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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 2023–present
Assistant Professor, Jepson School of Leadership Studies

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 2022–2023
Visiting Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH **PhD**, Political Science 2022
Dissertation: *The Politics of Respect: Norms-Based Compliance and Traditional Governance in Namibia*
Committee: Jan Pierskalla (chair), Marcus Kurtz, Amanda Robinson

MA, *with distinction*, Political Science 2018

Connecticut College, New London, CT **BA**, *magna cum laude*, GPA 3.89 2016
University of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia undergraduate exchange student 2015
University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany undergraduate exchange student 2014
Business Academy Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark 2011–2012

BOOK

Chlouba, Vladimir. *Rulers Without Rules: Traditional Leadership and Governance in Africa*. 202x
Forthcoming at Cambridge University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Chlouba, Vladimir. “**The Precolonial Origins of African Nationalism.**” *Comparative Political Studies*, 59(2): 231-271. 2026

Chlouba, Vladimir. “**Seeing is Believing: Voluntary Gender Quotas Change Female Leadership Stereotypes.**” *Research & Politics*, 12(4): 1–7. 2025

Chlouba, Vladimir. “**African traditional institutions and support for democracy.**” *Democratization*, 31(6): 1226-1251. 2024

Chlouba, Vladimir, Jan H. Pierskalla & Erik Wibbels. “**Historical Exposure to Statehood, Ethnic Exclusion, and Compliance with the State.**” *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 3(1): 125-160. 2023

Chlouba, Vladimir. “**Liberation Wars as Critical Junctures: Colonial Heritage and the Persistence of Inequality.**” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 3(2): 149-181. 2022

Chlouba, Vladimir, Daniel S. Smith & Seamus Wagner. “**Early Statehood and Support for Autocratic Rule in Africa.**” *Comparative Political Studies*, 55(4): 688-724. 2022

- Chlouba, Vladimir. “One Size Fits All: The Origins of Mixed Governance in Namibia.” 2021
Journal of the Middle East and Africa, 12(4): 445-466.
- Chlouba, Vladimir & Jianzi He. “Colonial legacy, private property, and rural development: Evidence from Namibian countryside.” *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 36(1): 30-56. 2021
- Chlouba, Vladimir. “Traditional Authority and State Legitimacy: Evidence from Namibia.” 2020
Journal of the Middle East and Africa, 11(3): 251-272.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Chlouba, Vladimir, Megha Mukim & Esha D. Zaveri. “After Big Droughts Come Big Cities: Does Drought Drive Urbanization?” Policy Research Working Paper No. WPS 10408, Washington, DC: World Bank Group. 2023
- Chlouba, Vladimir. “On the Inevitable Internalization of the External in the Process of Metaphysical Enquiry.” *Res Cogitans* 4(1): 46-51. 2013

POLICY REPORTS

- “Thriving: Making Cities Green, Resilient, and Inclusive in a Changing Climate.” Washington, DC: World Bank Group. 2023
- “Burundi Urbanization Review: Investing in Resilient and Inclusive Growth.” Washington, DC: World Bank Group. 2021
- “Somalia Urbanization Review: Fostering Cities as Anchors of Development.” Washington, DC: World Bank Group. 2021

WORKING PAPERS

- “The Chief’s Resource Curse: Land Quality and Corruption Among Traditional Leaders” (with Rasheed Ibrahim, under review)
- “Displaced but Not Forgotten: The Aterritorial Legacy of the Namibian Genocide” (with Gary Uzonyi & Jan Pierskalla, under review)
- “Traditional Authorities in Namibia: From Precolonial Diversity to Postcolonial Convergence” (book chapter)
- “Namibia: Local government” (entry for the Elgar Encyclopedia of Local and Regional Governments)
- “Namibia: Regional government” (entry for the Elgar Encyclopedia of Local and Regional Governments)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Why Are Some Traditional Institutions More Inclusive Than Others?”

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Chlouba, Vladimir. “Seeing women govern encourages support for women in politics – with no apparent backlash among men.” *The Conversation*. 2026
- Chlouba, Vladimir. “Belief in democracy is on the decline in Africa. Traditional institutions 2024

can help restore its importance.” *The Conversation*.

FELLOWSHIPS & ASSOCIATESHIPS

James Buchanan Fellowship, The Mercatus Center	2024
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)	2021–2022
Research Associateship, prof. Jan Pierskalla, The Ohio State University	May–August 2021
Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	May–August 2021
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2020–2021
Research Associateship, prof. Jan Pierskalla, The Ohio State University	2019–2020
Graduate Associateship, The Ohio State University	2017–2021
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, The Ohio State University	2016–2021
University Fellowship, The Ohio State University	2016–2017

GRANTS

External

Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant (\$450)	2023
Humane Studies Fellowship (\$4,000)	2021
Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$5,000)	2021
Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant (\$2,500)	2020
Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference Grant (\$100)	2020
Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000)	2020
Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant (\$1,000)	2020
APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant (\$250)	2019
Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant (\$2,000)	2019

Internal

Jepson International Research Grant (\$3,867)	2025
Jepson International Research Grant (\$4,522)	2024
Ohio State Department of Political Science Research Grant (\$1,000)	2020
International Research & Scholarship Grant (\$3,500, declined)	2020
The Mershon Center for International Security Studies Research Grant (\$3,000)	2019
Ohio State Department of Political Science Conference Travel Grant (\$324)	2019
Ohio State Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship (\$3,090)	2019
Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability Research Grant (\$3,000, declined)	2018
The Mershon Center for International Security Studies Research Grant (\$3,582)	2018
The Mershon Center for International Security Studies Research Grant (\$5,000)	2017
Connecticut College CISLA Travel Grant (\$2,720)	2016
Connecticut College CISLA Internship Grant (\$2,717)	2015

AWARDS

African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Ralph Bunche Best Graduate Student Paper	2022
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The Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Published Paper, The Ohio State University	2021
The Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Pre-Conference Presentation, The Ohio State University	2018
The Jacobina Aman Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, The Ohio State University	2018
The Jacobina Aman Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, The Ohio State University	2017

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA	2026
Economic and Social Research Foundation, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (virtual presentation)	2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & ATTENDANCE

African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA	2025
The DMV Workshop in Empirical Political Science (DMV-WEPS), Washington, DC	2025
International Leadership Association (ILA) Global Conference, Prague, Czech Republic	2025
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada	2025
The Bucharest Workshop in Mainline Political Economy, Bucharest, Romania	2025
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2025
Markets & Society Conference, Falls Church, VA	2024
African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA	2023
International Leadership Association (ILA) Global Conference, Vancouver, Canada	2023
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA	2023
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2023
Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA	2023
African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	2022
Mid-Midwest African Politics Workshop (MMAPW), East Lansing, MI	2022
Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR), Notre Dame, IN	2022
Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences (IASS) Annual Meeting, Gary, IN	2022
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (virtual attendance)	2022
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2022
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA	2021
IHS Summer Graduate Research Fellowship Conference (virtual conference)	2021
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (virtual conference)	2021
African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (virtual conference)	2020
Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA, virtual conference)	2020
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (virtual conference)	2020
Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference (virtual conference)	2020
Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), Washington, DC	2019
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	2019
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2019
Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL	2018

Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS), Washington U. in St. Louis, MO	2018
Student Conference on US Affairs, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY	2015
Pacific University Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, OR	2013

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS), The Ohio State University	2020
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TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Social Foundations of Leadership (LDST 102)	University of Richmond
Quantitative Social Science (LDST 249)	University of Richmond
Theories and Models of Leadership (LDST 300)	University of Richmond
Destiny, Decisions, and Development (LDST 390)	University of Richmond
Political Violence (POLITSC 3240)	University of Notre Dame, The Ohio State University

Teaching Assistant

Field Research Methods for Politics & Development in Africa: Education Abroad (prof. Amanda Robinson, Ohio State, course taught in Malawi)	Summer 2019
Politics of the Developing World (prof. Jan Pierskalla, Ohio State)	Spring 2019
African Politics (prof. Amanda Robinson, Ohio State)	Fall 2017, Fall 2018
Introduction to Comparative Politics (prof. Sarah Brooks, Ohio State)	Spring 2018

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Malawi. Survey enumerator training and implementation.	June–July 2025
Namibia. Supplemental fieldwork for first book.	May–July 2024
Namibia. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork.	May–July 2021
Namibia. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork.	July–August 2019
Malawi. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork.	May–June 2019
Namibia. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork.	May–June 2018
Zambia. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork.	June 2017
Botswana. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork.	May–June 2017
Namibia. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork.	May 2017
Namibia. Undergraduate thesis fieldwork.	March 2016
Namibia. Undergraduate thesis fieldwork, internship.	February–August 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freedom House Consultant (<i>Freedom in the World</i> scoring for Botswana and Namibia)	July 2024–present
The World Bank Consultant (e.g., Burundi, Somalia, and Zimbabwe Urbanization Reviews)	February 2020–June 2023
American Journal of Political Science Editorial Assistant	January–March 2019
United Nations Information Centre	Windhoek, Namibia, June–August 2015

Intern

Embassy of the Czech Republic in the USA

Washington, DC, May–July 2014

Intern

J. W. Fulbright Commission

Prague, Czech Republic, May–June 2013

Advisor

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

Professional associations membership

African Studies Association (ASA), American Political Science Association (APSA), International Leadership Association (ILA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Pi Sigma Alpha (ΠΣΑ), The National Political Science Honor Society)

Journal manuscript referee

African Affairs, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict, Security & Development, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic History of Developing Regions, Government & Opposition, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of the Middle East and Africa, Journal of Politics, Journal of Southern African Studies, Political Studies Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Development, World Politics

Committee and leadership roles

African Politics Conference Group (APCG), Best Article Committee Chair

2026

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The Erdős Institute

Columbus, OH, May 2020

Data Science Boot Camp (basics of machine learning in Python)

LINGUISTIC AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages

English (C2), Czech (C2), German (B2), Slovak (B2), Latin (basics)

Technical skills

ArcGIS, Beamer, Knitr, L^AT_EX, R Markdown, MS Excel (advanced), MS Powerpoint, MS Word, Python (basics), R, SPSS, Stata, SurveyCTO, survey design in ODK

REFERENCES

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