#### Michael Woldemariam

## Academic Curriculum Vitae – August 2021

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#### **Employment**

**Director**, African Studies Center, Boston University, Boston, MA (July 2021 – present)

**Associate Professor of International Relations,** Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, Boston, MA (Assistant Professor Sept 2011 – May 2019, Associate Professor May 2019 – present)

**Legislative Fellow,** Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Majority Staff, Africa and Global Health Team (2020-21)

**Post-Doctoral Scholar,** Africana Research Center and Department of Political Science, Penn State University, 2013-14

**Research Specialist**, Innovations for Successful Societies Program, Princeton University, 2009-2011

#### **Education**

Ph.D., Princeton University, Department of Politics, November 2011

M.A., Princeton University, Department of Politics, May 2007
Main Fields: Comparative Politics, African Politics, International Relations

B.A., Beloit College, *Summa Cum Laude*, Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology, May 2005

# **Research and Teaching Interests**

International security, comparative politics, African politics, armed conflict, post-conflict governance, Horn of Africa, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, qualitative methods

#### **Books**

Michael Woldemariam. Insurgent Fragmentation in the Horn of Africa: Rebellion and Its Discontents (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018) 335 pp.

- Reviewed in the Washington Post, Perspectives on Politics, Due North, African Studies Quarterly, Northeast African Studies, Africa

#### **Peer Reviewed Articles**

**Chris Day and Michael Woldemariam.** "From Rebelling to Ruling: Insurgent Victory and State Capture in Africa," *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. **Forthcoming** 

Michael Woldemariam. "No War, No Peace' in a Region in Flux: Crisis, Escalation, and Possibility in the Eritrea-Ethiopia Rivalry," *Journal of Eastern African Studies*. Vol. 12, Issue 3 (2018): 407-427

Michael Woldemariam and Alden Young. "After the Split: Partition, Successor States, and the Dynamics of War in the Horn of Africa," *Journal of Strategic Studies*. Vol. 41 (2018): 684-720 Online First edition published June 2016

**Michael Woldemariam.** "Partition Problems: Relative Power, Historical Memory, and the Origins of the Eritrean-Ethiopian War," *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*. **Vol. 21, No. 2 (2015) 166-190** 

Michael Woldemariam. "Battlefield Outcomes and Rebel Cohesion: Lessons from the Eritrean Independence War," *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Vol. 28, Issue 1 (2016) 135-156. Online First edition published July 2014

#### **Book Chapters**

Michael Woldemariam, "Divide and Rule: Partition and Illiberal State-Building in the Horn of Africa," in Anatol Lieven and Harry Verhoeven, eds. *Beyond Liberal Order: States, Societies, and Markets in the Global Indian Ocean* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Michael Woldemariam, "Eritrea: Still an Island," in Giovanni Carbone, eds. *Africa's Thorny Horn* (Milan: Italian Institute for International Political Studies, 2020)

Michael Woldemariam. "The Making of an African 'Pariah': Eritrea in the International System," in Tekle Woldemikael, eds. *Post-Liberation Eritrea: Twenty-Five Years After* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2019)

**Michael Woldemariam.** "Regional Powers, Great Power Allies, and International Institutions: The Case of Ethiopia," in Timothy Shaw and Jason Warner, eds. *African Foreign Policies in International Institutions* (London: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2018)

#### Essays/ Reports/ Reviews

Michael Woldemariam. "Nile Be Dammed: Toxic Water Politics Threaten Democracy and Regional Stability," *Foreign Affairs*, August 10, 2020, which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/africa/2020-08-10/nile-be-dammed">https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/africa/2020-08-10/nile-be-dammed</a>

Michael Woldemariam. Review of Gidron, Yotam. "Israel in Africa: Security, Migration, Interstate Politics," *African Arguments*, July 2, 2020, which can be accessed at <a href="https://africanarguments.org/2020/07/02/book-review-israel-in-africa-security-migration-and-interstate-politics/">https://africanarguments.org/2020/07/02/book-review-israel-in-africa-security-migration-and-interstate-politics/</a>

Michael Woldemariam and Alden Young. "What Happens in Sudan Doesn't Stay in Sudan: Will Khartoum Become the Center of a New African Order or an Appendage of the Gulf?," Foreign Affairs, July 19, 2019, which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/africa/2019-07-19/what-happens-sudan-doesnt-stay-sudan">https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/africa/2019-07-19/what-happens-sudan-doesnt-stay-sudan</a>

- Arabic translation published by *Al-Jazeera*, **June 20, 2019, which can be accessed at**<a href="https://www.aljazeera.net/news/politics/2019/7/20/">https://www.aljazeera.net/news/politics/2019/7/20/</a>, which can be accessed at
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Michael Woldemariam. "The Eritrea-Ethiopia Thaw and Its Regional Impact," *Current History*. Vol. 118, Issue 808 (2019) 181-188. <a href="http://www.currenthistory.com/Woldemariam-CH2019.pdf">http://www.currenthistory.com/Woldemariam-CH2019.pdf</a>

Michael Woldemariam. "Critical Dialogue" on *Insurgent Fragmentation in the Horn of Africa* and Lisa Mueller's *Political Protest in Contemporary*, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 17, Issue 1 (2019) 207-2011

Michael Woldemariam. "Can Ethiopia's Reforms Succeed? What Abiy's Plans Mean for the Country and the Region," *Foreign Affairs*, September 10, 2018, which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/east-africa/2018-09-10/can-ethiopias-reforms-succeed">https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/east-africa/2018-09-10/can-ethiopias-reforms-succeed</a>

Michael Woldemariam. "Q&A: Turkey's Deep Ties with Somalia Reflect its Broader Africa Strategy," World Politics Review, November 9, 2017, which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/23576/turkey-s-deep-ties-with-somalia-reflect-its-broader-africa-strategy">https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/23576/turkey-s-deep-ties-with-somalia-reflect-its-broader-africa-strategy</a>

Michael Woldemariam. "Old Game, New Stakes: How the Gulf Crisis Could Reshape the Horn of Africa," World Politics Review, August 1, 2017, which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/22852/old-game-new-stakes-how-the-gulf-crisis-could-reshape-the-horn-of-africa">https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/22852/old-game-new-stakes-how-the-gulf-crisis-could-reshape-the-horn-of-africa</a>

Alden Young, Michael Woldemariam, and Donna Patterson. "America First Shouldn't Mean America Alone," Foreign Policy, February 29, 2017, which can be accessed at

http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/02/10/america-first-shouldnt-mean-america-alone-trump-foreign-policy-horn-of-africa/

Michael Woldemariam. "The Political Economy of Eritrea," UNICEF-Rift Valley Institute,
November 2016, which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.unicef.org/esaro/UNICEF">https://www.unicef.org/esaro/UNICEF</a> Eritrea -2016 -- The Political Economy of Eritrea.pdf

Michael Woldemariam, Steve Snook, and Salim Hagi. "USAID, Somalia Democracy and Governance Assessment," USAID Democracy and Governance Assessments, Spring 2014

**Michael Woldemariam. Review of Young, Crawford.** "The Post-Colonial State in Africa: Fifty Years of Independence, 1960-2010," *H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews.* **June 2013** 

Michael Woldemariam, Jennifer Widner, and Laura Bacon. "Restructuring Service Delivery, Johannesburg, South Africa, 1996-2001," *Princeton University ISS Case Studies* (Fall 2012) 1-14, which can be accessed at

http://successfulsocieties.princeton.edu/sites/successfulsocieties/files/Policy Note ID207.pdf

Michael Woldemariam. "Badme Border Dispute: Why Ethiopia Won't Back Down on Eritrean Border," *African Arguments*, May 23, 2012, which can be accessed at <a href="http://africanarguments.org/2012/05/23/the-bad-news-over-badme-why-ethiopia-wont-back-down-on-eritrean-border-by-michael-woldemariam/">http://africanarguments.org/2012/05/23/the-bad-news-over-badme-why-ethiopia-wont-back-down-on-eritrean-border-by-michael-woldemariam/</a>

Michael Woldemariam. "Municipal Turnaround in Cape Town, South Africa, 2006-2009," *Princeton University ISS Case Studies* (Summer 2011) 1-15, which can be accessed at <a href="http://successfulsocieties-qa.princeton.edu/sites/successfulsocieties/files/Policy">http://successfulsocieties-qa.princeton.edu/sites/successfulsocieties/files/Policy</a> Note ID162.pdf

Richard Bennett and Michael Woldemariam. "Nurturing Democracy in East Africa: Somaliland's First Elections, 2002-2005," *Princeton University ISS Case Studies* (Spring 2011) 1-10, which can be accessed at

http://successfulsocieties.princeton.edu/sites/successfulsocieties/files/Policy Note ID147.pdf

Richard Bennett and Michael Woldemariam. "Navigating a Broken Transition to Civilian Rule: Somaliland: 1991-2001," *Princeton University ISS Case Studies* (Spring 2011) 1-11, which can be accessed at

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Michael Woldemariam. "Keeping Up with a Fast Moving City: Service Delivery in Bangalore, India, 1999-2004," *Princeton University ISS Case Studies* (Fall 2010) 1-12, which can be accessed at <a href="http://successfulsocieties.princeton.edu/sites/successfulsocieties/files/Policy">http://successfulsocieties.princeton.edu/sites/successfulsocieties/files/Policy</a> Note ID127.pdf

#### **Working Projects**

After the Split: Successor States in the Horn of Africa (book project with Prof. Alden Young, UCLA)

The Corridor: Statecraft, Society, and Order in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, 1869-2019 (book project)

The Foreign Policy of a State in Transition: *Medemer*, Realpolitik, and Ethiopia's External Relations Post-EPRDF"

"Revisionist States in Africa: Sudan, Eritrea, and Libya Confront the United States"

"The Regional Politics of an African Peace Deal: The Greater Horn after the Eritrea-Ethiopia Rapprochement"

#### **Invited Talks**

**Somalia and the Region,** invited speaker, SOCAFRICA Somalia Mini-Seminar, ONLINE, February 4, 2021

**Regional Security,** invited speaker, Analytic Exchange East Africa: The Next Five Years, US Department of State, ONLINE, September 22, 2020

**Regional Alignment Seminar – Horn of Africa,** invited speaker, US Army, ONLINE, August 4-5, 2020

**Project Incubator Workshop on China-Africa-US Cooperation,** invited speaker, Carter Center, ONLINE, July 16, 2020

Israel in Africa: Security, Migration, Interstate Politics, invited speaker, Royal African Society, ONLINE, June 3, 2020

Regional Alignment Seminar – Horn of Africa, invited speaker, US Army, ONLINE, May 14-15, 2020

**East Sudan,** invited speaker, SSRC Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, Expert Mini-Series on Sudan, UN Department of Political Affairs, ONLINE, May 12, 2020

**Geopolitics and Regional Dynamics**, invited speaker, SSRC Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, Expert Mini-Series on Sudan, UN Department of Political Affairs, ONLINE, May 5, 2020

**Briefing on Ethiopia,** invited speaker, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Africa Risk Analysis, ONLINE, April 14, 2020

**Regional Conflict,** invited speaker, Analytic Exchange on Red Sea Politics: The Involvement of the Gulf States and Turkey in Africa, US Department of State, Washington, DC, February 28, 2019

**African Security**, invited speaker, Kennedy School, Harvard University, Senior Executives in National and International Security Program, Boston, MA, December 5, 2019

Implications of Coastal Infrastructure Development in the Red Sea Arena, invited speaker, Red Sea Arena Security Dialogue II, USIP, ACSS, NESA, Swemeh, Jordan, November 12, 2019

The Regional Politics of an African Peace Deal: The Greater Horn After the Eritrea-Ethiopia Rapprochement, invited speaker, African Studies Program, SAIS, Johns Hopkins, Washington, DC, November 6, 2019

**African Security,** invited speaker, Kennedy School, Harvard University, Senior Executives in National and International Security Program, Boston, MA, August 14, 2019

**The Future of Africa's Jihadist Threat**, invited speaker, National Intelligence Council (NIC) Workshop, McLean, VA, July 12, 2019

The Cold War in the Horn of Africa, Eritrea: Independence and Isolation 1991-2015, Eritrean Mass Migration, Regional Dynamics: Eritrea, The New "Scramble" for the Horn of Africa (multiple lectures), invited speaker, Rift Valley Institute Horn of Africa Seminar, Bishoftu, Ethiopia, June 17 – June 22, 2018

African Countries Perspectives on Gulf Involvement in Africa, invited speaker, Analytic Exchange on Gulf States in Africa, US Department of State, Washington, DC, June 11, 2019

**Key Regional Players and Competition in the Horn of Africa,** invited speaker, The Middle East Institute's Conference on Migration, Investment, and Competition: The Middle East and the Horn of Africa, The National Press Club, May 20, 2019

- Televised on C-SPAN2, which can be accessed here <a href="https://www.c-span.org/video/?460896-4/global-engagement-northeast-africa-part-2">https://www.c-span.org/video/?460896-4/global-engagement-northeast-africa-part-2</a>

The Regional Implications of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Rapprochement: Continuity and Change in the New Horn of Africa, invited speaker, Science Po – CERI/CNRS, Conference on the Future of the Red Sea, Paris, France, March 14, 2019

**Africa in World Politics, Governance, and Security,** invited speaker, Pan-Africa Rising Conference, U-Mass Boston, Boston, MA, February 27, 2019

Sudan and the Region: Impact of Regional Issues on Sudan and Sudan's New Regional Profile, invited speaker, SSRC Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, Meeting on Sudan and the Horn of Africa, UN Department of Political Affairs, New York, NY, February 5, 2019

Managing the peace and security ramifications of rivalries over the Red Sea region on the Horn of Africa: Charting a multilateral approach with an active African Union role, invited speaker, Amani Africa, January 16, 2019

**The Eritrea-Ethiopia Rapprochement: Eritrean Perspectives,** invited speaker, Life & Peace Institute, Addis Ababa, January 14, 2019

**The Eritrea-Ethiopia Rapprochement and Its Regional Implications**, invited speaker, Centre for Dialogue, Research, and Cooperation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 10, 2019

**Power Politics in the Red Sea Basin,** invited speaker, SSRC Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, Meeting on the Middle East and North Africa, UN Department of Political Affairs, Geneva, Switzerland, December 9-10, 2018 (two sessions)

Ethiopia: The Future of Abiy's Reform Agenda, invited speaker, African Speaker Series, Fletcher School, Tufts University, Boston, MA, November 5, 2018

The Future of the Somalia Security Sector and AMISOM, invited speaker, US SOC-Africa, Silent Warrior, Garmisch, Germany, October 25, 2018

**Gulf Rising: GCC-Horn of Africa Relations**, invited speaker, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, Washington, DC, June 28, 2018 (open and closed-door sessions)

**Red Sea Region: Troubling Undercurrents?,** invited speaker, Oslo Forum, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Oslo, Norway, June 19-20, 2018 (open and closed door sessions)

**Gulf States, Nile Countries, and Red Sea Dynamics,** invited speaker, SSRC Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, Meeting on the Horn of Africa, UN Department of Political Affairs, New York, NY, June 13, 2018

**Eritrea and the Gulf Crisis,** invited speaker, Promoting Dialogue and Cooperation on South Sudan and the Horn of Africa, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue and CIIS, Beijing, China, June 5, 2018

A History of Eritrea, Eritrea: An End to Isolation?, The Gulf Crisis Comes to the Horn,, What Next in Eritrea?, (multiple lectures) invited speaker, Rift Valley Institute Horn of Africa Seminar, Sagana, Kenya, May 27-June 1, 2018

The Gulf Crisis in the Horn of Africa, invited speaker, Greater Horn Horizon Forum, UN Department of Political Affairs, EU, and IGAD, Djibouti, April 28, 2018

**Discourses of Internationalization: External Intervention and Its Framing in African Civil Wars,** invited speaker, University of Minnesota, African Studies Initiative, April 11, 2018.

The Changing Politics of the Red Sea Basin, invited speaker, Wellesley College, Department of Political Science, Africana Studies, and WAWA, Wellesley, MA, April 10, 2018.

**Divide and Rule: Partition and Illiberal State-Building in the Horn of Africa**, invited speaker, The Global Indian Ocean: States, Societies and Markets Beyond Liberal Order, Georgetown University – Qatar, Doha, Qatar, March 19, 2018

The Red Sea Region in Flux, invited speaker, Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, MA, March 11, 2018

Linkages Between Armed Conflicts: From Libya through the states of the Horn to Yemen, invited speaker, Political and Security Dynamics of the Red Sea, US Institute of Peace, January 18, 2018

The Horn of Africa in the Wider International Security Order, invited speaker, Strategic Consultation on the Horn of Africa, African Union, invited speaker, Khartoum, Sudan, October 9, 2017

**Same Roots, Different Soil,** invited speaker, Tufts University, Caribbean Students Association and African Students Association, Medford, MA, October 14, 2017

**Politics and the EPRDF,** invited speaker, Executive Analytical Exchange on Ethiopia, US Department of State, Washington, DC, August 23, 2017

**United States Strategy in East Africa**, invited speaker, Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, US Army War College, July 20, 2017, Carlisle, PA

Independent Eritrea: The Mobilized Nation (1991-2015), Eritrea: Refugees, Resources, and International Re-engagement, (multiple lectures) invited speaker, Rift Valley Institute Horn of Africa Seminar, Entebbe, Uganda, June 17-23, 2017

**Insurgent Fragmentation in the Horn of Africa: Rebellion and its Discontents,** invited speaker, George Mason, School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Arlington, VA, April 27, 2017

**State-Building After the Split: Partition and Governance in the Horn of Africa,** invited speaker, The Liberal State and its Alternatives in the Indian Ocean, Georgetown University – Qatar, Doha, Qatar, March 21, 2017

Security in the Horn of Africa, invited speaker, New America, Washington, DC, January 27, 2017

What is going on in Ethiopia: Actors & Dynamics?, invited speaker, Analytic Exchange on Ethiopia, US Department of State, Washington, DC, November 30, 2016

Al-Shabaab in Cross-National Perspective: Violence and Terror in Kenya and Ethiopia, invited speaker, US Army/Ft. Bragg, Chapel Hill, NC, October 13, 2016

From Rebelling to Ruling: Insurgent Victory and State Capture in Africa, University of North Carolina- African Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, October 13, 2016

**Intra-Rebel Competition in the Horn of Africa,** invited speaker, Rand Corporation, Insurgency Board of Experts, Arlington, VA, September 8, 2016

Rebel Groups in the Horn of Africa, Contemporary Eritrea, Political and Economic History of Eritrea, The Eritrean-Ethiopian War, (multiple lectures) invited speaker, Rift Valley Institute Horn of Africa Seminar, Entebbe, Uganda, June 8-16, 2016

Dulling or Sharpening the Horn: Global Security, Justice and the UN in the Horn of Africa, invited speaker, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA, April 21, 2016

The Challenge of "Liberated Territories" in South-Central Somalia, invited speaker, Eleventh Expert Meeting on Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Nairobi, Kenya, November 4, 2015

A Tale of Two Border Crises: Heglig, Badme, and the Politics of Partition in the Greater Horn, invited speaker, Horn of Africa Seminar Series, Oxford University, October 20, 2015

The Eritrean Migration Crisis: Causes, Effects, and EU Policy Responses, invited speaker, Wilton Park Conference (WP1427) – The Migration Challenge: Tackling Root Causes, West Sussex, UK, October 14, 2015

Rebel Groups in the Horn of Africa, Contemporary Eritrea, Justice, Human Rights, and Civil Society in Ethiopia and Eritrea, The Eritrean-Ethiopian War, and the Horn of Africa in Wider Regional Context, (multiple lectures) invited speaker, Rift Valley Institute Horn of Africa Seminar, Navaisha, Kenya, June 13-19, 2015

Syrian and Eritrean Crises: Responsibility, Refugees, Resolution, invited speaker, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, April 7, 2015

Al Shabaab in Cross-National Perspective: Violence and Terror in Kenya and Ethiopia, Paper presented at Society for Terrorism Research, Boston, MA, September 18, 2014

Ethiopian Foreign Relations, Contemporary Eritrea, Regional Armed Interventions, and the Horn of Africa in Wider Regional Context (multiple lectures), invited speaker, Rift Valley Institute Horn of Africa Seminar, Lamu, Kenya, June 1-7, 2014

The Perils of Partition: Successor States, War, and the Challenge of Eritrean-Ethiopian Relations, invited speaker, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Gainsville, FL, March 16, 2013

Views of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Conflict, with Dan Connell, speaker, Rodney Seminar Series, African Studies Center, Boston University, Boston, MA, December 10, 2012

**Al Qaeda in Somalia,** speaker, Office of Global Programs, Boston University, Boston, MA, November 16, 2012

The Making of an African Pariah: Post-Liberation Eritrea in the International System, speaker, African Studies Center, Boston University, Boston, MA, Oct 27, 2012

"Cohesive Stalemates" and the Logic of Insurgent Solidarity: Ethiopia's Long War in Historical Perspective, Research in American & Comparative Politics Workshop Series, Boston University, Boston, MA, April 5, 2012

Why Rebels Collide: Factionalism and Fragmentation in African Insurgencies, invited speaker, Africana Research Center, Penn State University, State College, PA, Jan 24, 2012

**Somalia in International Relations,** invited speaker, Yale Undergraduate African Political Forum, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Nov 4, 2011

Why Rebels Collide: Factionalism and Fragmentation in African Insurgencies," invited speaker, Department of Political Science, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, Nov 11, 2010

Why Rebels Collide: Factionalism and Fragmentation in African Insurgencies," invited speaker, Department of International Relations, Boston University, Boston, MA, Nov 30, 2010

Why Rebels Collide: Factionalism and Fragmentation in African Insurgencies," invited speaker, Department of Political Science, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, Dec 8, 2010

Weissberg Human Rights Annual Lecture, invited panelist, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, Sept 13, 2010

Emergency Meeting on Somalia, invited speaker, Global Information Network, New York, NY, August 9, 2009

#### **Conference Presentations**

The Global Configuration of Peace in the Horn: Implications for Refugees Worldwide, roundtable, African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, November 29, 2018

The Horn of Africa in the Trump Era, roundtable, African Studies Association meetings, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2017

**Insurgent Fragmentation in the Horn of Africa: Rebellion and its Discontents,** Paper presented at International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 23, 2017

The Fragility of the Strong and the Resilience of the Weak: Lessons on the Nature of the State from a Closer Examination of the Horn of Africa, roundtable, African Studies Association meetings, San Diego, CA, November 21, 2015

Partition Problems: Relative Power, Historical Memory, and the Origins of the Eritrean-Ethiopian War, Paper presented at African Studies Association meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November 20, 2014

Eritrean Refugees at Risk: Trafficking and Torture in the Sinai, roundtable, African Studies Association meetings, Baltimore, MD, November 21, 2013

Factionalism and Rebel Resiliency: The Horn of Africa's Long Wars in Comparative Perspective, Paper presented at the American Historical Association meetings, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2012

The Making of an African Pariah: Post-Liberation Eritrea in the International System, Paper to be presented at the African Studies Association meetings, Philadelphia, PA, November, 29, 2012—served as panel chair

The African Union in the Horn of Africa: Current Limitations and Future Possibilities, Paper presented at Middle Eastern Studies Association meeting, Washington, DC, Dec 2, 2011

Success, Failure, and Something in Between: Rebel Fragmentation and the Dynamics of War, Paper presented at International Studies Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, Feb 18, 2010—Served as panel chair

Success, Failure, and Something in Between: Rebel Fragmentation and the Dynamics of War, Paper presented at African Studies Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, Nov 20, 2009

Why Rebels Collide: Factionalism and Fragmentation in African Insurgencies, Paper presented at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, Summer 2008

In Search of Fear: Anxiety and the Determinants of Fear Post- 911, Poster presentation American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL Fall 2005

In Search of Fear: Anxiety and the Determinants of Fear Post- 911, Paper presented at National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Indianapolis IN, April 22, 2005

# **Teaching Experience**

IR 343: African Politics Today, IR 703: International Security, IR 786: Conflict and State-Building in Africa, IR 351: Africa in International Politics, IR 534: Government and Politics of Contemporary Africa.

# Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

International Affairs Fellowship for Tenured Scholars, Council on Foreign Relations, 2020-21

**Woodrow Wilson Center Fellowship,** Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2020-21 (DECLINED)

**2020 Black American National Security & Foreign Policy Next Generation Leaders,** Diversity and National Security Network and New America, 2020

Policy and Security Initiative Research Grant, Pardee School, Boston University, 2018-2019

Security Fellow, Truman National Security Project, Washington, DC, 2017 – 2018

**Nominated for Sue Bailey Thurman Award,** awarded by Boston University's Black Student Union to member of BU faculty "who is an innovator in their field and in their teaching methods," April 2017

**Sigma Kappa Professor of the Semester,** awarded by Sigma Kappa Sorority, BU Chapter, Spring 2015

Research Grant, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, Fall 2009

Research Grant, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University Fall 2008

Research Grant, Princeton Institute of Regional Studies, 2008

**Bradley Fellow**, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2008

Africanist Doctoral Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2008

**APSA Minority Fellow**, American Political Science Association, 2005-2007

Phi Beta Kappa, Beloit College, 2005

Departmental Prize for Political Science, Beloit College, 2005

Eddie Fergus Award, McNair Program, Beloit College 2005

William L. Kolb Sociology Award, Beloit College, 2005

Shirley White Peterson Scholarship, Beloit College, 2004

Ralph Bunche Fellow, American Political Science Association, Duke University, 2004

Junior Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2005

McNair Scholar, Beloit College, 2003-2005

Two-time Midwest Conference All-Academic Conference Selection (Soccer), Beloit College, 2002-2003

#### **Service and Related Work Experience**

**Consultancies**, Short and long-term consultancies with a wide variety of organizations and institutions, including several UN agencies, multiple US government agencies, and NGOs. Details available on request

Media Appearances, Interviewed in Financial Times, New York Times, Al Jazeera, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Bloomberg, Dow Jones Newswire, Christian Science Monitor, NECN (TV), Veja (major Brazilian weekly), Voice of America, Morning Wave- Busan (South Korean Radio), Foreign Policy, Chicago Tribune, Boston Sunday Review (Radio), AFP, NPR- PRI's the World (Radio), Africa Today (Radio), Pacific Council (Podcast), International Crisis Group's The Horn (Podcast), Catholic Herald, C-SPAN, Chicago Council of Global Affairs (Podcast), Boston Globe, Africa Today (Radio)

Manuscript Reviewer, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, International Organization, Zed Books, Journal of Eastern African Studies, Democratization, Comparative Politics, James Currey Press, Journal of Peace Research, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Studies in Comparative International Development, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, International Security, Civil Wars, South African Journal of International Affairs, Journal of Asian and African Studies

**BU Related and Other Service,** Lead for undergraduate learning assessments at Pardee School (four years), member of wide range of Pardee School and BU wide committees including faculty searches, international education and global engagement, new building design, and undergraduate curriculum. Also served as Program Chair for African Politics Section of American Political Science Annual Meeting (2020)

### **International Experience and Skills**

**Fieldwork,** Ethiopia, for projects on politics of partition and regional security issues, January and July 2019

Sudan, for project on the politics of partition, November 2015

South-Central Somalia, Puntland, and Somaliland, for research on governance and state building, January-February 2014

Kenya and Ethiopia, for project on service delivery in conflict zones, summer 2012

Somaliland, for project on governance traps, October 2010

Bangalore, India and Cape Town/Johannesburg, South Africa for research projects on urban reform, June 2010 and March 2011

Ethiopia, Mozambique, and East African refugee communities in London, UK, Washington, DC, Minneapolis, MN and San Diego, CA, 2008-2009

**In-Country Experience**, Sri Lanka (4 years), Pakistan (4 years), Thailand (1 year)

Languages, Tigrinya (conversational), Amharic (basic), 1 year of Arabic training

# References

Available on Request