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Education

Ph.D. in Public Policy, Indiana University– Bloomington, IN, May 2022.

- Joint Ph.D. Program in Public Policy (Department of Political Science and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs)
- Fields: International Relations, Comparative Policy & Environmental Policy
- Dissertation title: Essays on Migration and Diversity in Community.
- Dissertation Committee: Daniel H. Cole (Chair), Eduardo S. Brondizio, Landon Yoder, Sean Nicholson-Crotty, and William Kindred Winecoff.

Master of International Development, University of Pittsburgh, April 2016.

- Graduate School of Public & International Affairs
- Master's thesis title: State Stretch: Intrastate identities and the promotion of interstate integration
- Fields: Human Security and International Political Economy
- Thesis Committee: Louis A. Picard, Taylor Seybolt, and Paul Nelson

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Ssekajja, G., 2024. Inherent Dilemma: Balancing conservation efficiency and social equity in natural resource governance. *World Development*, 179, p.106621. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2024.106621>
- Ssekajja, G. 2021. Commons Management in Migrant Communities. *International Journal of the Commons*, 15(1), 132–153. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/ijc.1079>
- Cottier, F., Ssekajja, G., Flahaux, M.L., Ribot, J. and Seager, R., 2022. Framing the frame: Cause and effect in climate-related migration. *World Development*, 158, p.106016. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.106016>
- Ssekajja, G., 2023. Can Immigration Explain Why Ethnic Diversity is Negatively Associated with Common Property Management? *The Journal of Development Studies*, 59(5), pp.653-672. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2023.2172331>
- Ssekajja, G., 2024. Immigration, ethnic diversity and public goods provisioning: Evidence from rural communities in Uganda. *Ethnicities*, 24(3), pp.359-385. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/14687968231193549>
- Ssekajja, G., 2025. The inter-community domain of commons governance: A framework for analyzing collaborative management of shared environmental resources. *Journal of Environmental Management*, 389, p.126086. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2025.126086>
- Ssekajja, G., 2025. Coercive Environmentalism and Political Legitimacy in the Age of Climate Change: The Case of Fisheries in Uganda. *Global Environmental Change*, 94, p.103045, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2025.103045>

Research in Progress

- Cross-Community Networks in Commons Governance: Developing a theory of structural fit to explain how weak, bridging ties across communities shape cooperation in managing shared resources. Current research In Uganda shows that while such networks can generate conservation gains, they may also heighten conflict, exclusion, and legitimacy concerns.

- Regime Security Environmentalism: Advancing a framework to analyze environmental policies not only as responses to ecological or security threats, but also as instruments to protect ruling regimes from domestic political challenges. Empirical work on Uganda's militarized fisheries highlights this logic and connects it to broader patterns in global environmental politics.
- Standardized Metrics of Coercive Environmentalism: Designing a comparative tool to quantify coercive approaches across regions and sectors, enabling cross-national rankings based on equity and participatory principles in environmental governance.
- Ethical Dimensions of Coercive Environmentalism: Expanding theoretical and normative frameworks to explore questions of justice and legitimacy in coercive environmental governance, both domestically and internationally.

Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Charleston (2025–2026)

- EVSS 601 – Environmental Economics and Policy Analysis
- PUBA 502: Institutions and Governance
- POLI 307: Environmental Policy

Visiting Assistant Professor, College of the Holy Cross (2024–2025)

- POLS 286: Comparative Environmental Policy
- POLS 102: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 270: African Politics

Visiting Assistant Professor, Wellesley College (2023–2024)

- ES 205: Africa & Environmental Politics
- ES 214: Social Causes & Consequences of Environmental Problems
- POL 231/236: Introduction to African Politics

Lecturer, University of Chicago (Winter & Spring 2023)

- SOSC 125: Self, Culture, and Society Lecturer, Franklin College (Fall 2022)
- POL 130: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Associate Instructor, Indiana University Bloomington

- SPEA V202: Contemporary Economic Issues in Public Affairs (Fall 2019- Spring 2021)
- POLS-Y 109 Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- POLS Y362: Ethnic Conflict (Spring 2018)

Invited Talks and Presentations

- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 01/2025.
- Markets & Society Conference, George Mason university, Virginia, 10/2023 & 10/2024.
- Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Bilkent University, Turkey, 04/2022.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 04/2022.
- International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Forest Commons Virtual Conference, 09/2021.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, 04/2021.
- International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Polycentricity Virtual Conference, 05/2021.
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 01/2021.
- Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Graduate Conference, Fairfax, Virginia, 07/ 2020.
- Center for the Analysis of Social-Ecological Landscapes (CASEL) Seminar, Indiana University, Bloomington, 03/2020.
- Workshop on the Drivers of Migration in West Africa, Columbia University, New York, 02/2020.
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 01/2020.
- Tobias Center Research Symposium, IU Bloomington, 12/2019.

- Ostrom Workshop Research Series, IU Bloomington, 10/2019.
- Interdisciplinary Environmental and Sustainability Research Exhibition, Integrated Program in the Environment, IU Bloomington, 04/2019.

Research Experience

- Lead investigator, Institutional Analysis of Common-pool Resource and Public Goods Management (May-August 2019). Part of dissertation research titled Essays on Migration and Diversity in Community: Analyzing Determinants of Institutions for Collective Action for Common-Pool Resources and Public Goods Management in Rural Communities. Research funded by Indiana University Tobias Center Research Award (\$5,000) and Office of the Vice President for International Affairs Grant Award (\$2,700).
- Research assistant for Kenneth Richards, O'Neill SPEA, IU Bloomington (2017-2018). I assisted in classifying the policy instruments used by African governments to address air pollution.
- Research assistant for Jennifer Brass, O'Neill SPEA, IU Bloomington (2016-2018). I assisted in studying the differences in access to electricity among African countries by comparing nighttime light data.
- Research assistant for Taylor Seybolt, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh. I assisted with research on the book "Sustainable Development and Human Security in Africa: Governance as the Missing Link (2015)".
- Undergraduate research assistant at Mityana District Health department. Compiled Monthly Reportable Disease Statistics from health facilities in Mityana district.

Additional Research Training

- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Online), 2020.
- Arizona Workshop, International Association for the Study of the Commons, Tempe, Arizona (Online), 2020.
- Workshop on the Drivers of Migration in West Africa, Columbia University, New York, 2020.
- Experiments and Causal Inference: Why and How to Experiment in Economics. Instructed by Daniela Puzzello, Department of Economics at IU Bloomington. 2019.
- The Workflow of Social Science and Data Analysis. Instructed by Scott J. Long, Departments of Sociology and Statistics at IU Bloomington. 2019.
- Honors & Awards
- Ostrom Workshop Research Award, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University Bloomington, 2021 (\$3,500).
- Benjamin Endowment Award, Department of Political Science, Indiana University Bloomington, 2021 (\$250).
- GPSG Spring Travel Award, IU Graduate and Professional Student Government, Indiana University Bloomington, 2021 (\$250)
- Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2021 (\$8,000)
- Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2020 (\$1,250)
- Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, and Liberty Fund, 2020 (\$10,000).
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Fellowship, Indiana University Bloomington, 2020 (\$3,000).
- Burnham Grant Award, Division of Student Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington, 2020 (\$500).
- Hayek Fund for Scholars Award, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2020 (\$500).
- Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2020 (3,000).
- Office of the Vice President for International Affairs Award, Indiana University Bloomington, 2019 (\$2,700).
- John P Lovell Fellowship, Dept. of Political Science, Indiana University Bloomington, 2019 (\$1,000).
- Tobias Center Research Award, Tobias Center for Innovation, Indiana University Bloomington, 2018 (\$5,000)

- Hayek Fund for Scholars Award, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2018 (\$500).
- Sergeant James “Rip” Taylor Memorial Endowment Fund, University of Pittsburgh, 2016 (\$150).

Languages & Computer skills

- Languages: English (Fluent), French (good speaking and writing), and Luganda (Native)
- Statistical software: R
- Geographic analysis: ArcGIS

Academic Institutional Affiliations

- Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory & Policy Analysis
- Center for the Analysis of Socio-Ecological Landscapes (CASEL)
- International Association for the Study of the Commons
- Mercatus Center, George Mason University

Professional Memberships & Services

- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Earth System Governance Research Fellow Network
- Indiana University Bloomington GPSG Awards Committee
- Chair/Discussant, MPSA panel: Identity and Belonging
- Mentor: O’Neill Grad Mentor Collective
- Reviewer: Journal of Institutional Economics, World Development, and International Journal of the Commons, and Society & Natural Resources

Mentors and Supervisors

- Daniel Cole, dancole@indiana.edu, Professor of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington (PhD Committee member).
- Eduardo Brondizio, ebrondiz@indiana.edu, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University Bloomington (PhD Committee member).
- William Winecoff, wkwineco@indiana.edu, Associate Professor of Political Science, Indiana University Bloomington (PhD Committee member).
- Landon Yoder, yoderl@indiana.edu, Assistant Prof of Public & International Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington (PhD Committee member).
- Anne Beal, ebeal1@uchicago.edu, Senior Lecturer, Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago (Supervisor).
- Denis Kennedy, dkennedy@holycross.edu, Associate Professor of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross (Supervisor)
- Hollis France, franceh@cofc.edu, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, College of Charleston (Supervisor)

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