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EDUCATION

PhD, Peace and Conflict Studies University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.	2020
MA, Political Science University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.	2017
MSc, Political Science Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria	2012
BSc, Political Science & Public Administration University of Benin, Nigeria.	2007

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Faculty Posts

- Assistant Professor (Term Adjunct), Political Studies Department, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, September 2022 –
- Adjunct Professor (Research), Political Studies Department, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, January 2021 –
- Assistant Lecturer (tenured), Political Science Department, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria, November 2012 – August 2015
- Graduate Assistant (tenure track), Political Science Department, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria, July 2011 – November 2012

Post-Doctoral Fellowships

- Peacock Fellow, Political Studies Department, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, September 2022 –
- Banting Fellow, Political Studies Department, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, September 2020 – August 2022

Sessional Instructor Posts

- Graduate Programme, Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB. January – May 2022.

- Conflict Resolution Studies Programme, Menno Simons College, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB. January – May 2022.

Courses Taught/Teaching

- Winter 2026
 - POLS 496 – Gender and International Relations, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Fall 2025
 - POLS 395 – Topics in International Political Economy, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Summer 2025
 - POLS 499 – Politics of Free Expression in Canada and the World, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Fall 2024
 - POLS 393 – Topics in Comparative Politics, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
 - POLS 494 – Global Climate Governance, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Winter 2024
 - POLS 865 – Approaches to Global Governance, Queen’s University Political Studies Graduate Programme.
 - POLS 380 – Puzzles in Political Economy, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Fall 2023
 - POLS 494 – Global Climate Governance, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Winter 2023
 - POLS 347 – Politics of Africa, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
 - POLS 380 – Puzzles in Political Economy, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Fall 2022
 - POLS 494 – Global Climate Governance, Queen’s University Political Studies Undergraduate Programme.
- Winter 2022
 - PEAC 7110 – International Human Rights and Human Security, University of Manitoba Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Programme.
 - CRS 2252 – Communication and Conflict, University of Winnipeg Conflict Resolution Studies Undergraduate Programme.

Academic Support Positions

- Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Politics), Political Studies Department, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, September 2017 to April 2020.
- Grader/Marker (Human Rights and Social Justice in the Modern World), History Department, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, September 2016 to January 2017.
- Research Assistant, Political Science Department, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC September 2015 to August 2016.
- Teaching Assistant (International Politics), Political Science Department, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, September 2015 to December 2015.

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Reviewer, Queen's Chancellor Major Admission Award, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, November 2022 till date.
- Facilitator, Workshop on Finding A Postdoc, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, September 2022.
- Facilitator, Workshop on Finding A Postdoc, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, September 2021.
- Member, Queen's Research Opportunities Funds – Postdoctoral Fund Review Committee, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, April-May 2021.
- Member, Committee on the Establishment of Master of Science in Security and Strategic Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Benin, Nigeria, 2015.
- Peace-shop Facilitator, Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival, April 2019.
- Chair, Peace and Conflict Studies Students Association (PACSSA) Electoral Committee, March – May 2019.
- Volunteer, Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival, May 2018.
- Volunteer, Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival, May 2017.

UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION

- **Henry Kerr – Honours Thesis**
 'Coups and Chaos: What Explains the Upsurge in Coups in the African Sahel Since 2020?'
 Department of Political Studies, Queen's University – 2025/2026 Session
- **Lauren Oswald – Honours Thesis**
 'Understanding the Variations in the Global War on Terror'
 Department of Political Studies, Queen's University – 2023/2024 Session

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS (CAD\$629,617.82)

Teaching and Mentorship Awards (CAD\$3,000)

- Nominee, The 2024 Kim Richard Nossal Undergraduate Teaching Award, Political Studies Department Student Council (POLS DSC), Queen's University, Canada, March 2024.
- Awardee, The 2023 Kim Richard Nossal Undergraduate Teaching Award, Political Studies Department Student Council (POLS DSC), Queen's University, Canada, March 2024.
- Awardee, Faculty of Arts and Science Black Scholars Excellence in Mentorship Award, Queen's University, Canada, March 2023 - \$3,000.

Research Grants (CAD\$194,530)

- Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Government of Canada, June 2025 - \$73,460.
- Postdoc Initiative Fund, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, Queen's University, Canada, May 2025 - \$1,200.

- Postdoc Initiative Fund, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, Queen's University, Canada, February 2024 - \$1,494.
- Peacock Research Grant, Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, Canada, October 2023 - \$3,000.
- Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Government of Canada, June 2023 - \$60,646.
- Peacock Research Grant, Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, Canada, March 2023 - \$3,000.
- Distinguished Scholar Research Grant, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York, USA, December 2022, US\$31,792 (\$41,000).
- Queen's University Faculty Association Scholarly Research and Creative Work and Professional Development Grant (Adjuncts), November 2022, \$4,480.
- Faculty of Graduate Studies Research Completion Scholarship, University of Manitoba, March 2019 - \$6,250.

Fellowships (CAD\$314,000)

- Peacock Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, September 2022 – August 2026 - \$174,000.
- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), September 2020 – August 2022 - \$140,000.

Travel Grants (CAD\$5,468.50)

- Queen's University Postdoctoral Conference Fund, November 2022 - \$1,000.
- International Studies Association Conference Travel Grant, November 2021 - US\$700 (\$982).
- Queen's University Postdoctoral Conference Fund, August 2021 - \$424.
- Canadian Political Science Association Conference Grant, April 2020 - \$250.
- Carla Thorlakson Graduate Travel Award, University of Manitoba, May 2018 - \$1,312.50.
- Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Award, University of Manitoba, May 2018 - \$750
- Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Award, University of Manitoba, April 2017 - \$750.

Scholarships (CAD\$112,516.32)

- International Graduate Student Scholarship, University of Manitoba, 2017 - \$5,585.48
- Frank Heinz Memorial Scholarship, University of Manitoba, 2016 - \$1,675.
- University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (UMGF), University of Manitoba, 2016-2020 - \$72,000.
- His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Fellowship, Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, University of Manitoba, 2016/2017 Session - \$17,742.02 (Declined).
- International Graduate Student Entrance Scholarship (IGSES), University of Manitoba, 2016 - \$5,513.82.
- Graduate Studies Fellowship, University of Victoria, 2015 - \$10,000.

Student Awards (CAD\$103)

- Nominee, Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Manitoba, January 2021.
- Nominee, Dean of Graduate Studies Student Achievement Award, University of Manitoba, April 2019.
- Orisko, Alex and Mary Memorial Scholarship, Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies, University of Manitoba, September 2018 - \$100
- Best Graduating Student, Department of Political Science, University of Benin, Nigeria, 2006/2007 Academic Session - NGN3,000 (\$3).
- Class Scholar (Male), Department of Political Science, University of Benin, Nigeria, September 2007.
- Most Outstanding Male Student, Department of Political Science, University of Benin, Nigeria, September 2006.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Global Politics
- Global Development Studies
- Conflict and Cooperation in Natural Resources Sectors
- Politics of Labour
- Migration Politics

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Role: Initiator and Co-facilitator - A collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Atwima Kwanwoma District, Foase-Ashanti region, Ghana

Project Title: Agric Finance and Value Addition Workshop

Funder: Queen's University School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs

Project Year: July 2025

Role: Initiator and Co-facilitator – A collaboration with Nixerlex Youth Development Foundation, Ajah, Lagos, Nigeria.

Project Title: Everyday Climate Action: Inspiring Positive Climate Practices through Social Learning

Funder: Queen's University School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs

Project Year: May 2024

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Hawking Labour, Hawking Norms: A Comparative Study of Global Agrarian Labour Governance in East and West Africa

Funder: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Government of Canada

Project Year: 2025-2027

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Beyond Social Norms and Customs: Researching Sustainable Formalization of Labour Relations in Agrarian Economies

Funder: SSHRC, Government of Canada

Project Year: 2023-2025

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Towards a Constructivist Grounded Theory: Understanding the Transnational Production of Anti-Immigrant Sentiments in the Digital Age in Africa

Funder: Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York, USA

Project Year: 2023

Role: Principal Investigator

Project Title: Resource Scarcity, Exclusionary Politics and the Spatial Variation of Autochthonous Conflicts in Ghanaian and Nigerian Cities

Funder: SSHRC Banting, Government of Canada.

Project Year: 2020-2022

Role: Research Assistant

Project Title: Research Project on Small Arms & Light Weapons (SALW) trafficking in West Africa: Illicit Routes and caches of Arms between Ghana, Togo, Benin & Nigeria

Funder: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in partnership with the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC).

Project Year: 2012

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

Books

In Progress

Eke, Surulola (2026) *A New Way to Think of Global Migration Governance: Ultra-Nationalism, Neoliberalism, and the Global Normative Governance of Migration*. Bloomsbury Academic. Status: Contract signed, writing in progress.

Eke, Surulola (2025) *Locating Africa in Global Political Discourses on Migration - Social Relations in Rural Cities and Urban Villages*. Palgrave Macmillan. Status: Contract signed, writing in progress.

Book Chapters

Published

Eke, Surulola, Andrew Grant, and Meghan Hembruff (2023) "Sustainable Mining for Whom? Agential Constructivist Perspectives on Global and Regional Mining Sector Consultation Regimes in Africa." In Paul Haslam, Nathan Andrews, Karin Buhmann, Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu, and Mark Stoddart (eds.). *Stakeholder Consultation Regimes in Comparative Perspective*. Forthcoming. Status: In Production.

Eke, Surulola, Andrew Grant, Evelyn N. Mayanja, & Olusola Ogunnubi (2023) "Fifty Shades of Green? An Agential Constructivist Analysis of Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in Africa's Mining Sector." In Karin Buhmann, Alberto Fonseca, Nathan Andrews, and

Giuseppe Amatulli (eds.). Routledge International Handbook on Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement. London: Routledge

Eke, Surulola (2022) “Nye, Soft Power, and Conflict Resolution: Centring Trado-Religious Soft Power in Conflict Processes in Africa.” In Sheriff Folarin & Olusola Ogunnubi (eds.). *Religion and Global Politics Soft Power in Nigeria and Beyond*, Maryland: Lexington Books.

Eke, Surulola & Sean Byrne (2022) “Bringing the Indigenous into mainstream Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding in Farmer-Herder Conflicts: Some Critical Reflections.” In Jessica Senehi, Imani Michelle Scott, Sean Byrne, & Thomas Matyók (eds.). *The Routledge Handbook of Peacebuilding and Ethnic Conflict*, London: Routledge.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Published

Eke, Surulola. (2025). The neoliberal and nationalist normative contestation on migration in Africa: Insights from Ghana, Kenya and South Africa. *The South African Journal of International Affairs*, 32 (3): 421–444. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10220461.2025.2558782>

Eke, Surulola, Grant, J. A., Mayanja, E., & Andrews, N. (2025). Transnational capital and the scramble for land and profit: financialization, agrarian development, and resource conflict in Africa. *World Development*, 194, Article 107076. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2025.107076>

Eke, Surulola (2024). “Conflicts between Fulani herders and village landowners in Ghana: Capitalism, climate change, and peasant struggles. *Third World Quarterly*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2024.2405746>

Eke, Surulola (2023). “Nahu-Kparilim (Cattle-Caretakership): Understanding the Persistence of Unfree Fulani Labour and (Non)violent Renegotiation of Power Relations in Agrarian Economies in Ghana.” *Review of African Political Economy*, 50 (175): 49-70.

Eke, Surulola (2022). “Why does segregation prevent conflict in some regions but not others? Interrogating social distance amid ethnic conflicts in Jos, Nigeria.” *Third World Quarterly*, 43(9), 2209–2224.

Eke, Surulola (2022) “Understanding the Spatial Variation of Perceived Threat Outcomes in Intergroup Conflict: A Case Study of the Ethnic and Religious Conflicts in Jos, Nigeria.” *Conflict, Security & Development*, 22 (2): 143-164.

Eke, Surulola (2020) “‘Nomad Savage’ and Herder-Farmer Conflicts in Nigeria: The (Un)making of an Ancient Myth.” *Third World Quarterly*, 41 (5): 745-763.

Eke, Surulola (2020) “Population-centric Counterinsurgency in the Age of Salafi-driven Insurgencies.” *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 5 (1): 196-215.

Eke, Surulola (2019) “Grassroots Power, Coercive Diplomacy and the Failure of Western Engagement with North Korea.” *Peace Research: Canadian Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies*, 51 (2): 43-63.

- Eke, Surulola (2018) “Borromean Conflict Model: Analysing and Resolving Herders-Farmers Conflict in Nigeria’s Middle-Belt Region.” *Peace Research: Canadian Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies*, 50 (1): 5-25.
- Eke, Surulola (2017) “Understanding Oppression, theorizing its Reproduction, and Forecasting its End.” *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, 27 (1): 89-101.
- Eke, James Surulola (2016) “Running to fight another day: Commodification of Peace and the Resurgence of Violence in Post-Amnesty Niger Delta.” *African Security*, 9 (2): 136-159.
- Eke, James Surulola and Daniel Tonwe (2016) “Address causes not Symptoms: Engaging the Festering Culture of Impunity from the Dimension of Fragility in Nigeria.” *African Studies*, 75 (1): 133-152.
- Eke, James Surulola (2015) “‘Good Policy’ Gone Bad: Institutionalized Ranking of Citizens and Identity Conflicts in Nigeria,” *India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs*, 71 (4): 318-334.
- Eke, James Surulola. (2015) “No Pay, No Peace: Political Settlement and Post-Amnesty Violence in the Niger Delta”, *Nigeria. Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 50 (6): 750-764.
- Eke, James Surulola (2015) “How and Why Boko Haram Blossomed: Examining the Fatal Consequences of Treating a Purposive Terrorist Organisation as less so,” *Defence and Security Analysis*, 31 (4): 319-329.
- Eke, James Surulola (2015) “Why this Charity Begins Abroad: Comparing Nigeria’s Foreign Peacekeeping Undertakings and Domestic Counter-insurgency Operations,” *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, 104 (3): 281-295.
- Eke, James Surulola (2014) “Rethinking US’ Policy towards Iran’s Nuclear Programme.” *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, 8 (4): 38-55.
- Aghedo, Iro and Surulola James Eke. (2013) “From Alms to Arms: The Almajiri Phenomenon and Internal Security in Northern Nigeria.” *Korean Journal of Policy Studies*, 28 (3): 97-123.
- Tonwe, A. Daniel and Surulola James Eke (2013) “State Fragility and Violent Uprisings in Nigeria: The Case of Boko Haram.” *African Security Review*, 22 (4): 232-243.
- Tonwe, A. Daniel and Surulola James Eke (2013) “Nigeria’s Tottering Democracy: Is the Toddler learning to Crawl?” *Multi-disciplinary Journal of Research and Development Perspectives*. 2 (1): 26-37.

CONFERENCES / PRESENTATIONS

Past Conferences

Presented on the topic, “Why are International Labour Protection Instruments Adopted by Some Countries but not Others?” at the British International Studies Association 50th Annual Conference, held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, June 18-20, 2025.

Presented on the topic, “Opportunities for Norm Diffusion and the Impediments to Mainstreaming the Anti-Modern Slavery Norm in Agriculture Labour Governance,” at the Political Studies Association 75th Annual Conference, held in Birmingham, England, April 14-16, 2025.

Presenting on the topic, “Transnational Cognitive Mobilization of Anti-Immigrant Sentiments: How Global Migration Norms Shape Attitudes towards African Migrants in African Countries,” at the 2025 International Studies Association 66th Annual Convention, Reconnecting International Studies, held in Chicago, Illinois, March 2-5, 2025.

Chair and Discussant, panel on “Ethnicity and Identity in Africa,” at the 2025 International Studies Association 66th Annual Convention, Reconnecting International Studies, held in Chicago, Illinois, March 2-5, 2025.

Presented on the topic, “Old Foes in A New ‘Conflict’: Neoliberalism, Ultra-nationalism, and Anti-Immigrant Sentiments in the Digital Age in Africa,” at the 2024 Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Approaches, Knowledges and Methods for the World of Tomorrow, held in Montreal, QC, June 12-14, 2024.

Chair and Discussant, panel on “Digital Technology and National Security” at the 2023 Political Studies Graduate Students Association (PSGSA) Graduate Conference, Emerging Technologies in the Age of Digital Censorship, Surveillance, and Repression, held on June 26, 2023.

Presented (with J. Andrew Grant, Evelyn N. Mayanja, Olusola Ogunnubi) on the topic, “Fifty Shades of Green? An Agential Constructivist Analysis of Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in Africa’s Mining Sector” at the 2023 Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Territory, Place, and Power, to be held at York University, Toronto, Ontario, May 30-June 1, 2023.

Presented on the topic, “Natural Resource Access and Transnational Drivers of Anti-Immigrant Sentiments: A Constructivist Approach to Understanding Migrant-Settled Population Conflicts in West Africa,” at the 2023 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Real Struggles, High Stakes: Cooperation, Contention, and Creativity, to be held in Montreal, Quebec, March 15-18, 2023.

Presented on the topic, “Climate Change, Soft Capital, and Agrarian Struggles” at the 2022 Virtual Journal of Peasant Studies Conference, Special Forum on Climate Change and Critical Agrarian Studies, September 26-29, 2022.

Presented on the topic, “Sustainable Agrarian Futures under Threat: Climate Change, Capitalist Exploitation, and New Frontiers of Peasants’ Revolt in Ghana's Agrarian Economies” at the 2022 Development Studies Association Virtual Conference, Just Sustainable Futures in an Urbanising and Mobile World, July 6-8, 2022.

Presented (with Dr. J. Andrew Grant) on the topic, “Ethnopolitical Resource Struggles: A Case Study of Ghana and Nigeria” at the 2022 Virtual Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Political Science and Politics in Transformative Years, May 30 – June 3, 2022.

Presented on the topic, “An Integrative Framework for Understanding the Spatial Variation of Intrastate Wars” at the 2022 International Studies Association Annual Convention, A Wider Discipline for a Smaller World, to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, March 28-April 2, 2022.

Chaired a panel on “Resource Conflicts” at the 64th African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Re-Centring Africa: Resistance and Renewal in a World beyond COVID-19, held virtually between November 16-20, 2021.

Presented (with Dr. J. Andrew Grant) on the topic, “Why are Farmer-Herder Conflicts more Violent in Nigeria than Ghana?” at the 64th African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Re-centring Africa: Resistance and Renewal in a World beyond COVID-19, 2025.virtually between November 16-20, 2021.

Presented a paper titled “(Un)wanted Third Parties: Situating Unaligned 'Ethnic Soldiers' in Conflict Onset, Duration and Termination” at the 2021 Virtual Annual Conference of the Conflict Research Society, Beyond Polarization? Healing Divides and Seizing Opportunities in Conflict Research and Practice, held between September 8-10, 2021

Presented a paper titled “The Duality of the Segregation Effect in Ethnoterritorial Conflicts,” at the 2021 Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Confronting Political Divides, holding virtually, held June 7-10, 2021.

Presented a paper titled “Past Friendships, Present Threats and the Participation in or Avoidance of Autochthonous Conflicts in Jos, Nigeria,” presented at the 26th World Congress of Political Science, New Nationalisms in an Open World, to be held virtually, July 10-15, 2021.

Presented a paper (with Dr. Sean Byrne) titled “Emancipatory Peacebuilding, Culturally Grounded Interventions and the Contradictions within Indigenous Peacebuilding Practice: Evidence from Jos, Nigeria” presented at the Inaugural Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference, Unilateralism, Nationalism, Globalism ...the Schisms These ‘-isms’ Create, held virtually on February 10, 2021.

Presented a paper (with Dr. Sean Byrne) titled “How Local can the ‘Local Turn’ be?” presented at the Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference, Local Alignments, Global Upheavals: Re-imagining Peace, Legitimacy, Jurisdiction and Authority, held at Menno Simons College Campus, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg MB Canada, October 4-6, 2019.

Presented a paper titled “A Hermeneutic Reading of Settler Oppression of Indigenous people in Canada”, presented at the Transformative Pathways to Peace Conference held at the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg MB Canada, February 2, 2019.

Presented a paper titled “Caught between two Worlds? Foreign Students’ Transitional Experiences in Manitoba, Canada”, Presented at Borders, Boundaries and the Space Between Conference held at the Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC Canada, April 26, 2018.

Presented a paper titled “Ethnic Violence: Exploring Causes, Conditions and Intervention through a Transdisciplinary Lens”, Presented at the Bridging Gaps: Making Connections through Social Research Conference held at the Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC Canada, April 27, 2017.

Presented a paper titled “Ubiquity or Divergence in the Trajectory of African States: Time to Renegotiate the African State Concept?” Presented at the African Nationalisms, History and Development Conference held at Founders College, York University, Toronto, ON Canada, November 5 – 6, 2015.

Invited Talks and Workshops

Participated in an United Nations General Assembly side event, The Role of Financial Sector Actors in Preventing and Addressing Contemporary Forms of Slavery, organized by UNDP Finance Against Slavery & Trafficking (FAST) Initiative and the Office of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, UNDP Headquarters, New York, USA, 31 October 2025.

Gave a talk on the topic, “Situating African Migration Dynamics in Global Migration Discourse,” at the African Systems of Political Thought in International Relations Workshop, held at the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana, July 8-9, 2025.

Giving a talk on the topic, ‘Rethinking the Power Concept in Gendered Migration Research: Agential Constructivism and the (Re)making of Gender Norms,’ at the Gender, Sexuality, and Political Power Research Showcase, Canadian Opinion Research Archive, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, January 30, 2024.

Gave a talk on the topic, ‘Old Foes in a New Conflict: Neoliberalism, Ultra-nationalism, and Anti-Immigrant Sentiments in the Digital Age in Africa,’ at the Corry Colloquium Speaker Series, Department of Political Studies, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, January 26, 2024.

Panellist on the Webinar, “Beyond the Crisis: Reimagining Migrant Protection,” HFG Knowledge Against Violence Speaker Series, New York, USA, June 29, 2023.

Gave a talk on the topic, “An Agential Constructivist Analysis of Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in Africa's Critical Minerals Sector,” at the Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement Workshop held at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, April 23-26, 2023.

Gave a talk (with Dr. Andrew Grant) titled, “Local Content for Whom? Stakeholder Consultation Regimes and the Elusiveness of Sustainable Mining in the Southern African Development Community,” at a SSHRC-funded Workshop, Stakeholder Consultation Regimes in Comparative Perspective, held at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, September 22-23, 2022.

Gave a talk (with Dr. Andrew Grant) titled, “Do Stakeholder Consultation Regimes Promote Local Content? Insights from Southern Africa’s Mining Sector,” at a National Research Foundation of South Africa-funded Workshop, Natural Resource Governance and Sustainable Development in Africa: Exploring Regional Integration Approach, held at the University of Pretoria, Johannesburg, South Africa, July 5-7, 2022.

Presented on the topic, “The Making of Peace: How the Dynamic Interaction between Perceived Threat and Tension Management Alters the Course of Intrastate Wars,” at the Queen’s University Research Showcase, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, March 10, 2022.

Gave a talk titled, “Unfreedom, Social Reproduction, and Everyday (Re)negotiation of Reform in Agrarian Economies,” at the Department of Political Studies Speaker Series, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, December 16, 2021.

Presented on the topic, “Climate Change, Unequal Economic Relations, and New Frontiers of Peasants’ Revolt in the Rural Areas of Ghana’s Northern Region,” at the Queen’s University Postdoctoral Research Showcase, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, September 22, 2021.

Presented a paper with Dr Andrew Grant on the topic, “Why are Farmer-Herder Conflicts more Violent in Nigeria than Ghana? Insights from a Political Economy Analysis,” at the Political Studies Workshop Series, Department of Political Studies, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, March 25, 2021.

Presented a paper, “From ‘Community’ to Inter-communal Strife: (Re)creating the Path to Disharmony and Conflict in Jos, Nigeria,” at the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies Colloquium Series, The Power of the Faithful: Genocide and Religion, Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, March 6, 2020.

Delivered a lecture on “Phenomenological Research Approach” in Zana Lutfiyya’s Graduate Class, Qualitative Research Methods in Education, Department of Educational Administration, Foundations & Psychology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, November 6, 2019.

Delivered a lecture on “Ethics of Participatory or Community-based Research” in Maureen Flaherty’s Graduate Class, Participatory Research, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, October 24, 2018.

Delivered a lecture on “Religious Fundamentalism: Spectrum of the Salafi Ideology” in Masha Kardashevskaya’s Undergraduate Class, Introduction to Political Studies, at the International College of Manitoba, Winnipeg, March 14, 2017.

Delivered a lecture on “Responsibility to Protect” in Masha Kardashevskaya’s Undergraduate Class, Introduction to Political Studies, at the International College of Manitoba, Winnipeg, November 18, 2016.

POLICY BRIEFS

Eke, Surulola and J. Andrew Grant. (April 11, 2025). An Actor-Network View on the Role of Financial Institutions in Curbing Contemporary Forms of Slavery in Agricultural Production in Africa, prepared for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, 11 April 2025.

PEER REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

Books

- Ohio University Press, July 2025.

Journals

- International Studies Quarterly
- Journal of Peace Research
- Political Geography
- Journal of Global Security Studies
- Third World Quarterly
- GeoJournal

- Geopolitics
- Ethnicities
- Ethnopolitics
- Journal of Gender Studies
- Politikon
- AlterNatives
- Conflict Resolution Quarterly
- International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology
- Journal of Asian and African Studies
- African Security
- African Security Review
- African Studies
- Africa Today
- Journal of Black Studies
- Natural Resources Forum: A United Nations Sustainable Development Journal
- Humanities & social sciences communications
- SN Social Sciences

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- British International Studies Association
- Political Studies Association
- Development Studies Association
- International Studies Association
- Conflict Research Society,
- African Studies Association
- Canadian Political Science Association