)

B.A. in Politics and French, Pomona College, 2006 (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Macalester College, Department of Political Science

Associate Professor (2021-present)

Assistant Professor (2015-2021)

Director of African Studies (2019-2021); Co-Director (2022-2024)

Director of International Development Studies (2023-2024)

Sciences Po Bordeaux

Fulbright Research Scholar (2021-2022)

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study

Residential Fellow (2018-2019)

Loyola Marymount University, Department of Political Science

Visiting Assistant Professor (2014-2015)

RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine - Advisor (2021-2022)

USAID and US State Department - Consultant (2015-present)

US Intelligence Community - Consultant (2017-present)

German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation & Development - Consultant (2018-2019)

World Bank - Consultant (2018)

YouGov America - Data Analyst (2008)

SCHOLARLY WORKS

Books

Mueller, Lisa. *The New Science of Social Change: A Modern Handbook for Activists*. Forthcoming in 2024 from Beacon Press.

Mueller, Lisa. 2018. *Political Protest in Contemporary Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Honorable Mention for Best Book, African Politics Conference Group

Refereed Articles

Thaler, Kai, Lisa Mueller, and Eric Mosinger. 2023. "Framing Police Violence: Repression, Reform, and the Power of History in Chile." *Journal of Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/724967>.

Mueller, Lisa. 2023. "Accidental Scientists: How Undergraduate Research in Political Science Can Help to Patch the 'Leaky Pipeline' in STEM Education." *PS: Political Science & Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096522001263>.

Mueller, Lisa. 2022. "Crowd Cohesion and Protest Outcomes." *American Journal of Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12725>.

Goungoubane, Moumouni and Lisa Mueller. 2022. "Echec ou succès? Les stratégies de subversion et la gouvernance municipale au Niger." *Canadian Journal of African Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00083968.2022.2077785>.

BenYishay, Ariel, Katherine Nolan, Lisa Mueller, and Philip Roessler. 2021. "Testing Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue for Better Local Governance in Niger: An Experiment. Can We Talk Our Way Out of Development Problems?" *Development Policy Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12601>.

Mueller, Lisa. 2021. "Do Americans Really Support Black Athletes Who Kneel During the National Anthem? Estimating the True Prevalence and Strength of Sensitive Racial Attitudes in the Context of Sport." *Communication & Sport*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21674795211019670>.

Roberts, Tyson and Lisa Mueller. 2021. "Does Charisma Affect Survival in Office for Leaders Who Take Power via Military Coup?" *Studies in Comparative International Development* 56.4: 485-510.

Mueller, Lisa. 2021. "United We Stand, Divided We Fall? How Signals of Activist Cohesion Affect Attraction to Advocacy Organizations." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 10: 1-18.

Bhandari, Abhit and Lisa Mueller. 2019. "Nation-State of Nation Family? Nationalism in Marginalised African Societies." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 57.2: 297-322.

Elischer, Sebastian and Lisa Mueller. 2019. "Niger Falls Back Off Track." *African Affairs* 118.471: 392-406.

Mueller, Lisa. 2018. "Personal Politics without Clientelism? Interpreting Citizen-Politician Contact in Africa." *African Studies Review* 61.2: 28-54.

Mueller, Lisa and Lukas Matthews (Macalester '19). 2016. "The National Elections in Niger, February-March 2016." *Electoral Studies* 43: 203-206.

Mueller, Lisa. 2016. "Religious Violence and Democracy in Niger." *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 6.1: 89-104.

Mueller, Lisa. 2013. "Democratic Revolutionaries or Pocketbook Protesters? The Roots of the 2009-2010 Uprisings in Niger." *African Affairs* 112.448: 398-420.

Invited Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes

Mueller, Lisa. 2021. "What is African about African Protests?" *SAIS Review of International Affairs* 40.2: 65-75.

Mueller, Lisa. 2021. "Niger: Precarious Stability." In Leonardo A. Villalón, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of the African Sahel*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Mueller, Lisa. 2019. "Protest and Accountability." In Gabrielle Lynch and Peter VonDoepp, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Democratization in Africa*. New York: Routledge: 392-403.

Book Reviews

Mueller, Lisa. 2020. "Klaas van Walraven. *Le désir de calme: L'histoire du mouvement Sawaba au Niger*." *African Studies Review* 63.4: E74-E76.

Mueller, Lisa. 2019. "Insurgent Fragmentation in the Horn of Africa: Rebellion and Its Discontents by Michael Woldemariam." *Perspectives on Politics* 17.1: 209-211.

Mueller, Lisa. 2019. "Women and the Egyptian Revolution: Engagement and Activism during the 2011 Arab Uprisings by Nerim Allam." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 57.1: 164-165.

Mueller, Lisa. 2016. "Muslim Women in Postcolonial Kenya: Leadership, Representation and Social Change by Ousseina D. Alidou and *Bargaining for Women's Rights: Activism in an Aspiring Muslim Democracy* by Alice J. Kang." *African Studies Review* 59.2: 290-292.

Newspaper Contributions

Mueller, Lisa. 2020. "Guinea's president claims he won reelection. Thousands of Guineans disagree." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 30 October.

Mueller, Lisa and Abhit Bhandari. 2019. "African countries are opening their borders. What does this mean for security, identity and trade?" *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 13 August.

Elischer, Sebastian and Lisa Mueller. 2018. "Niger's protests are ramping up. Here's why." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 26 March.

Mueller, Lisa and Lukas Matthews (Macalester '19). 2016. "4 things you should know about Niger's recent elections." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 17 April.

Mueller, Lisa and Lukas Matthews (Macalester '19). 2016. "The upcoming Niger election and the drama surrounding it, explained." *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 17 February.

Mueller, Lisa. 2016. "As Niger prepares for elections, it's concerned about security. Should it be?" *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*. 28 January.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations at National or International Conferences

- "More than Vote Buying and Turnout Buying? Verbal Persuasion in Clientelist Systems." Paper presented at the Working Group in African Political Economy, Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya, June 2023.
- "More than Vote Buying and Turnout Buying? Verbal Persuasion in Clientelist Systems." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association (September 2022) and the African Studies Association (November 2022).

- “African Protesters: Troublemakers or Heroes?” Invited talk at the Alison L. Des Forges International Virtual Symposium, October 2020.
- “Can We Talk Our Way Out of Development Problems? An Experimental Test of Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues in Niger.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, November 2019.
- “The Myth of Solidarity: How Diversity within Social Movements Shapes the Power of Protest.” Research design presented at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, November 2018.
- “Coup de Hot: Does Appearance Affect Coup Leader Survival in Office?” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, December 2017.
- “Familial Nationalism in Weak African States.” Paper presented with Abhit Bhandari at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association, December 2016, and the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2017.
- “Generals of the Revolution: Protest Leadership in Africa.” Book chapter presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 2016.
- “Are the Harms of Artificial States Reversible?” Paper presented with Abhit Bhandari at the Working Group in African Political Economy, NYU-Abu Dhabi, January 2016.
- “Personal Politics Without Clientelism? Interpreting Citizen-Politician Contact in Africa.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2015.

Presentations at Regional or Local Conferences

- “Democracy in Africa: Autocrats under Pressure?” Invited presentation at the Africa Board of Experts Spring Conference (a gathering of U.S. intelligence personnel), May 2019.
- “Democracy without Democrats: Explaining Niger’s Unstable Regime Trajectory.” Paper presented with Sebastian Elischer at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019.
- “The Myth of Solidarity: How Diversity within Social Movements Shapes the Power of Protest.” Research design presented at the Michigan State University Comparative Politics Workshop (invited lecture), October 2018.
- “New Modes of Political Protest.” Invited Lecture, Northwestern University Graduate Summer Institute, July 2018.
- “Reframing Mass Violence in Africa: Social Memory and Social Justice.” Invited lecture at the University of Minnesota, April 2018.
- “Familial Nationalism in Weak African States.” Paper presented at a workshop on the African Sahel, Northwestern University, May 2017.
- “Interpretive Pitfalls in West Africa.” Invited presentation at the Africa Board of Experts Spring Conference (a gathering of U.S. intelligence personnel), May 2017.
- “Familial Nationalism in Weak African States.” Paper presented at a workshop on Researching and Teaching African Politics: Everyday Politics, Power, and Protest in the Digital Age, Smith College, April 2017.
- “Coup de Hot: Does Appearance Affect Coup Leader Survival in Office?” Paper presented at the Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Minnesota, February 2017.
- “Coup de Hot: Does Appearance Affect Coup Leader Survival in Office?” Paper presented with Tyson Roberts at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016.
- “A Pitch for a Rapid-Response Protest Research Team.” Presentation at the California Consensus, a summit of scholars and social entrepreneurs hosted by the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego, April 2016.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND GRANTS

Awards

- Honorable Mention for Best Book, African Politics Conference Group, 2019

Grants

- Fulbright Scholar Award, France (\$31,000), 2021
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$6,000), 2022
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$6,000), 2021
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$5,500), 2020
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$5,000), 2019
- Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Residential Fellowship (\$60,000), 2018
- USAID/AidData grant for “Participatory, Responsive Governance in Niger: Impact Evaluation” (~\$772,193), with co-PIs Ariel BenYishay and Philip Roessler (College of William and Mary), 2015 (increased in 2017)
- Collaborative Summer Research Award, Macalester College (\$9,400), 2016
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$4,950), 2016
- Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College (\$2,212), 2017
- Center for Teaching Excellence Grant, Loyola Marymount University (~\$2,000), 2015
- Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship, UCLA (~\$4,500), 2010
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA (~\$4,000), 2007 and 2009

Undergraduate Awards, Honors, or Other Recognition

- John A. Vieg Prize in Politics, Pomona College, 2006
- Graduated from Pomona College magna cum laude, 2006
- Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 2006
- Irvine Foundation Research Fellowship, 2005

SERVICE

Membership in Professional Societies

American Political Science Association, African Politics Conference Group, Midwest Political Science Association, African Studies Association, Working Group in African Political Economy, West African Research Center (Dakar)

Refereeing

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Studies, African Studies Review, African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review, Interface, Routledge, Cambridge University Press

Professional Service

“African Politics and Policy” Subtheme Co-Chair, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2023
Advisor, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2021-2022
Guest Editor, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 2019
Best Dissertation Award Committee, African Politics Conference Group, 2019
Event Coordinator for the African Politics Conference Group, 2017

Macalester College Service

International Development Studies Director, 2023-2024
African Studies Concentration Co-Director, 2022-2024
Department Coordinator Search Committee, 2022

Mitau Lecture Committee Chair, 2022-2024
Chuck Greene Fellowship Selection Committee, 2022
Political Science Tenure-Track Search Committee, 2022 & 2023
Co-Facilitator, “Roots” mentoring group for junior faculty of color, 2020-2021 & 2022-2023
Social Science IRB, 2019-2024 (Chair, 2020-2021)
African Studies Concentration Director, 2019-2021
Political Science Research Workshop Organizer, 2019-present
Cross Country/Track and Field Faculty Liaison, 2019-2020 & 2023-2024
African Studies Concentration Steering Committee, 2016-present
International Development Studies Concentration Steering Committee, 2016-present
African Studies Studies Concentration Steering Committee, 2016-present
Economics Tenure-Track Search Committee, 2018
Political Science Library Liaison, 2015-2018
Assisted a faculty search for the French and Francophone Studies Department, 2017
Mitau Summer Research Opportunity Grant Selection Committee, 2017 & 2021
Political Science Post-Doctoral Fellow Search Committee, 2016

TEACHING

Courses Taught

- Empirical Research Methods, Macalester College
- African Politics, Macalester College
- Comparative Politics, Macalester College
- Political Economy of Development, Macalester College
- Blood, Borders, and Belonging, Macalester College
- Senior Seminar, Macalester College
- The Politics of Inequality, Loyola Marymount University
- Advanced Research Methods, Loyola Marymount University
- Intro to Comparative Politics, Loyola Marymount University
- Empirical Approaches, Loyola Marymount University
- U.S. Politics, Loyola Marymount University
- Government and Politics of Developing Areas, Pepperdine University
- The American People and Politics, Pepperdine University
- Foundations of Political Theory, Pepperdine University
- Intro to Development Studies: Economic Development and Cultural Change, UCLA
- American Politics, UCLA

Honors Theses Supervised

- Lia Pak. 2023. “Who Shapes the Pandemic Response? A Bibliometric and Experimental Analysis of Public COVID-19 Experts”
- Makayla Barker. 2020. “Colonial Legacies and Institutional Legitimacy: Explaining Variation in State-Level Informal Economy Size”
- Lukas Matthews. 2019. “The Political Economy of American Military Aid and Repression Worldwide.”
- Jhader Aguad. 2017. “Agro Sí, Mina No: Explaining the Onset of Protest Surrounding Mining Projects in Peru.”
- Gabriel S. Barrett. 2017. “Do Weapons Make Warfare? An Instrumental Variables Approach Towards Investigating the Relationship Between Small Arms Abundance, Civil Conflict Onset, and Civil Conflict Intensity.”