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Academic Appointment

- Fall 2016 Assistant Professor (non-TT), Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2013-2015 Predoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

Education

- 2015 **Ph.D., Political Science**, University of Florida
Major Field: Comparative Politics (*with distinction*)
Minor Fields: Political Methodology (*with distinction*), International Relations
Dissertation: Playing to Lose? Legislative Candidacy in Africa's Electoral Authoritarian Regimes
Funding: \$53,000 (Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship, APSA Africa Workshops, International Law and Policy Institute, University of Florida)
Advisors: Staffan I. Lindberg (Dissertation Co-Chair), Michael H. Bernhard (Dissertation Co-Chair), Benjamin B. Smith, Bryon J. Moraski
- 2011 **M.A. Political Science**, University of Florida
- 2008 **M.A. African Studies**, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2006 **B.A. Political Science, Legal Studies** (*with honors*), Northwestern University, 2006

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2014 Keith R. Weghorst and Michael Bernhard. "From Formlessness to Structure: The Impact of Competitiveness on Party Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(12): 1707-37
- 2013 Keith R. Weghorst and Staffan I. Lindberg. "What Drives the Swing Voter in Africa?" *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3): 717-34
- 2011 Keith R. Weghorst and Staffan I. Lindberg. "Effective Opposition Strategies: Collective Goods or Clientelism?" *Democratization* 18(5): 1193-1214

Works in Progress

- 2016 Sterling Roop and Keith R. Weghorst. "Panel Survey Attrition in sub-Saharan Africa: The Promise of the Mobile Revolution" *Preparing to Submit*
- 2016 Eric Kramon and Keith R. Weghorst. "Can we Count on the Item Count Technique? Overcoming Response Bias in Developing Countries." *Preparing to Submit*

- 2016 Kristin Michelitch and Keith R. Weghorst. "Women's Equality in sub-Saharan Africa: The Influence of Religion on Views Towards Women in Mixed Muslim-Christian Countries." *Kellogg Working Paper Series*
- 2015 Keith R. Weghorst. "Political Attitudes and Response Bias in Semi-Democratic Regimes: A Survey Experiment Comparing the List Experiment and Randomized Response in Tanzania." *Preparing to Submit*

Other Academic Publications

- 2016 Sterling Roop and Keith Weghorst. "The 2015 National Elections in Tanzania." *Electoral Studies*. Forthcoming.
- 2012 Eric Kramon and Keith R. Weghorst. "Measuring Sensitive Attitudes in Developing Countries: Lessons from Implementing the List Experiment." *Experimental Political Scientist* 3(2): 14-26
- 2010 Keith R. Weghorst. "Improving the Quality of Public Opinion Data in sub-Saharan Africa: Discussions and Developments on Survey Research from the APSA Africa Workshop." *PS: Political Science and Politics: Online Symposium*
- 2010 Staffan I. Lindberg and Keith R. Weghorst. "Are Swing Voters Instruments of Democracy or Farmers of Clientelism? Evidence from Ghana." *Working Paper Series, No. 17: University of Gothenburg Quality of Government Institute*
- 2009 Staffan I. Lindberg and Keith R. Weghorst. "The Role of Private and Public Goods in Elections: Evidence from Ghana." *Working Paper No. 5: African Power and Politics Program Overseas Development Institute*

Public and Policy-Oriented Publications

- 2016 Sterling Roop and Keith R. Weghorst. "Wasemavyo Wazanzibari." *Contribution for the World Bank Mobile Based Panel Survey Handbook*
- 2015 Keith Weghorst. "In Zanzibar, democracy, peace, and unity are at stake after annulled elections" *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*
- 2015 Keith Weghorst and Sterling Roop. "Will elections steer Tanzania in a new direction?" *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*
- 2015 Ruth Carlitz and Keith Weghorst. "Why is the Tanzanian government making information illegal?" *Monkey Cage/Washington Post*
- 2013 Dereje Dori, Sterling Roop, Kjetil Tronvoll, and Keith R. Weghorst. "Tanzania Towards 2015: Political Conflict Tracking Inception Report." Prepared for Norwegian and Danish Ministries of Foreign Affairs
- 2011 "Legislators' Attitudes Towards Good Governance and Corruption: Results from a 2011 Survey in Zanzibar." *International Law and Policy Institute: Zanzibar Reports Series*, ed. Kjetil Tronvoll. Prepared for the Ministry of Good Governance of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar
- 2011 "Citizens' Attitudes Towards Good Governance and Corruption: Results from a 2011 Survey in Zanzibar." *International Law and Policy Institute: Zanzibar Reports Series*, ed. Kjetil Tronvoll. Prepared for the Ministry of Good Governance of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar

Grants

External

- 2013-2016 Norwegian & Danish Ministries of Foreign Affairs, 12,000,000 NOK [appx. \$2,000,000 USD], (with Reza Lahidji, Sterling Roop, and Kjetil Tronvoll)
- 2009 American Political Science Africa Workshops, \$1,000

Internal

- 2012 Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Grant, \$5,000 (*Declined*)
- 2011 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, \$1,500
- 2010 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Center for African Studies, \$1,000
- 2010 Student Faculty Collaborative Research Grant, Department of Political Science, \$1,000
- 2010 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Political Science \$1,000
- 2010 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, \$1,500
- 2009 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, \$1,500

Awards and Fellowships

- 2012 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad, \$29,398
- 2011 Best Graduate Student Paper, Department of Political Science, University of Florida
- 2009 American Political Science Association Africa Workshop Fellow, Ghana
- 2008-2012 Alumni Fellowship (university wide), University of Florida
- 2007 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Fellowship, Tanzania

Presentations

Invited

- 2016 *Data-Driven Development in Africa*, Penn State Program on African Studies
- 2016 *Varieties of Democracy Institute Speaker Series*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2016 *Petro Working Group*, Chr. Michelson Institute, Norway
- 2016 *Political Inequality Program*, Chr. Michelson Institute, Norway
- 2015 *Dan German Lecture Series*, Appalachian State University
- 2014 *Dominant Parties Systems Conference*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2011 *How Autocracies Work: Beyond the Electoral Paradigm*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2009 *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Linnæus University, Held in Nairobi, Kenya, 2009

Conferences

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

- 2016 **SPSA** (P, C, D)
- 2015 **APSA** (P, P), **ASA** (P, D), **EPSA** (P), **MPSA** (P (Juniors Scholars Symposium))
- 2013 **APSA** (P) **MPSA** (P,P,P)
- 2012 **APSA** (P, *Meeting Canceled*) **ISA** (P,P) **MPSA** (P,P)
- 2011 **MPSA** (P,P)

2010 **ASA (P,C) APSA (P,P) MPSA(P)**
2009 **ASA (P)**
2008 **ASA (P)**

Experience

Research Assistance

V-Dem: Varieties of Democracy (2012, PIs: Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, and Staffan I. Lindberg)
Michael H. Bernhard (2010-2011)
Staffan I. Lindberg (2009-2010)

Field Research

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

Consultancy

International Law and Policy Institute (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)
Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project (2009, PI: Herbert Kitschelt)

Service & Membership

2016 Editor, Newsletter of the African Politics Conference Group (Official APSA Section (44); Affiliated with African Studies Association and International Studies Association)
2016 Challenges to Data Collection Workshop at SPSA 2016 (Co-organizer with Kevin Fridy and Kristin Michelitch)
2015 LAPOPx Working Group in Experimental Survey Design (Organizer)
2015 Midwest Group for African Political Economy (Meeting Co-host with Amanda Clayton and Kristin Michelitch)
2010 Research Frontiers in African Politics Graduate Student Workshop (Co-organizer with Jaimie Bleck)
2009-2010 Editorial Board Member, *African Studies Quarterly*
2006-2008 Editorial Board Member, *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*

Reviewer, *AJPS*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*

Member, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, African Studies Association, Tanzania Studies Association, African Politics Conference Group, POLDEVSVY (Surveys in Developing Countries), MGAPE (Midwest Group in African Political Economy)

Additional Affiliations

2012-2013 **Guest Scholar**, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

2010 **Visiting Researcher**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration,
University of Dar es Salaam

Skills

Swahili: Full Professional Proficiency

Statistical Software: STATA

Survey-Related Software: iSurvey, Remark Office OMR, Open Data Kit

Other Software: ArcGIS, ~~TEX~~, QGIS

References

Michael H. Bernhard
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