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Research Substantive: Political Economy, Land Politics, Distributive Politics

Interests Regional: Africa (South Africa, Kenya, Liberia)

ACADEMIC The Nelson Mandela School, University of Cape Town, 2024-

APPOINTMENTS Open Society University Network Democracy and Development Fellow

University of Toronto, 2022-Present

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science

Postdoctoral Advisor: Antoinette Handley

EDUCATION Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA

Ph.D., Government Department, 2022

Major Field: Comparative Politics, Minor Field: American Politics Dissertation: "The Price of Redistribution: Local Markets and Agriculture in South Africa's Land Reform Program"

Honourable Mention (Runner Up) for the Lynne Rienner African Politics Conference Group Best Dissertation Award. 2023

Committee: Nicolas van de Walle (Chair), Tom Pepinsky, Jeremy

Wallace and Sabrina Karim

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

M.Phil. Comparative Government, June 2015 with Merit and Dissertation Distinction

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

B.A. (Hons), Peace and Conflict Studies, May 2013 with High Distinction

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Dyzenhaus, Alex. "Sweetening the Deal: Markets, Institutional Strength and Land Redistribution in South Africa's Sugar Sector" Forthcoming at Comparative Politics, 2024. (Impact Factor 2.3)

Pruett, Lindsey, Alex Dyzenhaus, Sabrina Karim and Dao Freeman. "Election Violence Prevention During Democratic Transitions: Evidence from a Field Experiment with Police and Youth in Liberia". *Journal of Peace Research* (2024). (*Impact Factor 3.6.*)

Herman, Biz, Amma Panin, Elizabeth Wellman, Graeme Blair, Lindsey Pruett, Ken Opalo, Hannah Alarian, Allison Grossman, Yvonne Tan, Alex Dyzenhaus and Nicholas Owsley [R]. "Field Experiments in the Global South: Assessing Risks, Localizing Benefits, and Addressing Positionality." *Political Science and*

Politics. 42(2) (2022). (Impact Factor 3.3.)

Dyzenhaus, Alex. "Patronage or Policy? The Politics of Land Formalization in Kenya". World Development. 146 (2021). Impact Factor 6.9, #5 in Development Journals.)

Boone, Catherine, Alex Dyzenhaus, Ambreena Manji, Catherine Gateri, Seth Ouma, James Kabugu Owino, Achiba Gargule, and Jacqueline Klopp. "Land law reform in Kenya: devolution, veto players, and the limits of an institutional fix." African Affairs 118(471) (2019), 215-237. (Impact Factor 2.8, #1 in African Studies Journals.)

Воок Chapters

Dyzenhaus, Alex. "Rift Valley: The Struggle for Supremacy" in Oxford Handbook of Kenyan Politics, ed. Nic Cheeseman, Gabrielle Lynch and Karuti Kanyinga, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. 2020.

Dyzenhaus, Alex. "Decentralization: Accountability in Local Government" in Institutions and Democracy in Africa, ed. Nic Cheeseman, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. 2018.

Research in Progress

"A Grain of Maize: Markets and Agriculture in South Africa's Land Reform Program", Book Project

"Until the Cows Come Home: Segregation and Land Reform in Post-Apartheid South Africa" Under Review at World Politics

"Promised Land: Justice and Policy Feedback in South African Land Restitution"

"The African Settler State in Comparative Perspective" with Salih Noor

"Dream Topographies: Farmers' Perceptions of Rurality in the New South Africa" with Carolyn Holmes

"Public Opinion in Post-Independence West Africa" with Lindsey Pruett and Joseph Lasky

BOOK REVIEWS Dyzenhaus, Alex. "Regime Threats and State Solutions: Bureaucratic Loyalty and Embeddedness in Kenya," by Mai Hassan. in "Commonwealth and Comparative Politics", 60 (1), 103-105.

Public SCHOLARSHIP

Bellamy, Janet, Sithembiso Gumbi and Alex Dyzenhaus. South Africa's Zulu nation is riveted by a royal succession drama. It's about more than who takes the throne. The Monkey Cage Blog at the Washington Post. 2021.

Ouma, Smith and Alex Dyzenhaus. Should Sleeping Giants Lie? Colonial land grievances and the politics of redistribution in contemporary Kenya. Africa is a Country. 2020.

Hassan, Mai and Alex Dyzenhaus. Why Local Concerns will Dominate Kenya's Elections. The LSE in Africa Blog. 2017.

Ongeso, Aimee and Alex Dyzenhaus The Local Politics of International Justice. The Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog. 2015.

Teaching EXPERIENCE Colonial Legacies and Post-Independence African Politics: Instructor, Summer 2023

Introduction to Comparative Politics: Graduate Assistant to Professor

Roberts, Spring 2021 (In Person)

Making Sense of World Politics: Graduate Assistant to Professor Kreps,

Fall 2020 (In Person and Online)

Post Truth Politics: Graduate Assistant to Professor Cirone, Fall 2018

Grants

QuIRI Small Grant, Cornell: \$1,500

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, SSHRC: \$60,000, 2017/18-2021/22

Graduate School Research Grant, Cornell: \$1,500, 2019 Einaudi Travel Grant, Cornell: \$1,200, 2017, 2018

Government Department Supplemental Summer Funding, Cornell: \$2,500, 2017

International Inequalities Innovation Fund, LSE: \$13,000, 2016-2017

FIELD WORK

South Africa (11 months 2019-2020, 2022, 2023)

Kenya (8 months, 2014-2018)

Northern Macedonia (1 month, 2015)

Workshop

Law and Rurality Workshop (2023)

Presentations African Politics Conference Group (2022)

Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop (2022) Land and Politics Workshop (LSE, 2022)

Cornell Comparative Politics Workshop (Discussant and Presenter 2019, 2021)

Political Economy of Development Workshop (Yale, 2019)

Land Governance and Subnational Dynamics in Kenyan Politics Workshop (2019)

Folke Bernadotte Academy Workshop (2018)

SEMINAR AND

Political Science Department Seminar Series (University of Toronto, 2023)

Colloquium

African Studies Centre Seminar Series (University of Toronto, 2023)

PRESENTATIONS Cornell Government Department Graduate Student Colloquium (Presenter 2017,

2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)

Conference

Canadian Political Science Association (2023)

Presentations American Political Science Association (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

International Studies Association (2019)

African Studies Conference (University of Cape Town, 2019)

Midwest Political Science Association (2018, 2021)

African Studies Association (2017)

DISCIPLINARY

SERVICE

Graduate Anti-Racist Political Science Collective Mentor: 2020

Referee: African Affairs, Governance, World Development, Oxford University

Press, Journal of Modern African Studies, Social Sciences

Research

Graduate Researcher: British Institute in Eastern Africa, 2015-2016

EXPERIENCE Research Intern: Generations for Peace, 2015

Research Consultant: University of Warwick, 2014-2015

Undergraduate Student Research Assistant: Janice Stein (Professor, University of Toronto), 2012-2013, Ron Levi (Professor, University of Toronto), 2012-2013

SKILLS AND

Technical: R, QGIS, Stata, LATEX

Training Language: French (some working proficiency)

Affiliations

Visiting Academic, Land and Accountability Research Centre, University of

Cape Town 2019-2020

Visiting PhD Fellow, University of the Witswatersrand 2020

Professional Associations: APSA, MPSA, CPSA

References

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