

Curriculum Vitae
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Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico (2007 – present)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign (2006-7)

Associate Instructor (student appointment), Department of Political Science, Indiana University – Bloomington (2000-2006)

Education

Ph.D. (Political Science), July 2006

Indiana University
Bloomington, IN

B.A. (History), May 2000

Tulane University
New Orleans, LA

Research & Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics
African Politics
Ethnic Conflict / Ethnic Politics

Research Design & Methods
Democratic Transition
Comparative Electoral Systems

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

McLaughlin, Eric S. (2007). "Beyond the Racial Census: The Political Salience of Ethno-Linguistic Identities in South Africa," *Comparative Political Studies*, 40(4), 435-56.

Book Chapters

McLaughlin, Eric S., (2006) "Language, Governance, and Democracy in South Africa"
In Eds. V.N. Webb & T. du Plessis. *The Politics of Language in South Africa*. Pretoria, South Africa: Van Schaik, 118-37.

Working Papers / Scholarship Under Review

"Racial, Ethnic, or Rational Voters? Splitting Tickets in South Africa" (Under Review)

"Electoral Institutions, Political Engagement, and Ethnic Identification in Africa: A Multi-Level and Cross-National Analysis" (Under Review)

"Language Policy and Political Participation in Africa" (Manuscript in Preparation)

"Democratizing Language Regimes: Lessons from South Africa." (Manuscript in Preparation).

"Switching Sides or Jumping Ship? Floor-crossing Rules and Representation in a New Democracy" (Manuscript in Preparation)

Embracing Babel: Language, Governance, and Democracy in the New South Africa. (Book Manuscript in Preparation).

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Ethnic Conflict
African Politics and Government
Democracy and National Security
War & International Conflict
Race, Tribe, and Power in Africa [course on conflict in Africa post-1960]
Political Decision Making [an undergraduate course on formal theory]

Grants / Awards

Named to the “Incomplete List of Teachers Rated as Excellent,” University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign (Fall 2006 & Spring 2007)

Dissertation Fellowship, Indiana University Dept. of Political Science, 2005

John V. Gillespie Memorial Scholarship, Indiana University, 2004

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Summer 2002

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Summer 2001

Conference Participation & Invited Lectures

“Electoral Institutions, Political Engagement, and Ethnic Identification in Africa: New Evidence for an Old Debate.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2.

“The Political Economy of Language Regime Change: Evidence from the New South Africa.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 12-15.

“The Political Economy of Language Regime Change: Evidence from the New South Africa.” Colloquium Presentation at the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, October 30, 2006.

“Disempowering Babel: Language, Governance, and Democracy in South Africa.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 20-23.

“The Great Language Divide in South Africa: Misguided Institutions, Persistent Barriers, and Political Entrepreneurship.” Public Lecture at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. August 10, 2005.

“Language, Governance, and Democracy in South Africa: Some Preliminary Empirical Findings.” Presented at a 2005 Joint Annual Meeting of the Southern African Applied Linguistics Association and the Linguistics Society of Southern Africa at the Dikhololo Game Reserve, South Africa, July 6-8.

“Racial Census or Something More? Evidence about Ethnicity and Electoral Politics from Local Governments in South Africa.” Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 15-18.

“Language Conflict, Political Protest, and Political Violence: Reexamining the Causal Link between Grievance and Action.” Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31.

Invited Participant/Discussant at the 2002 Annual Public Choice Outreach Conference at the Center for the Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, May 30 – June 2.

“The Fire under the Melting Pot: Disincentives to Co-Production in LEP Education.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 25-28.

“Assimilation in Context: The Effect of Spatial Clustering on Acculturation, Political Integration, and Amalgamation.” Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association in Niagara Falls, NY, April 19-21.

Service

Departmental, University, & Disciplinary

Served as Chair/Discussant at meetings of:
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

Other / Community

Guest Speaker, “South Africa”, World Affairs Council of Central Illinois, Springfield, IL, May 3, 2007.

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association