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Appointments

2021	Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of New Mexico (Albuquerque), 08/2021–
2019	NSF Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Political Science and Computer Science & Engineering, University of Washington (Seattle), 03/2019–07/2021
	Data Science Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Washington (Seattle), 2020

Education

2019	Ph.D., Political Science, University of Washington (Seattle)
	Dissertation: "Church, Sex and State: How Africa's transnational churches shape human rights"
	Committee: Michael McCann (co-chair), Joel Migdal (co-chair), James Long
	Exams: Comparative Politics, Methodology, Public Law, Religion and Politics
	Certificates: Statistics & the Social Sciences (UW), Qualitative and Multi-method Research (UW, Syracuse University), Comparative Law and Society Studies (UW)
	Additional Training: Project Lead, UW eScience Institute Data Science Incubator, Winter 2020 [presentation]
2013	M.A., Political Science, University of Washington (Seattle)
2007	M.A., Sociology of Law, University of the Basque Country (Oñati, Spain)
2005	B.A., Philosophy, Legal Studies (*distinctions*), Northwestern University (Evanston IL)

Research Interests

Comparative politics, human rights and state oppression, gender and politics, methodology (qualitative research and natural language processing)

Research and Publications

Refereed articles

Tanweer, Anissa, Emily K. Gade, Peaks Krafft, and Sarah K. Dreier. 2021. "Why the data revolution needs qualitative thinking," *Harvard Data Science Review* 3.3. https://doi.org/10.1162/99608f92.eee0b0da.

Alik-Lagrange, Arthur, Sarah K. Dreier, Milli Lake and Alesha Porisky. 2021. "Social Protection and State-Society Relations in Environments of Low and Uneven State Capacity," *Annual Review of Political Science* 24:151-174. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-041719-101929.

Gade, Emily K., Sarah K. Dreier, John Wilkerson, and Ann Washington. 2020. "Congressional Religiosity: Big Data Approaches to Measuring Legislator Attributes." *British Journal of Political Science.* https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123420000290.

Sarah K. Dreier, Emily K. Gade, John Wilkerson, and Jon Schaeffer. 2020. "Dangers, Toils, and Snares: U.S. Senators' Rhetoric of Public Anxiety and Religiosity." *Politics & Religion.* https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755048320000322. [replication]

Dreier, Sarah K., James D. Long and Stephen J. Winkler. 2019. "African, Religious, and Tolerant? How Religious Diversity Shapes African Attitudes Toward Sexual Minorities." *Politics & Religion* 13(2):273-303. https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755048319000348. [replication]

Dreier, Sarah K. and Milli Lake. 2019. "Institutional Legitimacy in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Democratization* 26(7):1194–1215. https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2019.1613377. [replication]

Dreier, Sarah K. 2018. "Resisting Rights to Renounce Imperialism: African Churches' Strategic Symbolic Resistance to LGBTQ Inclusion." *International Studies Quarterly* 62(2):423-436. https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqy012.

Oskooii, Kassra, Sarah K. Dreier, and Loren Collingwood. 2018. "Partisan Attitudes toward Sanctuary Cities: Asymmetrical Effects of Political Knowledge." *Politics and Policy.* 46(6):951–984. https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12278.

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. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2018.02.010.

Book chapters

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.

Works in progress (select)

"Troubles in Text: Finetuning NLP to analyze how governments rationalize rights violations," with Emily K. Gade, Sofia Serrano, and Noah Smith. (under review)

"The Veneer of Liberal Law: How Britain Justified Internment without Trial in N. Ireland," with Emily K. Gade and Michael McCann. (working paper)

"What Counts as Terrorism? Racial Heuristics and Media Portrayals of Mass Shooters," with Emily K. Gade, Dallas Card, and Noah Smith. (working paper)

"The Partisan Dimensions of Religious Rhetoric: Merging qualitative and Natural Language Processing approaches to measuring Congressional behavior," with Lucy Lin, Sofia Serrano, Emily K. Gade, and Noah Smith. [presentation]

"Anti-state Violence, Pro-Gov Militia and State Repression in Northern Ireland," with Dani Villa and Emily K. Gade.

Church, State, and Sex: How Africa's Transnational Churches Delimit Human Rights. (book)

Research Funding and Awards

2018	National Science Foundation Law and Social Science Award, "Civil Rights Violations and the Democratic Rule of Law" ($248,690): Postdoctoral fellowship recipient (PIs: Emily Gade, Michael McCann, and Noah Smith)
2017	Mack-Mayerfeld Fellow, UW Center for Human Rights ($3,655)
2017	Graduate Research Grant, UW Henry Bridges Center for Labor Studies ($5,000)
2017	African Studies Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship, UW Jackson School of International Studies ($400)
2016	Field Research Seed Grant, Arizona State University ($5,000), with Milli Lake
2016	Syracuse Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research ($2,250, sponsored by the UW Department of Political Science)
2016	Joseph Fichter Research Grant, Association for the Sociology of Religion ($3,000)
2015	Scholarship, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ($3,500)
2014	Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research, UW Graduate School ($6,000 and tuition)
2014	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UW Jackson School of International Studies ($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, UW Department of Political Science ($18,000 and tuition)
2001-05	Undergraduate Awards (Northwestern University): Undergraduate research grant ($3,000), Philosophy senior thesis (awarded honors), Legal Studies senior thesis (awarded honors), Dean's List (various quarters), Northwestern merit-based scholarship, Phi Beta Phi Fraternity merit-based scholarship

Research Travel

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

Presentations

Invited lectures

2021	"Qualitative sensibilities for NLP: Theories and strategies for manual annotation," Computational Social Science Workshop and Datathon, Emory University.
2020	"Emergency Law, Ordinary Violence: How Britain Justified Internment without Trial in Northern Ireland," UW International Security Colloquium, University of Washington.
2020	"British Justifications for Internment without Trial: NLP approaches to analyzing government archives," eScience Institute Community Seminar [link].
2018	"LGBTQ Politics Throughout Africa: Factors that shape and dislodge discriminatory sentiments," LGBT Rights and Politics Series, Drexel University.

2017 "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).

2017 "Sarah Dreier on Anglicans, Lutherans, and African Churches," Research on Religion Podcast, Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion. [link]

2017 "Renouncing Imperialism, Resisting Rights: Transnational and Domestic Forece that Shape African Church Responses to the Global LGBTQ Debate," Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, University of Washington.

Conferences

2021 Visions in Methodology (VIM), panel presentation (Claremont, CA)

2021 American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), panel presentation (Seattle)

2021 Noah's ARK Computer Science NLP group at the University of Washington, featured presentations (virtual)

2021 eScience Data Science Postdoctoral Fellows seminar series, featured presentation (virtual)

2020 Academic Data Science Alliance Annual Meeting (ADSA), research update (virtual)

2020 APSA, panel presentation (virtual)

2020 Politics and Computational Social Science Conference (PaCSS & PolNet 2020), panel presentation (virtual)

2020 Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth XXXVII), panel presentation (virtual)

2020 eScience Data Science Postdoctoral Fellows seminar series, featured presentation (Seattle)

2019 Emerging Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Department of Political Science, faculty sponsor (Ann Arbor MI)

2019 Natural Language Processing retreat, UW Department of Computer Science and Engineering, solo presentation and participant (Chelan WA)

2019 Workshop Commemorating Joel S. Migdal, University of Washington, invited roundtable panelist (Seattle)

2019 PaCSS, panel presentation (Washington DC)

2018 Text as Data Conference (TADA), poster presentation (Seattle)

2018 APSA, panel presentation (Boston)

2018 PolMeth XXXV, solo presentation and co-author of solo presentation (Provo UT)

2018 LSA, panel presentation (Toronto)

2018 Empirical Approaches to the Study of Gender Conference (EGEN), participant (Nashville)

2018 International Studies Association Conference (ISA), panel presentation and emerging scholars panel presentation (San Francisco)

2017 EGEN Graduate Student Conference, solo presentation (New Haven)

2017 Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), two panel presentations (Vancouver)

2017   Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Conference (ASREC), panel presentation (Boston)

2016-17   UW Forum on Political Economy and Behavioral Economics, selected participant (Seattle)

2016   ISA West, panel presentation (Pasadena CA)

2016   Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics and Society Graduate Workshop, solo presentation (Irvine CA)

2016   WPSA, panel presentation (San Diego CA)

2014   APSA, panel presentation (Washington DC)

2014   American Academy of Religion Conference (AAR), panel presentation (San Diego)

        Working Group in African Political Economy workshops, participant (2017, 2016, 2014)

Languages and Skills

Methods training

Data Science Incubator (Project Lead), UW eScience Institute: Targeted, individual training for specialized Natural Language Processing (NLP) skill development (2020)

Data Science Software Carpentry Instructor Training, UW eScience Institute (2020)

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

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

Natural Language Processing (NLP) with Dr. Sarah Bouchat, Pew Research Center (2019)

Software Carpentry, UW eScience Institute: Python (2019)

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

Ethnographic Research Workshop (Dar es Salam, 2015)

Languages

Basic Proficiency: Swahili, German

Programming language and tools (varying levels of proficiency): R, LATEX, Python, Bash, ATLAS.ti, NVivo

Teaching

University of New Mexico

POLS 2140: Introduction to Political Analysis (Fall 2021)

University of Washington

POLS 499: Independent Research: Northern Ireland (Winter 2020, Spring 2020)

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: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Human Rights Law in Culture and Practice, Introduction to Law Societies and Justice, Law in Society, Women's Rights as Human Rights, The Politics and Law of International Human Rights

Training

Data Science Software Carpentry Instructor Training, UW Political Science Equality Initiative roundtables (co-founding facilitator), Undocu Ally Training to support undocumented students, Safe Zone Training to support LGBTQI students, Teaching International Studies, Teaching Political Science

Public Policy

Employment

2019	Research Consultant, World Bank (Washington DC)
2016	Consultant, Horn of Africa Regional Office, *Brot für die Welt* Development Agency (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
2014-16	Advocacy and Government Relations Consultant, Episcopal Church (Washington DC)
2011-13	Director for International Policy and Advocacy, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Episcopal Church (Washington DC)
2007-09	Researcher, Center for American Progress (Washington DC)

Commentary

2019	Dreier, Sarah K. "Not all Christian leaders are opposed to LGBTQ inclusion." *The Washington Post's Monkey Cage.* 07 March.
2014	Dreier, Sarah K. "Disagreements over Homosexuality Divide African Churches and the ELCA." *Word and World: Theology for Christian Ministry* 34(2): 188-199.
2010	John Halpin, William F. Schulz and Sarah Dreier. "Universal Human Rights in Progressive Thought and Politics" (Washington DC: Center For American Progress).
2009	Sarah Dreier and William F. Schulz. "New Tools for Old Traumas: Using 21st Century Technologies to Combat Human Rights Atrocities" (Washington, DC: Center for American Progress).
2009	William F. Schulz, Sarah Dreier and Winny Chen. 2009. "Clinton must press China on rights,"s *Christian Science Monitor*, February 19.

Speaking engagements

2021	Moderator, "Faith leaders honoring women in leadership, exploring how to promote equitable sharing of authority and responsibilities in all aspects of society," Ecumenical Women at the UN Convention on the Status of Women 65 (Virtual)
2013	Panelist, "Human Trafficking: A Churchwide Conversation," with Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori (New York)
2012	Moderator, Congressional Hearing on Sudan and South Sudan, sponsored by the Congressional Sudan Caucus (Washington, DC)
2012	Moderator, Two-day seminar for bishops on U.S. foreign assistance and global engagement, with Congressman Jim McGovern (Washington, DC)

2012   Panelist, "Post-Election Congressional Roundtable on LGBT Justice: Discussion with Faith Leaders," with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (Washington, DC)

2009   Panelist, "New Tools for Old Traumas: Using 21st Century Technologies to Combat Human Rights Atrocities," Center for American Progress (Washington, DC)

Professional Affiliations and Activities

Service

Co-Director, Oppression/Resistance (O/R) Lab, Emory University (2021-)

Convener, NLP and Social Science Reading Group, University of Washington (2020-21)

Board of Directors and co-founder of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2017-)

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

Founding Steering Committee, UW Equality Initiative in Political Science (2014-15)

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

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

Student advising

Graduate Students: Jessica Jones (research supervisor), Melanie Sayuri Dominguez (dissertation committee), Mahtab Shafiei (dissertation committee). **Undergraduate RAs:** Calum Bryant and Ramin Farrokhi (UW, co-supervised with Emily Gade). **Advised** and/or recommended students who participated in or obtained positions at: Emory University Graduate School, the Emerging Scholars Conference (University of Michigan), Teach for America, King County Bar Association, Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, and University of Washington School of Law.

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