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EDUCATION

Stanford University June 2015
PhD Political Science

Yale University May 2009
B. A. Political Science (with honors in the major)

APPOINTMENTS

Georgetown University August 2015 - Present
Assistant Professor

Stanford University Sept. 2014 - June 2015
Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Northwestern University Sept. 2013 - June 2014
Visiting Scholar, Buffet Institute and the Program for African Studies

BOOK

Legislative Development in Africa: Politics and Post-Colonial Legacies (**Cambridge University Press, 2019**)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS & BOOK CHAPTERS

9. Opalo, Ken Ochieng'. 2020. "Citizen Political Knowledge and Accountability: Survey Evidence on Devolution in Kenya," (*Governance*)
8. Opalo, Ken Ochieng'. 2019. Constrained Presidential Power in Africa? The Politics of Executive Rule-Making in Kenya, 1963-2013 (*British Journal of Political Science*)
7. Opalo, Ken Ochieng'. 2012. "Elections in Africa: Two Divergent Trends," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 23, No. 3
6. Opalo, Ken Ochieng'. 2014. "The Long Road to Institutionalization: The Kenyan Legislature and the 2013 Elections," *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, Vol. 8, No. 1
5. Opalo, Ken Ochieng'. *Forthcoming*. The Institutional Evolution of the Kenyan Legislature – *Oxford Handbook of Kenyan Politics*; Nicholas Cheeseman, Karuti Kanyinga, Gabrielle Lynch (eds).
4. Opalo, Ken Ochieng'. 2019. The Politics of Legislative Development in Africa – *Routledge Handbook of Democratization in Africa*; Peter VonDoepp, Gabrielle Lynch (eds).
3. Opalo, Ken Ochieng'. 2019. Legislatures on the Rise? -- *Oxford Encyclopedia of African Politics*; Nic Cheeseman (ed).
2. *Breaking Out of Enclaves: Leveraging Opportunities from Regional Integration in Africa*

to Promote Resource-Driven Diversification, Washington, DC: World Bank Group, 2016 (With Gozde Isik and Perrine Toledano)

1. “The Contingent Role of Political Parties in Transitional Justice Processes,” In Duthie, Roger and Paul Seils (eds) *Justice Mosaics: How Context Shapes Transitional Justice in Fractured Societies*, New York, NY: International Center for Transitional Justice

RESEARCH PAPERS

1. Electricity Provision and Tax Mobilization in Africa (With Moussa Blimpo, Justice Mensah, and Ruifan Shi) – **World Bank Research Working Paper**
2. The Politics of Social Protection in Africa: Public Opinion Evidence from Kenya on Cash Transfers – **Under Review (World Development)**.
3. The Effects of Campaigns in Multi-Ethnic Societies: Experimental Evidence from Kenya (With Leonardo Arriola, Danny Choi, and Matthew Gichohi) – **Under Review (Journal of Politics)**.
4. Political Incentives for Education Reform in Tanzania (with James Habyarimana and Youdi Schipper) – **Working Paper** (in preparation for World Politics)
5. What do Kenyans Know About Devolution? Decentralization, Political Knowledge, and Public Opinion – **Working Paper** (In preparation for African Affairs)
6. Ideology and Political Change: Explaining Leadership Transition in Ethiopia (with Lara Smith) – **Working Paper**
7. Administrative Unit Changes, Effort, and Public Goods Outcomes: Evidence from Tanzania (with Jacobus Cilliers and James Habyarimana) – **Working Paper**

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. The Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon: Possible Solutions, *Foreign Policy* (with Claire Hazbun, 2019)
2. The Power of Demonstration: To Increase Resilience, Democracy Must be Shown to Work, Brookings Institution (2019)
3. Why are Kenyans Protesting Their Government? *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage Blog, 2019)
4. “Institutions and the 2017 Elections in Kenya,” *Current History*, Vol. 117, No. 2 (2018)
5. Five Things You Need to Know About the Political Crisis in Burundi, *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage Blog, 2015)
6. Opalo, K. Ochieng’. 2015. “Constitutional Protections of Electoral Democracy in Africa: A Review of Key Challenges and Prospects,” in Sumit Bisarya (ed) *Annual Review of Constitution-Building Processes: 2015*, Stockholm, Sweden: International IDEA
7. The Politics of Term Limits in Africa, *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage Blog, 2014)
8. Silver Lining in Burkina Faso Coup, *Foreign Policy*, 2014
9. Kenya’s Contentious Factional Politics, *Foreign Policy* (with Ngala Chome, 2014)
10. The Ogaden Region: A Fragile Path to Peace, *Africa Portal*, 2014

NOTABLE GRANTS:

1. **Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) Grant: Big Results Now!**
Research on Education System Reform in Tanzania (With Habyarimana et al.)
\$6,046,633.86 (2016-2022)
2. **Omidyar Network: Kenya Devolution Study:** \$200,000 (2018-2021)
3. **DFID: Delivery Unit Approaches to Education Reform:** 271,000 (2020-2022)

OTHER GRANTS

1. Georgetown Competitive Grant in Aid Award, \$ 1,840
2. Economic and Political Cooperation in Africa, Stanford CISAC (with Jeremy Weinstein)
\$20,000 (2016)
3. HIVOS People Unlimited Grant (County Government Healthcare Sector Data for Policy)
\$ 8,456 (2014-2015)
4. The Stanford Center for African Studies Susan Ford Dorsey Fellowship for Dissertation
Field Research in Africa \$ 26,658 (2012-2013)

SERVICE ROLES

1. Member of the MCEF Steering Committee and African Studies Representative on the
MCEF
2. Faculty Lead: SFS Fellows Program (African Studies)
3. Senior Thesis Advisor (African Studies)
4. Faculty Lead: SFS Summer Program in Tanzania (Cancelled for 2020)
5. Editorial Board – Africa Spectrum Journal
6. Board Member – Mzalendo (Parliamentary Watchdog Group)