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### CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### EDUCATION:

**Political Science Doctoral Program.** Howard University, Washington, DC  
Ph.D. International Relations/Comparative Politics/ Black Politics  
Areas of Specialization: International Development and Extreme Poverty Reduction  
Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society

**International Relations & Diplomacy.** Norwich University, Burlington, VT  
MA International Relations & Diplomacy, Honors Graduate (2014)  
Areas of Specialization: International Commerce and Cross-cultural Relations

**American-International Institute at Richmond University.** London, England  
BA Psychology conferred through UCLA

**University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).** Los Angeles, California  
BA Psychology, Department of Social Sciences

#### DISSERTATION:

##### ***A Different Approach to Extreme Poverty Reduction***

An analysis of the disconnect between development professionals and residents of the Mukuru slum in Nairobi, Kenya regarding how best to reduce extreme poverty. Theoretical framework of Paolo Freire is used to bridge the disconnect.  
(Full abstract available on request)

#### **Committee Members:**

Dr. Richard Seltzer (Chair), Dr. John Cotman, Dr. Jarpa Dawuni, Dr. Eleanor King, Dr. Walter Hill, and

**Support From:** John Simon, Former Ambassador to the African Union, Susan Fine, Former Deputy Administrator of USAID, Patrick Fine, Former CEO of FHi360.

#### FELLOWSHIP AWARDS AND HONORS:

2022 UN Special Consultative Status, ECOSOC  
2021 The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Writing Fellow \$7500  
2020 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellow (FLAS), Howard University \$5500  
2019 Just-Julian Research Fellow, Howard University \$60,000  
2018 StartingBloc, USC Marshall School of Business & Social Entrepreneurship \$2500  
2018 Global Peoples Fellow, UN General Assembly International Forum  
2016 NAACP Meritorious Women, Los Angeles Chapter  
2014 V.P., Sigma Iota Rho International Affairs Academic Scholars, Norwich University  
2014 Leadership Summit, Norwich University

#### RESEARCH GRANT:

2022 **Women Forward International**, Academic/NGO collaborative, interdisciplinary

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research on gender empowerment internationally, \$15,000

2020 **The Knight Foundation**, Howard University team under Dr. Middlemass \$250,000  
Black and Urban [Digital Protections](#) and Democratic Knowledge in Washington, DC

PUBLICATIONS/ SCHOLARLY AND ARTISTIC WORK:

### **Books**

*Below the Proletariat; poverty reduction in the informal settlements of Nairobi* (publish date  
January 1, 2023 - Vernon Press).

*White Nationalism, Disinformation, and the Psychology of Justification; America's achilles  
heel* (manuscript in progress - Vernon Press).

*Stories of a Bhakti Yogi*, ISBN 9781625635075, Publication Date; May, 2014, Tate  
Publishing, UK.

*Living a Bhakti Life*, ISBN 9781475970357, Publication Date; January, 2013, iUniverse  
Publishing, IN.

### **Research & Opinion Articles**

2021-22 October. The Bulletin of Atomic Scientist, Disruptive Technologies. An online  
pandemic: disinformation targeted at Black communities. doi: [https://thebulletin.org/2021/10/  
an-online-pandemic-disinformation-targeted-at-black-communities/](https://thebulletin.org/2021/10/an-online-pandemic-disinformation-targeted-at-black-communities/)

2021-22 September-December. The Minotaur Group, [Geopolitical Think Tank](#), 20 articles.

2021 October 28. TV appearance: BNC.TV. Mis/Disinformation targeted at communities of  
color. [https://fb.watch/8\\_n7kJcjgk/](https://fb.watch/8_n7kJcjgk/)

2021 May Newsletter. Black Professionals in International Affairs (BPIA)

2021 April-June. "The Influence of Nationalism on PanAfricanism." Journal of African  
Studies and Development. Vol.13(2): 43-46, ISSN 2141-2189. doi: [https://doi.org/10.5897/  
JASD2019.0544](https://doi.org/10.5897/JASD2019.0544)

2021 June 15. Center for African Studies, Howard University. Howard in Africa Map,  
Research Interactive Map. <https://cfas.howard.edu/resources/howard-africa-map>

2021 April 16. Department of State, Feed the Future Initiative - Agri-Links. [https://  
www.agrilinks.org/post/integrating-persons-disabilities-rwanda-mission-success-story](https://www.agrilinks.org/post/integrating-persons-disabilities-rwanda-mission-success-story)

2021 March 4. Department of State, Feed the Future Initiative - Agri-Links. [Int'l Women's  
Day - Celebrating Women of the Informal Settlements in Nairobi Kenya](#)

2021 Feb.1. Foreign Policy Magazine. [https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/02/01/propaganda-  
russia-trump-misinformation-capitol-riot/](https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/02/01/propaganda-russia-trump-misinformation-capitol-riot/)

2021 Sept. 10. Telluride Magazine. <https://telluridemagazine.com/being-black-in-telluride/>

2020 June 20. Foreign Policy Magazine. [https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/06/20/trump-antifa-  
terrorist-organization-kkk-white-supremacy/](https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/06/20/trump-antifa-terrorist-organization-kkk-white-supremacy/)

2020 May 27. Lobo, Pedro. "Unraveling the 'African Silicon Valley' in Kenya." Sao  
Paulo:Brazil. Laboratori, Jornalismo Junior. Retrieved at [http://jornalismojunior.com.br/  
desvendando-o-vale-do-silicio-africano-no-quenia/](http://jornalismojunior.com.br/desvendando-o-vale-do-silicio-africano-no-quenia/)

2020 April 15. "Human Development, Local Specificities and Foreign Aid; Development in  
the New Frontier (post COVID-19)." 2020 International Science Council and UNDP Global

discussion on re-articulating Human Development. <https://council.science/human-development/latest-contributions/>

2020 Feb. 27-28. Global Academic Research Institute, Pretoria, South Africa. International Conference on African Studies “Politics and livelihoods in the slums of Kenya; a case study on perspectives of development professionals.”

2020 April 16-19. Mid-Western Political Science Association, Chicago.  
“Politics and International Development in African slums; effectiveness in Nairobi.”

2019 July. “The Participatory Structures of Poverty in Africa,” International NGO Journal. 14, no. 5 (July 2019): 47-51, <https://doi.org/10.5897/INGOJ2019.0338> 915 views/399 downloads

### **Working Papers**

“Mis-information and Dis-information in the Black Community; influences on the 2016 election and the 2020 Pandemic.” Collaboration of writers, *for submission* to Journal of Black Studies or National Review of Black Politics.

“Inclusive Community-led Development in the Informal Settlements.” *For submission* to African Studies Review or Journal of African Affairs

“Race and Security in the U.S.” *Invited* by Security Studies Journal.

“Social Justice during the Civil Rights Movement: Leadership in Jackson, Mississippi.” In progress.

### **Book Chapters**

Pashayan, Angela R. 2021. “ICT in Africa,” in *Introduction to Contemporary Africa*, by Anita Plummer and Msia Kibona-Clark. **Howard University African Studies 101**, Kendall Hunt Publishing Company.

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### CONFERENCE / PRESENTATIONS:

2022 “DEIA Lived Experiences and Deeper Insight.” **US Army Corps of Engineers, DEIA Council Presentation**. Alexandria, VA. August 10, 2022

2022 “Disinformation, Racism, and Psychological Justification: An American Security Issue.” **International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)**, Athens, Greece. July 13-16. Paper Presentation.

2022 “Attitudes and Opinions on Aid and Poverty Reduction; Mukuru Slum - Nairobi, Kenya.” **American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)**. Chicago, IL. May 11-13. Paper Presentation.

2022 “Race, Disinformation and the Psychology of Justification.” **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)**. Chicago, IL. April 7-10. Paper Presentation

2022 “Security in the New Frontier: Race, Disinformation and the Psychology of Justification.” **Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA)**. San Antonio, TX. January 12-15. Paper Presentation.

- 2021 “Rethinking Democracy: A Global Agenda for Democratic Renewal.” **Club de Madrid International Annual Policy Dialog**. Washington, DC. October 18-20. Think-Piece Presentation.
- 2021 “Mis/Disinformation & Black Communities in Washington, DC.” Cathy Hughes School of Communication, Howard University. Washington, DC. September 30-October 1. Research Brief Presentation.
- 2021 “Politics, Psychology and International Development in African Slums; effectiveness in Nairobi, Kenya” **International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)**. Montreal, Canada. July 15-17. Paper Presentation.
- 2021 “Politics and International Development in African Slums pre and post COVID-19: Nairobi, Kenya.” **International Studies Association (ISA), West Coast Annual Conference**, Las Vegas, NV. April 6-9. Paper Presentation.
- 2021 “Inclusive Development in the Informal Settlements; extreme poverty program analysis.” **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)**, Chicago, IL April 14-18. Paper Presentation.
- 2020 “Politics and International Development in African Slums pre and post COVID-19: Nairobi, Kenya.” **International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Annual Conference**, St. Louis, MO, Nov 20-23. Paper Presentation.
- 2020 “The Role of Critical Consciousness in Poverty Reduction.” **British International Studies Association (BISA)**, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK. June 17-19. Paper Presentation.
- 2020 “Politics and livelihoods in the slums of Kenya; a case study on perspectives of development professionals.” **Global Academic Research Institute (GARI), Pan-African Conference**, The Gambia. May 25-26. Paper Presentation.
- 2020 “Mukuru slum dwellers in Nairobi, Kenya; on poverty, development, and self-reliance.” **National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)**, Atlanta., GA. March 11-15. Paper Presentation.
- 2020 “Livelihoods in the slums of Kenya; a case study on perspectives of experts and slum dwellers.” **Global Academic Research Institute (GARI)**, Pretoria, South Africa. February 27-28. Paper Presentation.
- 2019 “Thomas Friedman’s Flat World; Populism & Privilege.” **American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference**, Washington, DC Aug. 28-31. Interactive Digital Poster Presentation.

ROUNDTABLES/PANELS/DISCUSSANT/CHAIR:

- 2022 *APSA* Annual Conference, September 15-18  
**Chair:** Committee on the Status of Graduate Students Annual Meeting & Roundtable  
**Chair:** Roundtable Discussion on “Alternative Paths for Academics.”  
**Lightning Talk:** 21st Century Cities in Africa: Resistance, Reform & Renewal.
- 2022 *MPSA* Annual Conference, April 7-10  
**Discussant:** Taxation, coercive Agents and Political Trust in Africa
- 2022 *SPSA* Annual Conference, January 12-15  
**Chair and Discussant:** Digital Politics: Security, Diplomacy, and State Strategy.

- 2021 Howard University Communications Conference, September 30-October 1  
**Panelist:** Mis/Disinformation 101 and the Targeting of Black Communities
- 2021 APSA two-year term as **Chair:** Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession. Fall 2021-Fall 2023
- 2021 APSA Annual Conference, September 30-October 3  
**Discussant:** Lenses in White Nationalism and Political Violence in the U.S.  
**Chair and Discussant:** Foundations of Political Theory
- 2021 ISA Annual Conference, April 6-9  
**Panelist:** Race, Security & Development: Theoretical, Analytical & Political.
- 2021 MPSA Annual Conference, April 14-18  
**Chair:** Elites, Geography, and Political Economy in Comparative Politics.  
**Discussant:** Elites, Geography, and Political Economy in Comparative Politics.  
**Roundtable Teaching:** How to use Simulations & Games  
**Roundtable Teaching:** Experiential Learning in the Classroom
- 2020 ISA Midwest Annual Conference, November 20-23  
**Panelist:** Graduate Student poster presentations
- 2020 BISA Annual Conference UK, June 17-19  
**Panelist:** Ambitious Development

INVITED TALKS:

- 2022 **United Nations General Assembly 3rd Committee meeting with the Civil Society.**  
Spoke as part of ECOSOC on the needs of slum dwellers in Africa's informal settlements. February 16.
- 2020 **Progressive Women's Caucus**, Telluride, CO  
"Black Lives in Telluride and Beyond." September 12.
- 2018 **Atlantic Council**, Ph.D. Top Student Deliberation, Washington, DC.  
"Shaping the Principles of a New Global Order." November 15.
- 2016 **GWU Elliot School for The Osgood Institute**, Washington, DC.  
"Politics, Nascent Kenya, Nascent World." June 8.
- 2014 **Norwich University, Leadership Summit**, Northfield, VT.  
"Diplomacy and Utilizing Human Resources." June 5.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE/WORKSHOPS:

- 2018-22 The Atlantic Festival, Washington, DC
- 2019-22 World Bank Spring Meetings, Washington, DC
- 2019 State of Africa Bi-Annual Conference & CSO Forum, Washington, DC
- 2019 World Bank Poverty Conference with GW University, Washington, DC
- 2019 AIDF Summit, Africa Development and Technology, Washington, DC
- 2019 African Political Conference Group, APSA Chapter, Washington, DC
- 2019 Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS)  
Global Development Forum with Tony Blair, USAID, and Rockefeller Foundation. Washington, DC
- 2019 SANKALP for Development and Social Entrepreneurship. Nairobi, Kenya
- 2019 AIDF Summit with USAID, UN Habitat, and the International Organization for Migration. Nairobi, Kenya
- 2018 Wilson Center African Program on The Role of the Business Sector in Peace-building in Africa with the World Trade Organization (WTO), Washington, DC

2018 Wilson Center Africa Program on UN Sustainable Development Goals in Africa with Ambassador Tibor Nagy, Washington, DC

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SERVICE:

2022-24 **Volunteer** to the UN, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)  
2022 **Volunteer** for ONE, Bono's Campaign Against Extreme Poverty  
2022 **Service to the academy** as APSA Chair, Committee on the status of Graduate Students in the Profession, 3yr term  
2022 Mentor for undergraduates, Black Professionals in International Affairs  
2022 **Service to the academy** as AAPOR, Inclusion & Equity Committee Member  
2021 **Service to the academy** as symposium contributor to Political Science Journal  
2021 **Service to the academy** as Peer Reviewer for World Affairs Sage Publication and AcademicJournals.org  
2020 **Departmental Speaker** at Howard University Graduate Recruitment Session  
2020 **University Volunteer** for Howard University Research Week  
2020 **Community Volunteer** Census Enumerator for the Homeless in Washington, DC  
2020 **Service to the academy** as Peer Reviewer for AcademicJournals.org  
2019 **Service to the academy** as Peer Reviewer for International NGO Journal  
2019 **Departmental Volunteer** for Howard University African Women's Day  
2015 **Service to the academy** as V.P. Sigma Iota Rho International Affairs Scholars

Service At Large

2021 Clinton Foundation Global Initiative/Howard University Service Day  
2021 Congressional Candidate Campaign Strategist for Don Valdez (D-CO) District 3  
2018 Congressional Candidate Campaign Strategist for Don Valdez (D-CO) District 3  
2018 Jimmy Carter Habitat for Humanity, Home framing, Montrose, CO. Summer.  
2017 Telluride Parks and Recreation Board, Telluride, CO  
2015 Hillary Clinton Presidential Campaign Office Manager District 3-CO  
2016-22 Town of Mountain Village, CO Ethics Board  
2012-21 Non-profit projects; India, Africa, Peru, Australia, Indonesia, Middle East, Nepal

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

**Faculty Professorial Lecturer**

*American University* - School of International Service, 2022  
Full-time, three course-load, and service to the academic cannon

**Lecturing Professor**

*London School of Economics* - London, England, Summer & Fall 2022  
World Economy from the Industrial Revolution to the Present

**Academic Dean of Faculty, Summer Program**

*Johns Hopkins* Center for Talented Youth - Baltimore, MD, Summer 2022  
Term 1 and 2, leading faculty to teach students who test four grades above their age.

**Lecturing Professor**

*California State University Northridge* - Northridge, CA, Spring 2022  
Department of Political Science, Experiential Programs-DC  
<https://www.csun.edu/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science/dc-internship>

### **Independent Instructor**

African-American Literature, Culture, and Politics.

Ridgway High School, Ridgway, CO, Guest Session, Spring 2021

Political Science and International Relations Theory. COVID-19 CANCELLED

Johns Hopkins Summer Teaching, Skidmore University Campus, Summer 2020

Poverty Reduction, Experiential Classroom. Private trips to Nairobi, Kenya

2013, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2022

### **Faculty Instructor**

Telluride Ah Haa School of the Arts, Telluride, CO

Cross-Cultural Relations and Art. 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM)

San Francisco, CA & Los Angeles, CA Campuses

Marketing, Fall, Winter, Spring 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Merchandising, Fall, Winter, Spring 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

International Sourcing, Fall, Winter, Spring 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

International Trends, Fall, Winter, Spring 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

Global History of Fashion, Fall, Winter, Spring 2010, 2011, 2012

PR/Event Planning, Fall, Winter, Spring 2009, 2010

### **Other:**

Certificate - Teaching and Learning Conference, APSA 2019

Certificate - Howard University Preparing Future Faculty Summit, May 2019

Certificate - American Institute for Research, Pipeline Partnership Program

Cultural Linguistics in Survey Design 2021

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

***Research Consultant: Joy Reid, MSNBC Journalist. Washington, DC (present).***

Research and writing for book, "The life of Medgar Evers, Civil Rights Leader." Weekly meetings with Joy Reid. Uncovered six civil rights activist still living who were neighbors or worked with Evers. Arranged interview and traveled with Joy Reid to assist documentation.

***Research Consultant: Congressional Black Caucus State Legislators and HU Walters Center for Public Policy. Washington, DC***

Work with a team of three to launch a Policy Institute. Creation of the institute's organizational structure and six research centers to specialize in policy areas where model legislation and research will be made available for the advancement of communities of color.

***Howard University Lead Research Assistant (RA) - Knight Foundation (present) Washington, DC***

Oversee a team of eight RA's including training for fieldwork; interviews, surveys and focus groups. Project is to research dis and mis information in the Black Community of Washington, DC surrounding the 2016 elections and the 2020 pandemic.

***Program & Policy Analyst - USAID***

***Washington, DC***

Research & Policy analysis in coordination with ADS Ch. 205 and 201 for inclusive development and gender initiatives. Collaboration on presentations with Division Chief of the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS) to achieve State Department Global Food Security objectives. Analysis of World Bank & field data+industry trends for the bureau.

***Independent Geopolitical Writer - The Minotaur Group, Think Tank***

***Washington, DC***

Analysis of critical global issues for clients and global stakeholders in private sector business and government. Production of two articles per month to provide salient information on current events.

***International Political Policy Analyst, Africa & African Union (2019)***

***USAU Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - Washington, DC***

Remote operating unit of the US Mission to the African Union (USAU). Provided research and wrote briefs on issues for diplomatic presentations.

***Editor and Analysts, Total Impact Capital (2019 part-time)***

***Bethesda, MD***

Research, grant editing, and analytical contribution in the review of multi-lateral impact investments in Africa and Central America. Worked under the direction of former Ambassador to the African Union, John Simon.

***Exec. Director of Programs, YODinternational.org (consultant)***

***Nairobi, Kenya***

Development of poverty reduction for Nairobi's Informal Settlements. Programs include Agriculture, Art, and Entrepreneurship focused in the Mukuru slum.

***Exec. Dir. Cross-Cultural Event - MainStage Productions (consultant)***

***Dubai and Abu Dhabi, UAE / Bahrain - 2012, 2013, 2014, 2019***

Production of a multi-day program on wellness and Cross-Cultural dialog. International speakers from 19 countries.

***Producer - Documentary on talent amidst poverty in the informal settlement of Mukuru, Nairobi, Kenya.***

Mukuru Art Boyz Screened at:

- UN Association Film Festival - Stanford University 2018
- Beverly Hills Film Festival, Beverly Hills, CA 2018
- Richmond International Film Fest, Richmond, VA 2019
- London Independent Film Fest "Best Documentary" 2019
- The African Film Festival, Dallas, TX "Best upcoming Filmmaker" 2020
- The Garden Route Int'l Film Festival, South Africa "Best Documentary" 2020
- The Los Angeles Lift-off Film Festival 2020
- The Amsterdam Lift-off Film Festival 2020

Mukuru Mosaics Screened at:

- World-Fest Houston International Film Festival "Finalist" 2021
- The African Film Festival, Dallas, TX 2021
- Venice Shorts, Venice Beach, CA 2021
- Tokyo Shorts, Tokyo, Japan 2021

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Black Professionals in International Affairs  
Women in Foreign Policy Group  
American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association  
International Society of Political Psychology  
UN Association of America  
World Affairs Council

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

- Learning Management: Blackboard and Canvas online teaching,
  - Video Conferencing: Zoom, Google Meets, Teams, WebEx, Skype
  - Web-building Platforms: Wix, WordPress, Homestead
  - Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
  - Office: Mac and PC/MS Office Suite, G Suite, Excel, Powerpoint
  - Research: SPSS
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REFERENCES:

Former Elliot School Dean Amb. Reuben Brigety, 931.598.1000. President, University of the South, Tennessee. Current Ambassador - Pretoria, South Africa

Former Ambassador to the Africa Union, and Visiting Scholar at The Harvard Kennedy School of International Development and Public Policy. John Simon.

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Richard Seltzer, Ph.D. Professor Political Science and Research Methods  
Howard University [rseltzer@howard.edu](mailto:rseltzer@howard.edu)

Lasha Tchandouridze, Ph.D. Director, Graduate Program, and Professor Political Science and Diplomacy. Norwich University, VT [ltchanto@norwich.edu](mailto:ltchanto@norwich.edu)

Meredith Soule, Ph.D., USAID Division Chief (RFS) and Inclusive Development.  
Washington, DC [msoule@usaid.gov](mailto:msoule@usaid.gov)

Ron Hira, Ph.D. Associate Professor of the Business School  
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Joy Reid, MSNBC News Analyst and Investigative Research  
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