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### **POSITION**

2010-present Assistant Professor, jointly appointed to the Department of Political Science and

the Institute for Ethnic Studies (African and African-American Studies),

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## **EDUCATION**

2010	Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2004	M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2000	B.A. Economics with Honors, Brown University

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

African Politics Comparative Politics
Gender, Women, and Politics

### RESEARCH

#### Refereed Book

Kang, Alice. 2015. *Bargaining for Women's Rights: Activism in an Aspiring Muslim Democracy*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

• Reviewed in African Studies Review, CHOICE, International Feminist Journal of Politics, and Mobilization: An International Quarterly

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Kang, Alice and Aili Mari Tripp. Accepted for publication. "Coalitions Matter: Citizenship, Women, and Quota Adoption in Africa." *Perspectives on Politics*.

Escobar-Lemmon, Maria, Valerie Hoekstra, Alice Kang, and Miki Kittilson. 2016. "Just the Facts? Media Coverage of Female and Male High Court Appointees in Five Democracies." *Politics & Gender* 12, 2: 254-74.

Dawuni, Josephine and Alice Kang. 2015. "Her Ladyship Chief Justice: The Rise of Female Leaders in the Judiciary in Africa." *Africa Today* 62, 5: 45-69.

Kang, Alice. 2013. "The Effect of Gender Quota Laws on the Election of Women: Lessons from Niger." *Women's Studies International Forum* 41, 2: 94-102.

Tripp, Aili Mari and Alice Kang. 2008. "The Global Impact of Quotas: On the Fast Track to Female Legislative Representation." *Comparative Political Studies* 41, 5: 338-61.

Adams, Melinda and Alice Kang. 2007. "Regional Advocacy Networks and the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa." *Politics & Gender* 3, 3: 451-74.

#### **Editor-Invited Journal Article**

Kang, Alice. 2009. "Studying Oil, Islam, and Women as if Political Institutions Mattered." *Politics & Gender* 5, 4: 560-8.

## **Refereed Book Chapter**

Kang, Alice. 2014. "How Civil Society Represents Women: Feminists, Catholics, and Mobilization Strategies in Africa." In *Representation: The Case of Women*, edited by Maria Escobar-Lemmon and Michelle Taylor-Robinson. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 137-57.

### Non-Refereed Book Chapter

Kang, Alice. 2016. "Benin: Women Judges Promoting Women's Rights." In *Gender and the Judiciary in Africa*, edited by Gretchen Bauer and Josephine Dawuni. New York: Routledge, 108-19.

### **Work in Progress**

Escobar-Lemmon, Maria, Valerie Hoekstra, Alice Kang, and Miki Kittilson. "Diffusing Equality."

Escobar-Lemmon, Maria, Valerie Hoekstra, Alice Kang, and Miki Kittilson. *High Courts and Gender*. Book project.

Kang, Alice. "Women's Political Representation in Niger." Invited chapter for *Global Handbook of Women's Political Rights*, edited by Susan Franceschet, Mona Lena Krook, and Netina Tan. Palgrave. First draft submitted.

Kang, Alice and Nam Kyu Kim. "Militarism and the Gender Gap in Politics."

Kang, Alice and Shannon Drysdale Walsh. "Dueling Networks: Mobilizing for and Against Women's Rights in Africa and Latin America."

### **Book Reviews**

Kang, Alice. 2015. Review of *Gender and Justice: Why Women in the Judiciary Really Matter* (Perspectives on Gender Series, Routledge) by Sally Kenney. *Perspectives on Politics* 13, 1: 231-33.

Kang, Alice. 2010. Review of *Democracy and the Rise of Women's Movements in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Johns Hopkins University Press) by Kathleen Fallon. *Mobilization* 15, 4: 510-11.

#### **External Grants**

Co-Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation (NSF) Award (SES #1323949), Law and Social Sciences Program, "Collaborative Research: Policy Diffusion: International Influences on Appointments to High Courts." With Miki Kittilson (ASU), Valerie Hoekstra (ASU), and Maria Escobar-Lemmon (Texas A&M). No-cost extension to 2017. \$72,996 (UNL), \$360,395 (total).

2007-2008 Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright Hays Doctoral

Dissertation Research Award, "Women's NGOs, Conservative Religious Authorities, and the Family Code in Benin and Niger." \$28,151

Fellow. U.S. Department of Education, Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. For Hausa language study. Renewed 2005-6. \$14,000 each year

## **Internal Grants**

2017	UNL Research Council Award, \$10,000
2016	UNL Department of Political Science Schneider Research Fellowship. \$6500
2015	UNL College of Arts and Sciences ENHANCE award. \$3,375
2014-15	UNL College of Arts and Sciences ENHANCE award. \$1,650
2011-15	UNL Layman Seed Award, "The Politics of Health in West Africa." \$10,000
2011, 2013	UNL Department of Political Science Senning Research Fellowship. \$6500 each
2006	University of Wisconsin-Madison Scott Kloeck-Jenson Pre-Dissertation Travel
	Grant. \$2000

## **Research Awards**

2016	UNL Department of Political Science Carroll R. McKibbin Distinguished
	Research Award
2010	American Political Science Association award to participate in the Africa
	Workshop on "Global Perspectives on Politics and Gender" at the University of
	Dar es Salaam.
2009	Junior Scholar Award to attend the "Women in Politics: Global Perspectives
	Workshop" at the Ohio State University.
2008	University of Wisconsin-Madison Hyde Dissertation Research Award,
	Department of Gender and Women's Studies.
2007	American Political Science Association Women's Caucus Alice Paul Dissertation
	Prospectus Award for best dissertation proposal on women and politics.

#### Invited Academic Talks

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2017	(planned) Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN), Yale
	University.
2016	Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN), University of
	Pennsylvania [presented a paper remotely due to illness].
2016	Book talk on "Bargaining for Women's Rights: Activism in an Aspiring Muslim
	Democracy," Central Washington University.
2016	"Family Law and the Sources of Power of Religious Elites in Niger," Workshop
	on "Legislating Sexuality and Gender in Africa: Rights, Society and the State in
	Interdisciplinary Perspective," University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
2015	"Coalitions and the Diffusion of Gender Quotas," Midwest Group in African
	Political Economy, Vanderbilt University.
2015	Book talk on "Bargaining for Women's Rights: Activism in an Aspiring Muslim
	Democracy," Haverford College.
2015	Book talk on "Bargaining for Women's Rights: Activism in an Aspiring Muslim
	Democracy," Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State
	University.

2012 "Bargaining for Women's Representation: How Niger Adopted a Gender Ouota," Workshop on "The Relationship between Quotas Policies and Democratization in Africa," University of Bergen and Chr. Michelsen Institute. "Women's Mobilization in Africa," Nebraska Wesleyan University. 2012 "Who Represents Women?" Workshop on "Identity, Gender and Representation: 2012 Empirical Analyses of Representation of Women's Interests," Texas A&M University. **Conference Presentations** 2016 "Supply or Demand? Women, Courts, and the Pipeline Problem in South Africa," African Studies Association, Washington, D.C. "Transforming the Judiciary: Diffusion vs. Institutions," with Maria Escobar-2016 Lemmon, Valerie Hoekstra, and Miki Kittilson, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. "Coalitions and the Diffusion of Gender Quotas: Evidence from Africa," with Aili 2016 Mari Tripp, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. 2015 "The Rise and Impact of Women Judges in Benin," African Studies Association, San Diego, CA. "Diversity on High Courts: International Influences on Women's Appointment," 2015 with Maria Escobar-Lemmon, Valerie Hoekstra, and Miki Kittilson, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. "The Rise of Women Chief Justices in Africa," with Josephine Dawuni, African 2014 2014 "Just the Facts? Cross-Regional Differences in Media Coverage of Male and Female High Court Nominees," with Maria Escobar-Lemmon, Valerie Hoekstra, and Miki Kittilson, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (poster). "A Double-Edged Sword? The International Causes of Women's Mobilization 2014 and Religious Countermobilization in Africa," International Studies Association, Toronto. "Diffusing Equality: International Influences on Women's Appointment to High 2013 Courts," with Maria Escobar-Lemmon, Valerie Hoekstra, and Miki Kittilson, American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. 2012 "Women's Caucus Panel: Theorizing Women's Activism," African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA. "Measuring Mobilization for Human Rights," Midwest Political Science 2012 Association, Chicago, IL. "Bringing International Women's Rights Home: Issue-Specific Mobilization in 2011 Muslim and Non-Muslim Countries," American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA. 2010 "Muslim Politics, Women's Rights, and Democracy: Insights from Niger," African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA. 2009 "When Legal Reforms Fail: Opposing Actors, Informal Institutions and Family Law Reform in Niger," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

2008

2007

"Women against Women's Rights Laws: A Case Study of Niger," American

"The Global Impact of Quotas: On the Fast Track to Greater Legislative

Representation," with Aili Mari Tripp, Midwest Political Science Association,

Chicago, IL.

2005 "The Afterlives of Dead Presidents: Remembering Thomas Sankara in Burkina

Faso," African Studies Association, Washington, DC.

### **TEACHING**

## **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

Intro to Africa (ETHN 203)

Conflict & Development in Africa (POLS/ETHN 375)

African Politics, Honors Seminar (POLS 395H)

Democracy & Citizenship (POLS 400)

Women & Politics (POLS/WMNS 338)

Graduate Core Seminar in Comparative Politics (POLS 879)

Graduate Research Seminar on Comparative Politics (POLS 979)

## **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Politics of Development

Women and Politics in a Global Perspective (co-taught)

## **Dissertation Committees**

§ Indicates current student (2016-17 AY)

Member, Jalele Defa§

Member, Alex Kroeger§

Member, Matthew Eberhart§

Member, Jonathan Jackson§

Member, Ryan Lowry-Lee§

Member, Jeongyeon Kim§

Member, David Gosselin§

Reader, Ashley Garcia§ (Communications)

Reader, Samantha Bryant§ (History)

Reader, Harrouna Malgouri§ (History)

Member, Nathan Munier (Ph.D. 2016), tenure-track American University of Afghanistan

Member, Katherine Hunt (Ph.D. 2015), tenure-track Austin Peay State University

Outside reader, Geraldine O'Mahony (Ph.D. 2015), (University of Wisconsin-Madison,

Development Studies), administration Central Washington University

Reader, Chigozirim Utah (Ph.D. 2015) (Communications) tenure-track Eastern Illinois Univ.

Member, Laura Roost (Ph.D. 2014), lecturer Pennsylvania State University

Member, Nkem Kalu (Ph.D. 2012), policy, government of Nigeria

Reader, Carrie Walker (Ph.D. 2012) (English), tenure-track Concordia Univ.-Portland, OR

### **Master's Thesis Committees**

Reader, Julia Reilly§

Reader, James Harrold§

Chair, Madeline Hoeffer (M.A. 2012)

Reader, Alex Kroeger (M.A. 2012)

Reader, Kendra Suesz (M.A. 2011) (Anthropology)

## **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees**

Advisor, Claire Shea§

Advisor, Clare Koneck-Wilcox§

Co-advisor, Henry Cabrera (B.A. 2015)

Advisor, Ruth Ann Boettner (distinction) (B.A. 2014)

Advisor, Laura Slezak (B.A. 2013)

Reader, Margo Berends (highest distinction) (B.A. 2014)

Reader, Kathleen Miller (distinction) (B.A. 2013)

### **UCARE Students**

Sophie Loveless, 2013-2014 Nate Hall, 2012-2013

### **Independent Readings**

Harrouna Malgroubi, African Politics, Fall 2016 (POLS 891)

Lee Kreimer, Women and Politics, Spring 2016 (POLS 399)

Gbaluba Kprazeon, Ethnic Studies capstone, Fall 2015 (ETHN 499)

Jonathan Jackson, Qualitative Methods, Summer 2014 (POLS 991)

LaThomas Graves, Conflict and Development in Africa, Spring 2013 (POLS/ETHN 375)

Alexander Kroeger, African Politics, Fall 2012 (POLS 895)

Nate Hall, Research Methods, Summer 2012 (POLS 375)

Jalele Defa, Election Violence in Africa, Spring 2011 (POLS 895)

## **Teaching Grants and Initiatives**

Fellow, Peer Review of Teaching Project, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Course Development Grant, Great Plains National Security Education

Consortium, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

### **Conference Presentations on Teaching and Fieldwork**

2010 "Teaching about Women and Islam in U.S. Universities," National Women's

Studies Association, Denver, CO.

2009 "Doing Interviews: The Devil is in the Details," University of Wisconsin-

Madison Graduate Student Conference on "Fieldwork in Africa."

### **SERVICE**

### Department of Political Science and Institute for Ethnic Studies

2016-1/	Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies Search Committee
2016-17	Sociology and Institute for Ethnic Studies Search Committee
2016-17	Political Science Scholarship/Internship Committee
2015-16	Political Science Executive Committee
2014-16	Ethnic Studies Executive Committee
2014-16	Faculty Coordinator, International Relations and Comparative Politics Brownbag
2013-15	Political Science Graduate Committee
2012-13	Political Science Executive Committee
2012-13	Ethnic Studies Executive Committee
2012-13	International Relations Search Committee

2011-12 2010-12 2010-11	Political Science Graduate Committee AAAS 40th Anniversary Planning Committee Political Science Undergraduate Committee
	rts and Sciences Co-Chair (with Margaret Jacobs), Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee
University 2011-present 2015-16 2015-present 2015 2014-17 2012-13 2010-11	Member, E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues Member, ACE 9 5-Year Review Faculty Group Wiebers Study Abroad Scholarship Committee UNL Faculty Senate Convocations Award (with Dawne Curry) Advisor, African Students Association Pre-Talk Host (for all but 1 talk), E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues Distinguished Lecturer Grant, Research Council (with Dawne Curry)
Other Depar	tmental, College, and University
2016	Guest lecture, "Conflict and Development in Africa: U.S. Perceptions," The
2015	SUSI Institute, Center for Global Engagement.  Speaker, "Muslim Women's Activism and Legislative Reform in Niger,"  Women's and Gender Studies Fall 2015 Colloquium on Teaching and Social Justice.
2015	Guest lecture, Instructor Victoria Alapo, Geography of Africa.
2015	<b>Guest lecture</b> , "Who Represents Whom in America?" The SUSI Institute, Center for Global Engagement.
2014	Guest lecture, "Who Represents Whom in America?" The SUSI Institute,
2013	Center for Global Engagement.  Panelist, "Back to School: The Education of Girls and Women in an Era of Miss Representation," Department of Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education,
2013	College of Education and Human Sciences, Women's and Gender Studies. <b>Presentation</b> , "Mobilizing for Women's Rights in Muslim and Non-Muslim Africa," E.N. Thompson Forum Students.
2013	Panelist, "Race, Immigration, and the Transforming of a Nation: America in the 21st Century," Martin Luther King Jr. Week.
2012	Panelist, Ethnic Studies Colloquium on Women, Race, and the U.S. Elections
2012	Participant, GP NSEC: Faculty D.C. Trip (May 9-11)
2012	<b>Presentation</b> , "Bringing International Women's Rights Home: Issue-Specific Mobilization in Muslim and Non-Muslim Africa," Department of Geography Seminar.
2012	<b>Presentation</b> , "Hiring Interpreters," to Dr. Griffin's Qualitative Methods class.
2011	<b>Co-moderator</b> , "Critical Black Studies in a Global World," African-American and African Studies 40th Anniversary Celebration Roundtable.
2011	<b>Presentation</b> , "Getting Published to Political Science" graduate students.
2011	Moderator, "Identity Conflict," Global Security Colloquium.
2011	Lecture, "Islam and Women's Rights in a Global Context," Nebraska

	Colloquium.
2011	Guest lecture, "Ethnic Conflict in Africa," for Instructor Leslie Martinez,
	Freshman Seminar: The Minority Experience (ETHN 100).
2010	Panelist, "Music as a Weapon: The Melody of Resistance in African and African
	American History," Ethnic Studies Colloquium.
2010	<b>Presenter</b> , "Finishing the Dissertation" to Dr. Wals' class.
2010	Discussant, "The Price of Inequality," Challenge of Inequality
	Hendricks Symposium.

## Ad hoc Manuscript Referee

African studies: African Affairs, African Development Review (journal of the African Development Bank), African Studies Review, Africa Today.

<u>Political science</u>: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Governance, International Political Science Review, Politics & Gender, Politics, Groups, & Identities, Politics & Religion.

Women's and gender studies: JENdA: A Journal of Culture & African Women Studies, Journal of Women, Politics & Policy.

<u>Policy and legal studies</u>: *Global Policy* (UK based international policy journal), *Law & Society Review*, *Law*, *Democracy*, & *Development* (South Africa based law journal), Palgrave.

### **Professional Service at Conferences**

Section chair: (invited and accepted) African Studies Association Meeting in 2017.

<u>Discussant:</u> African Studies Association Meetings in 2012, 2013; American Political Science Association Meeting in 2015; and Midwest Political Science Association Meetings in 2012, 2013, 2016.

<u>Chair or panel co-organizer</u>: African Studies Association Meetings in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 (planned) and American Political Science Association Meetings in 2015 and 2016.

<u>Panel selection committee</u>: APSA/African Politics Conference Group (APCG), 2009, 2012.

<u>Moderator</u>: Short course on "Coalition Building to Advance Diverse Leadership and Address Discrimination in Political Science," American Political Science Association Meeting, 2015.

## **Professional Award Committees**

2015-16	Chair, American Political Science Association Women and Politics Research
	Section Award for Best Dissertation.
2015-16	Member, African Politics Conference Group Best Dissertation Award.
2014-15	Member, Midwest Political Science Association Sophonisba Breckinridge Award
	for Best Paper on Women and Politics.
2013-14	Member, African Politics Conference Group Best Dissertation Award.

- 2012-13 Member, African Politics Conference Group Best Article Award.
- 2012-13 Member, American Political Science Association Women and Politics Research Section Award for Best Paper.

### **Memberships**

African Studies Association, American Political Science Association (African Politics Conference Group, Section on Comparative Politics, Section on Women and Politics, Section on Qualitative and Mixed Methods), Midwest Political Science Association (Midwest Women's Caucus for Political Science), West African Research Association (WARA)

## **Presentations to Policymakers**

- 2010 "The Status of Women on Niger," U.S. Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research Seminar on Niger, Washington, DC.
  2008 "Enseignements tirés sur la promotion des droits des femmes au Niger,"
- American Cultural Center, Niamey, Niger.

## **Blog Posts, Podcasts, Magazine Contributions**

- Blogpost/interview with Kim Yi Dionne on *Bargaining for Women's Rights. The Monkey Cage* on washingtonpost.com, June 24.
- 2015 Podcast interview with the *New Books Network*, December 16.
- 2015 Blogpost. "Twenty Years after the Most Important U.N. Conference on Women, What if Anything Has Changed?" *The Monkey Cage* on washingtonpost.com, September 25 (with Aili Mari Tripp).
- Blogpost, "On Big Data and the Ways We Evaluate Women's Lives." *University of Minnesota Press*, July 16.
- Blogpost "A Dialogue with Alice Kang." *Sex/Gender in the Narrative*, May (with Peace Adzo Medie).
- Newsletter, "The Politics of Women's Rights in Muslim Countries." *Newsletter of the Africa Research Initiative* of the National Intelligence University, March: 20-23.
- 2012 "Women, Islam, and Politics in Africa." *African Politics Conference Group Newsletter*, September: 8-9.
- "Gender Quotas: The Ascent of Women into Public Office." *Americas Quarterly* Spring: 98-99 (with Aili Mari Tripp).

## **Community Outreach**

- Speaker (with Dawne Curry), "A Discussion of Americanah," One Book One Lincoln, Bennett Martin Library, August 9
- Guest, *NET's Live at the Mill* as part of an interview with Julie Dash.
- 2012 Presenter, "The U.N. and Women in Africa," Nebraska United Nations Chapter, Lincoln.
- Guest, *NET News* story on "Nebraska Women Face Partisan Gap in Politics."
- 2010-13 Board member, Asian Cultural and Community Center, Lincoln.
- 2007-Present Independent expert for applicants from Mali and Niger seeking asylum.
- Guest, Inside Islam.

# FIELDWORK AND RELATED WORK AND SKILLS

## **Fieldwork**

Niger: 2006, 2007-8, 2011, 2012-13, 2016; Benin: 2006, 2008; Burkina Faso: 2016; South

Africa: 2015

## **Related Work**

2004 Intern, AllAfrica.com, Washington, DC

2002-3 Consultant, International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), Washington,

DC

2000-2 Peace Corps Volunteer (Community Health), Burkina Faso

# Languages and programming skills

French (advanced), Hausa (basic), Zarma (basic), Mooré (basic)

Stata, R