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## Academic Appointments

NSF Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellow: University of Washington (03/2019-03/2021)

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Washington (March 2019)

**Dissertation:** Church, Sex and State: How Africa's transnational churches shape human rights

**Committee:** Michael McCann and Joel Migdal (co-chairs), James D. Long

**Certificates:** Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Comparative Law and Society Studies

M.A., Political Science, University of Washington (2013)

M.A., International Sociology of Law, University of the Basque Country (2007)

B.A., Philosophy (distinction), Legal Studies (distinction), Northwestern University (2005)

## Other Employment

University of Washington (2009-11, 2013-18)

Research Assistant: eScience Institute (07/2017-09/2018, 02-03/2019)

Instructor: Political Science, Law Societies and Justice, Jackson School of International Studies (Summer 2018, Summer 2017, Spring 2017, Winter 2015)

Independent Researcher, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant: Political Science, Law Societies and Justice (various quarters)

Director for International Policy and Advocacy: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C. (07/2011-09/2013)

Researcher: Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C. (09/2007-09/2009)

## Research

### *Primary Research Fields*

Comparative politics, human rights and legal institutions, gender and politics, religion and politics, African political development, qualitative and quantitative research

*Peer-Reviewed Articles*

4. Dreier, Sarah K. and Milli Lake. 2019. "Legal Institutional Legitimacy in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Democratization*. (forthcoming)
3. Oskooii, Kassra, Sarah K. Dreier, and Loren Collingwood. 2018. "Partisan Attitudes toward Sanctuary Cities: Asymmetrical Effects of Political Knowledge." *Politics and Policy*. 46 (2018):951-984.
2. Dreier, Sarah K. 2018. "Resisting Rights to Renounce Imperialism: African Churches' Strategic Symbolic Resistance to LGBTQ Inclusion." *International Studies Quarterly* 62 (2):423-436.
1. Collingwood, Loren, Benjamin Gonzalez-O'Brien, and Sarah K. Dreier. 2018. "Evaluating Ballot Initiative Support for Legalized Marijuana: The Case of Washington." *International Journal of Drug Policy*. 56:6-20.

*Under review or working papers*

Gade, Emily K., Sarah K. Dreier, John Wilkerson, and Ann Washington. "Congressional Religiosity: Big Data Approaches to Measuring Legislator Attributes." (revise and resubmit, *British Journal of Political Science*)

Dreier, Sarah K., James Long and Stephen Winkler. "African, Religious, and Tolerant? How Religious Diversity Shapes African Attitudes Toward Sexual Minorities." (revise and resubmit, *Politics & Religion*)

Gade, Emily K., Dallas Card, Sarah K. Dreier and Noah Smith. "What Counts as Terrorism? Racial Heuristics and Media Portrayals of Mass Shooters." (under review, *American Journal of Political Science*)

Sarah K. Dreier, Emily Gade, John Wilkerson, and Jon Schaeffer. "Dangers, Toils, and Snares: U.S. senators' rhetoric of public anxiety and religiosity." (under review, *Politics & Religion*)

Sarah K. Dreier, Lucy Lin, Sofia Serrano, Emily Gade, and Noah Smith. "Religiosity and Public Policy in Congress: A Natural Language Processing Text Analysis of U.S. Federal Legislators' Religious Rhetoric and Policy Priorities." (working paper)

Dreier, Sarah K. and Chloe Lewis. "Gender, Power, and Governance: Emerging Issues and Perennial Obstacles." (invited peer-reviewed article, *International Studies Review*)

Milli Lake, Arthur Alik Lagrange, and Sarah K. Dreier. "Social Protection and the Social Contract." (accepted for publication, *Annual Review of Political Science* Vol. 24.)

*Book Projects*

*Church, State and Sex: How Africa's transnational churches shape human rights* (Dissertation)

*When States Target Their Own: British Justification for Catholic Internment and Torture in Northern Ireland*, with Emily K. Gade, Michael McCann, and Noah Smith.

*Other Research and Publications*

Dreier, Sarah K. 2019. "Not all Christian leaders in Africa are opposed to LGBTQ inclusion." *The Washington Post's Monkey Cage*, 7 March 2019.

Dreier, Sarah K. 2014. "Disagreements over Homosexuality Divide African Churches and the ELCA." *Word and World: Theology for Christian Ministry* 34 (2).

John Halpin, William F. Schulz and Sarah Dreier. 2010. "Universal Human Rights in Progressive Thought and Politics" (Washington, D.C.: Center For American Progress).

Dreier, Sarah K. 2010. "It's Not About Free Expression: An Examination of the Danish Cartoon Controversy." In Reza Banakar, ed. *Rights in Context: Law and Justice in Late Modern Society*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Company.

Sarah Dreier and William F. Schulz. 2009. "New Tools for Old Traumas: Using 21st Century Technologies to Combat Human Rights Atrocities" (Washington, D.C.: Center for American Progress).

William F. Schulz, Sarah Dreier and Winny Chen. 2009. "Clinton must press China on rights," *Christian Science Monitor*, February 19.

### *Invited Research Lectures*

"LGBTQ Politics Throughout Africa: Exploring the factors that shape and dislodge discriminatory sentiments." LGBT Rights and Politics Series, Drexel University (February 2018).

"The Enduring Image of the State: Rule-of-Law Experiences in sub-Saharan Africa." Working Group on African Political Economy Series, London School of Economics (with Milli Lake, October 2017).

"Sarah Dreier on Anglicans, Lutherans, and African Churches." Research on Religion Podcast, Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion (May 2017).

"Renouncing Imperialism, Resisting Rights: Transnational and domestic forces that shape African church responses to the global LGBTQ debate." Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, University of Washington (January 2017).

### *Field Research and Development Travel*

Kenya (planned, Winter 2019); Ethiopia (Summer 2016); Tanzania (Spring 2016); Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya (Fall 2015); Mexico (Spring 2013); England and Switzerland (Fall 2012); Tanzania, Kenya, and Rwanda (Summer 2012); South Sudan and Kenya (Spring 2012); Cuba and South Korea (Fall 2011)

### *Research Consultancy*

Researcher, World Bank (01-04/2019)

Consultant, Horn of Africa Regional Office, *Brot für die Welt* Development Agency (06-12/2016)

Advocacy and Government Relations Specialist, The Episcopal Church (04/2014-02/2016)

Researcher, Humanity United with William F. Schulz (Summer 2010)

Research Assistant, American Bar Foundation (Summer 2005)

## **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships**

- 2018 National Science Foundation Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$248,690),  
*Grant co-drafter and postdoctoral fellowship recipient*
- 2018 CLASS Travel Grant, UW Law, Societies and Justice (\$500)
- 2017 Mack-Mayerfeld Fellow, UW Center for Human Rights (\$3,655)
- 2017 Henry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Graduate Research Grant (\$5,000)
- 2017 African Studies Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship, UW Jackson School of International  
Studies (\$400)
- 2016 Field Research Seed Grant, Arizona State University, with Milli Lake (\$5,000)
- 2016 Syracuse Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (\$2,250, sponsored by  
the University of Washington Department of Political Science)
- 2016 Joseph Fichter Research Grant, Association for the Sociology of Religion (\$3,000)
- 2016 Durden Fellowship for Travel, Political Science, University of Washington (\$1,135)
- 2016 Graduate and Professional Student Senate Grant, University of Washington (\$300)
- 2015 Scholarship, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (\$3,500)
- 2014 Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research, University of Washington (\$6,000  
and tuition)
- 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, University of Washington (\$2,500 and  
tuition for intensive Swahili language study)
- 2014 African Studies Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship, UW Jackson School of International  
Studies (\$500)
- 2009-10 Speyer Fellowship, University of Washington (\$18,000 and tuition)
- 2004 Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University (\$3,000)
- 2001-05 Undergraduate Awards: Philosophy Senior Thesis (awarded honors), Legal Studies  
Senior Thesis (awarded honors), Northwestern Undergraduate Dean's List (various  
quarters), Northwestern Merit-Based Scholarship, Phi Beta Phi Fraternity Merit-  
Based Scholarship, Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, Ro Lambda Honors Society

## Academic Conferences

### *Presented Research*

Sarah Dreier, Lucy Lin, Sofia Serrano, Emily Gade, and Noah Smith. "Religiosity and Public Policy in Congress: A Natural Language Processing Text Analysis of U.S. Federal Legislators' Religious Rhetoric and Policy Priorities." Seattle WA, TADA 2018: Ninth Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (September 2018, NSF-sponsored participant).

Sarah Dreier and Emily Gade. "When States Target Their Own: British Justification for Catholic Internment and Torture in Northern Ireland." Boston MA, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (September 2018).

Sarah Dreier, Emily K. Gade, Jon Schaeffer, and John Wilkerson. "Religiosity and Public Insecurity in the U.S. Senate." Provo UT, PolMeth XXXV: Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (July 2018, NSF-sponsored participant).

Emily K. Gade, Dallas Card, Sarah K. Dreier, and Noah Smith. "What Counts as Terrorism? An Examination of Terrorist Designations among U.S. Mass Shootings." Provo UT, PolMeth XXXV: Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (July 2018, NSF-sponsored participant).

Sarah Dreier. "Bifurcated Secularity: Politics, Governance, and Church-State Relations in Secular East Africa." Toronto ON, Annual Meeting on Law and Society (June 2018).

Sarah Dreier. "Imperialism or Human Rights? African Churches' Strategic Symbolic Opposition to Female Leadership and LGBTQ Inclusion." San Francisco CA, International Studies Association Annual Convention (April 2018).

Sarah Dreier and Milli Lake. "The Unshakable State: Personal Trust and Institutional Legitimacy in sub-Saharan Africa." San Francisco CA, International Studies Association Annual Convention (April 2018).

Sarah Dreier. "A Battleground for Women's Leadership: How Former Missionary Institutions Shape Contemporary Policies in Ethiopia and Uganda." New Haven CT, EGEN Graduate Conference on Empirical Approaches to the Study of Gender (May 2017, sponsored participant).

Sarah Dreier. "A Battleground for Women's Leadership: How Former-Colonial Institutions Shape Contemporary Policies on Female Clergy in Ethiopia." Vancouver BC, Western Political Science Association Conference (April 2017).

Sarah Dreier and Milli Lake. "Evaluating the Legitimacy of State Legal Institutions Across Sub-Saharan Africa." Vancouver BC, Western Political Science Association Conference (April 2017).

Sarah Dreier. "Battleground Politics and Resisting Rights: How African Churches Navigate between Transnational Expectations and Local Demands in response to Gender Rights Policies." Boston MA, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (February 2017).

Sarah Dreier. "Renouncing Imperialism, Resisting Rights: How African Churches Navigate between Transnational Expectations and Local Demands in response to the Global Debate over LGBTQI Rights." Pasadena CA, International Studies Association-West Regional Conference (September 2016).

Sarah Dreier. "When Worlds Collide: How African Church Leaders Navigate Between Transnational Expectations and Local Demands to Advance or Resist Women's Rights." Irvine CA, Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics and Society Graduate Workshop (June 2016, sponsored participant).

Sarah Dreier and Vanessa Quince. "From the American People..but Why? A Panel Analysis of the Determinants of U.S. Foreign Assistance to Africa 1980-2013." San Diego CA, Western Political Science Association Conference (March 2016).

Sarah Dreier. "Resisting Rights: African Church Leaders' Response to the Global LGBTQ Debate." Washington DC, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (August 2014).

Sarah Dreier. "Disagreements over Homosexuality Divide African Churches and their American Counterparts." San Diego CA, American Academy of Religion Conference (November 2014).

*Additional Conference Participation*

Identifying Gaps, Building Bridges: Fostering Critical Exchange between Socio-Legal and Science and Technology Studies, Drexel University (May 2018, NSF-sponsored participant)

EGEN Conference on Empirical Approaches to the Study of Gender, Vanderbilt University (May 2018, sponsored participant)

Working Group in African Political Economy, Center for Effective Global Action (June 2017, November 2016, January 2014)

Forum on Political Economy and Behavioral Economics, University of Washington (2016-17, selected participant)

**Skills and Training***Methodology Training*

Software Carpentry, UW eScience Institute: Python (April 2019)

Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Certificate, University of Washington (2017)

Qualitative Multi-Method Research Concentration, University of Washington (2017)

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Certificate, Syracuse University (2016)

Ethnographic Research Workshop (Dar es Salam, 2015)

*Computer-Based Analysis Proficiency*

R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ATLAS.ti, NVivo

*Language Training*

Second-Year Intermediate Swahili, University of Washington (2017, enrolled or audited)

Intensive Intermediate Swahili, Kampala Int'l University (Dar es Salam, Tanzania, 2016)

Private Swahili Language Classes, Makerere University (Kampala, Uganda, 2015)

Intensive Introductory Swahili, University of Washington (2014)

**Teaching Experience***Instructor, University of Washington*

POLS/ECON 409: African Political Development and Economy (Summer 2018)

POLS/LSJ 363: Law in Society (Summer 2017)

JSIS A 362: African Political Economy (Spring 2017, invited to teach Spring 2018)

LSJ 491: Law, Religion and Human Rights (Winter 2015, invited to teach Fall 2017)

*Teaching Assistant, University of Washington*

- Selected for Lead TA, UW Political Science Department, 2017-2018 (*declined*)
- POLS 201: Introduction to Comparative Politics (with James D. Long, Fall 2016)
- LSJ 321: Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice (with Arzoo Osanloo, Spring 2015)
- LSJ 200: Introduction to Law, Societies, and Justice (with Stephen Herbert, Fall 2014)
- LSJ 363: Law in Society (with Michael McCann, Spring 2014)
- LSJ 327: Women's Rights as Human Rights (with Rachel Cichowski, Fall 2013)
- LSJ 320: The Politics and Law of International Human Rights (with Jamie Mayerfeld, Fall 2010)

*Guest Lecturer, University of Washington*

- "Gender and Sexuality in Comparative Politics" (November 2016)
- "*Strong Societies and Weak States*" (May 2015)
- "Religion and Human Rights" (April 2015)
- "LGBTQ Human Rights in Uganda" (November 2014)
- "The Death Penalty and the Killing State" (May 2014)
- "The UN Human Rights Council" (November 2011)

*Teaching Training*

- POLS 595: Teaching Political Science (Fall 2010)
- JSIS 513: Teaching International Studies (Winter 2014)
- "Undocu Ally Training," University of Washington Leadership Without Borders (Fall 2016)
- "Safe Zone Training," University of Washington Q-Center (Fall 2014)

**Public Policy Speaking Engagements**

- Panelist, "Human Trafficking: A Churchwide Conversation," with Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori (March 2013).
- Moderator, Congressional Hearing on Sudan and South Sudan, sponsored by the Congressional Sudan Caucus (December 2012).
- Developer and Moderator, Two-day seminar for bishops on U.S. foreign assistance and global engagement, with Congressman Jim McGovern (December 2012).
- Panelist, "Post-Election Congressional Roundtable on LGBT Justice: Discussion with Faith Leaders," with Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (November 2012).
- Panelist, "New Tools for Old Traumas: Using 21st Century Technologies to Combat Human Rights Atrocities," Center for American Progress (October 2009).

## Professional Service

**Board of Directors**, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2017-)

**Grant Awards Committee**, African Studies Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship, University of Washington Jackson School of International Studies (2018)

**Applicant Reviewer**, Working Group in African Political Economy (2017)

**Board of Directors**, United to End Genocide (2013-16)

**Founding Steering Committee**, Equality Initiative in Political Science, University of Washington (2014-15)

**Faculty-Appointed Member**, Northwestern University Student Advisory Board (2004-05)

**Reviewer**, *African Affairs*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*

## Associations

American Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology, International Studies Association, Law and Society Association, African Studies Association

## Academic References

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