From the Chair

Dear APCG colleagues:

It was great to see so many of you at the African Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, DC in November. APCG had two great panels and a lively business meeting at which we recognized the winners of the Best Book in 2010 and Best Article in 2010 awards (see pages 4-5). We also installed two new officers: Leonardo Arriola as vice chair and Danielle Resnick as secretary. We are extremely grateful for the hard work of Staffan Lindberg and Bruce Magnusson in these respective positions over the past two years!

In DC, we also celebrated APCG’s 10th anniversary with a spectacular reception at a local gallery featuring work by a Nigerian artist. We recognized John Harbeson for his vision and persistence in starting this organization and raised more than $900 to support Oxfam’s famine relief efforts in the Horn of Africa. Thanks so much to Carl LeVan, Peter Lewis, Margot Bokanga, and others for making the reception possible. If anyone has photos of the event, please send them to Jeff Paller (paller@wisc.edu) to post on the website.

Finally, APCG’s website (www.africanpoliticsgroup.org) is adding more information every day. The online membership directory is growing rapidly, and we encourage you to add your information and photo if you have not yet done so (use the “Join APCG” form under the Membership tab). On the site, you can also find current job postings, sample course syllabi, links to various member blogs, and a growing list of Africa-related databases (see page 7).

Happy holidays!

Beth Whitaker
APCG Chair
Treasurer’s Report

The APCG treasurer, Carl LeVan, collected $570 in dues at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting in Washington in November. (Richard Marcus, the former treasurer, transferred an additional $223.21 over from a previous account.) At the Friday night social event our members donated $905 for Oxfam’s East African relief effort after hearing an update on the famine from policy analyst Semhar Araia. We want to thank Margot Bokanga, Oluseyi Segun, Cody Rangonese, Farida Nabourema, Jumoke Balogun, and all the student volunteers who worked hard to make this one of our best social events ever! We also appreciate the generous donation of food and wine from Peter Lewis and the African Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University. Finally, we want to thank the American Political Science Association for helping to grow our organization by agreeing to pay for three years of membership for the APSA Africa Workshop members. Please consider including these emerging scholars in your panel proposals.

Sincerely,
Carl LeVan (American University)
Treasurer

From the Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to another edition of our APCG Newsletter. While it has only been a few months since the last newsletter, a lot has happened. Look carefully throughout the newsletter for opportunities to contribute to the growth of this institution, whether it involves contributing databases to our website’s new list of data sources, nominating colleagues and students for awards, or sponsoring a colleagues’ membership (see the dues page).

Over the next year, pay close attention to some exciting changes that are coming to the newsletter. There will be new content that you will not want to miss!

Until ISA,

Mike

I’m currently in Lilongwe, conducting dissertation research on foreign aid and incumbent advantage in Africa. I’ve attached a photo of me going over budgets in the library of the Ministry of Finance. I think the photo is better than the description.

- Ryan Briggs, PhD Candidate, SIS, American University
Award Nominations Sought

The APCG Best Dissertation Committee invites submissions for the APCG-Lynne Rienner Award for the Best Dissertation in African Politics 2011. The award carries a prize of $500 and is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in African politics. Only one dissertation may be nominated per department. Dissertations that were completed and accepted in the 2011 calendar year are eligible for this award. This year’s selection committee consists of Devra Moehler, University of Pennsylvania (chair), Desha Girod, Georgetown University, and Ato Onoma, Yale University. Departments are requested to submit a letter of nomination and an electronic copy of the dissertation to apcg.prize@gmail.com. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2012.

The APCG Best Book Award Committee invites nominations for the 2011 award. To be eligible, books must have been published in English in 2011. Books should analyze an issue related to political science or international relations with special reference to Africa. The book should employ methodological techniques regarded as appropriate by any subgroup of contemporary political scientists. Edited volumes are not eligible. Translations of books written in a foreign language qualify if the translation was published in 2011. This year’s committee consists of Catherine Boone, University of Texas-Austin, Terrence Lyons, George Mason University, and Lise Rakner, University of Bergen. Please send nominations to the committee chair, Terrence Lyons, at tlyons1@gmu.edu. Copies of nominated books must then be sent to each committee member no later than April 30, 2012.

The APCG Best Article Committee seeks nominations for the 2011 award. All articles published in peer-reviewed journals in 2011 are eligible. This year’s committee consists of Jaimie Bleck, University of Notre Dame, John Clark, Florida International University, and Karen Ferree, University of California, San Diego. Please send the full abstract and, if possible, a copy of the article itself to the committee chair, Karen Ferree, at keferree@ucsd.edu. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2012.

The APCG Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee seeks nominations for the 2011/12 award. Eligible papers must be nominated by a member of the APCG (self nominations not allowed), written by a graduate student, and presented at the 2011 APSA, 2011 ASA, 2012 ISA, or 2012 MPSA annual meeting. The papers cannot have a co-author with a Ph.D. This year’s committee consists of Jennifer Brass, Indiana University, Deborah Brautigham, American University, and Nahomi Ichino, Harvard University. To nominate a paper, please send an email with the paper’s author, title, and the conference name to the committee chair, Nahomi Ichino, at nichino@gov.harvard.edu. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2012.
Best Book in African Politics 2010 Award

Winner: Charles Piot
*Nostalgia for the Future: West Africa after the Cold War.* University of Chicago Press.

Runner Up: Aili Tripp

Honorable Mention: Brenda Chalfin

The Best Book committee reviewed 14 books, several of which constituted contributions of the highest quality. In assessing these books, we explicitly referred to the guidelines developed by our predecessor committees in years past. We thus used the following criteria (quoting from the 2009 award citation): “Originality of research, evidence of exhaustive investigation, a compelling argument based on extensive data collection and analysis using rigorous qualitative, quantitative or mixed methodology, that makes the argument important in revisiting existing theory or unexamined assumptions possibly opening up a previously underexplored but fundamentally important area for subsequent research.” In addition, as in previous years, we also looked for “evidence that the book not only engages but also contributes to the broader, non-Africanist literature in comparative politics.” Following these criteria, the committee came to a unanimous agreement that three books stood above the rest and were worthy contenders for the award, constituting and exceeding the threshold of what the APCG has in the past called “notable scholarship.”

The winner of the 2010 APCG Best Book Award is *Nostalgia for the Future: West Africa after the Cold War* by Charles Piot, published by the University of Chicago Press. Piot is an anthropologist with sensitivity and insight on politics and the political. His book considers how a new, post-1990, order is reshaping African sovereignty, looking at the new roles of the state, Pentecostal churches, NGOs, youth, etc. in Togo. Although Eyadema survived the efforts at democratic transitions, Piot argues that the state was never the same after 1990. He argues that a new epoch has begun in which the postcolonial state as such is being disband and people are engaging with a global and “future” world in way that deeply change the local politics. Particularly interesting in this respect were his illumination of the relation of religion to politics—something that Africanist political scientists often note as important but rarely analyze in depth—and of the village effects of the type and manner of distribution of international assistance.

The committee members found the chapter on the Lotto Visa (US Green Card lottery) outstanding, enlightening and entertaining. It put a real face on the despair and desire for exit of local populations. But it was also a treatise on the remarkable power of invention and manipulation of these Togolese, and a good discussion of what is “real” and what is not, what is the state or not, sovereign or not, legal or not, or each time, both. The amount of cheating and the apparent ease with which official documents could be produced in this process was eye opening.

Piot covers many well trodden topics, such as the criminalization of the state, the rise of churches and NGOs, the epidemics of witchcraft, techniques of withdrawal/exit, etc. The originality of his argument comes from linking all these different dimensions to make a broader claim about the reconfiguration of sovereignty and the growing evanescence of power in Togo and West Africa. Despite the focus on Togo, the committee felt that something of a grand theory was being tried out here with felicitous results. Our experience suggested to us that a lot of Piot’s findings apply elsewhere on the continent too.

The runner up is *Museveni’s Uganda: Paradoxes of Power in a Hybrid Regime* by Aili Tripp, published by Lynne Rienner Publishers. Tripp’s book is both a monograph on Uganda and a discussion of the paradoxes of regime hybridity in Africa. The many dimensions of this country’s politics which she has researched over the years make this book an original research project. It is clear that Tripp has mastered the complexity of Uganda’s politics. And her forays into comparative political analysis are intriguing. Her chapter “Peace and Insecurity,” on Uganda’s numerous small wars and persistent conflicts, for example, deserves consideration by conflict theorists and conflict resolution activists everywhere. Her arguments about the paradoxes of power facing semiauthoritarian regimes is a significant contribution to current analysis of regime types, to the study of democratic “transitions,” and to the growing literature on hybrid regimes and on the persistence of hybrid/semi-authoritarian regimes. The committee is confident that her book is required reading for anyone engaging in research or policy in Uganda.

Finally, we give honorable mention to *Neoliberal Frontiers: An Ethnography of Sovereignty in West Africa* by Brenda Chalfin, published by the University of Chicago Press. Chalfin starts from a highly original research question as she seeks to find out how “neoliberal” reforms have affected the practice/behavior of sovereignty on the ground at the margin of the globalized system, focusing on the customs agency in several locales in Ghana. The committee was not aware of other scholars researching this question before, and found it useful in view of the frequent claims that African sovereignty is undermined by this neoliberal order. By looking at Ghana’s customs agency in several locales (an ingenious choice), Chalfin shows us the state at work on its borders in all its sovereign prerogatives and in full visibility, and facing formidable flows of goods and people, many informal and undermining its sovereign claims.
Best Article 2010 Award

Winner: Mireille Razafindrakoto and Francois Roubaud


“Are International Databases on Corruption Reliable?” begins with a simple premise: the most commonly used measures of corruption, which rely on subjective evaluations by experts, differ from measures constructed using household-level survey data. There follows a meticulous analysis of the sources of bias in the construction of perception-based measures. The authors point out that correlations between different perception-based measures do not boost the reliability of these measures, since they rely on the same base data. The authors then use a focused comparison of experiential and perception-based measures of corruption in eight Francophone African countries to assess the fit between these measures. They find that perception-based measures consistently report higher levels of petty corruption than experiential measures; further, overestimation is not consistent across countries, suggesting that experts’ evaluations are swayed by other factors, notably the level of democracy or respect for human rights in a particular country. Razafindrakoto and Roubaud’s piece not only exposes the potential biases in perception-based measures but it also illustrates the degree to which outside experts overestimate the acceptability of petty corruption, which is overwhelmingly rejected by survey respondents. Overall the article’s combination of methodological innovation and empirical insights into corruption in Africa is what made this article award-winning, and it is why the committee believes the article will be of great interest to ACPG’s diverse membership.

Honorable Mention: Thad Dunning and Lauren Harrison


In this article, Dunning and Harrison tackle an intriguing empirical question: why are ethnic differences not politicized in Mali? The authors use an experimental approach to assessing the relative roles of ethnicity and “cousinage”, another source of identity, in structuring vote choice. The research design is elegant, and it reflects the authors’ sophisticated understanding of the Malian case. In terms of argument, the article makes an important theoretical and substantive contribution to our understanding of the politics of ethnicity in sub-Saharan Africa. By emphasizing the role of cross-cutting cleavages in diminishing the political importance of ethnicity, Dunning and Harrison suggest that socially important identities need not be politically salient. In other words, there is nothing intrinsically special about ethnicity as a coordination device; other social institutions with strong sanctioning mechanisms may supplant ethnic ties as a basis for cooperation. The article makes a significant contribution to our understanding of ethnic politics, but it is also a model of how smart experimental work can shed further light on enduring puzzles in African politics.

Award Committee: Adrienne LeBas (Chair), Philip Roessler, and Susan Thomson

Update Your Member Profile!

Remember to add information to our new online membership directory.

http://africanpoliticsgroup.org/index.php/join-apcg/
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to the International Symposium on HIV Vaccines & HIV Treatment, held from Monday 27 February to Thursday 1st March 2012 at Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City and 5th to 8th March 2012 at Firenze Conference Center Vicenza Italy.

The main objective of the International Symposium on HIV Vaccines & HIV Treatment is to provide health care workers and members of the HIV-infected and affected community from all over the world with a comprehensive review of the management of HIV infection and opportunistic infections, efforts to improve access to therapy as well as the latest updates on research into HIV treatments and vaccines. The symposium also aims to stimulate debate through a series of panel discussions on issues such as access to care and the cost of ARV in developing countries.

An expert faculty of speakers from Australia, Europe, Asia, Africa and USA presents a comprehensive review of current HIV management. World class international and local speakers present plenary sessions and facilitate interactive workshops.

For more information please contact the ISHVHT Secretariat via E-mail: isvhthv2011@blumail.org OR hv2011@globomail.com

Sincerely,
Ms. Anna David
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Nominations Sought for Undergraduate Award

Nominations Due: February 10, 2012

The Project for Equity, Representation, and Governance and the Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University invite submissions for the 2012 Awards for Outstanding Undergraduate Research in the following fields:
- Latino Politics
- African American Politics
- Public Administration/Public Policy
- Comparative Politics
- Gender Politics

Undergraduate students may submit a research paper in one field. A winner will be chosen from each field. The awards carry a prize of $500 per field. Submissions must be received by February 10, 2012. Details can be found online at: http://perg.tamu.edu/PERG/Writing_Competition.html

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If you are willing to serve as a mentor and have not already done so, can you please register for the APSA database? In order to do so you need to go to the APSA website, under Programs, select Educational, Professional, and Minority Initiatives. You will see there under professional development that the first link is to the mentoring initiative. If you select that, you can then choose the Become a Mentor link which will direct you to a form to fill out. Once you fill out the form you mail it to mentoring@apsanet.org.

Become a Mentor!

From Sandra Joireman:

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Member News

Dorina Bekoe has joined the Institute for Defense Analyses as a research staff member.

Hany Besada has a recently published op-ed, “Tough Task” Sharing Natural Resource Revenue in Post-Qadaffi Libya”, in Canada’s Embassy Newsweekly.

Yvonne Captain reports that she: (1) published an essay “The Legacy of Manuel Zapata Olivella,” Revista de estudios colombianos. Fall, 2011: 30-44; (2) presented a paper at the 6th Biennial Conference of ASWAD: “Power in Foreign Policy?: African International Policies.” 6th Biennial Conference of ASWAD. University of Pittsburgh. November 3-6, 2011; and (3) was appointed as the director of the Masters in International Policy and Practice (MIPP) in the Elliott School of International Affairs.

Steffan I. Lindberg is spending a second academic year at the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg. Lindberg is Co-PI for “Varieties of Democracy: Measuring Democracy: A Multidimensional, Tiered, and Historical Approach” - a collaborative research project with Michael Coppedge (University of Notre Dame), John Gerring (Boston University), and Jan Teorell (Lund University). Lindberg has received grants for this project from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Sweden ($235,000) and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond ($44,000).

Jessica Piombo reports “I am on sabbatical this year, Oct 2011 - September 2012, to conduct research for a project on peace negotiations in African conflicts. In the “winter,” I will be at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa, January - early June, and plan to spend July and August in Washington, DC. During this time, I hope to take research trips to Mozambique and Burundi, and general interest trips to Malawi, Namibia and Angola. If anyone plans to be in any of those areas, let me know!”

Bob Press’ wife, Betty Press, photographer, has just published, in cooperation with Books for Africa, a book of 125 black and white African photos and proverbs: I Am Because We Are: African Wisdom In Image and Proverb. She was invited to launch the book at the Library of Congress, whose bookstore now sells it. She was interviewed on NPR. And she has been invited to Nigeria to present the book there in January. You can see some of the photos or order it at www.AfricanWisdomInImageAndProverb.com.


Aili Tripp (University of Wisconsin-Madison) took over as ASA President in November 2011. She gave talks in the late summer and fall of 2011 at Women’s World Congress (Ottawa), World Institute for Development Economics Research (Helsinki), Michigan State University, University of Dar es Salaam, Joint Nordic Conference on Development Research (Copenhagen, keynote), and the International Peace Research Institute Oslo. She is on sabbatical in the Spring semester of 2012.

Susanna Wing has three updates: (1) she received the U.S. Department of State Speaker and Specialist Grant, to lecture on Women and electoral processes. Bamako, Mali, October 2011; (2) she also presented a paper, “Rights Based Approaches to Development: Justice and Legal Fiction in Africa”, at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 2011, Seattle, WA; and (3) she was a participant in a Roundtable “Rethinking Counter Terrorism in the Trans Sahel: Development, Democratization and Capacity Building” at the African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 18, 2011.

Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso completed her PhD in Political Science at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Research for her dissertation titled, “Gender and the Governance of the Reintegration of Returnee Refugee Women in Liberia” was supported by the University for Peace (UPeace) Africa Program under a grant from the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation under the African Association of Political Science (AAPS) Young Scholar Awards.

African Data Sources and Reviews Sought

We are in the process of compiling a list of data sources for our group.

For the current list, go to: http://africanpoliticsgroup.org/index.php/scholars/africa-data-sources/

To contribute a data source, send an email to Jeff Paller, paller@wisc.edu.

APCG will begin to publish reviews of Africa-related databases in this newsletter and online. If you are a graduate student and would like to write such a review, send an email to Leonardo Arriola, larriola@berkeley.edu.
Jobs & Fellowships

**UNC-Charlotte, Asst. Professor, Africana Studies**
**Deadline: Screening begins December 11, 2011**

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte Department of Africana Studies
Assistant Professor, African Diaspora/Latin American Studies:

The Department of Africana Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position with specialization in the field of African Diaspora in Latin America to begin August 2012. The position is open to all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Applicants are required to have a Ph.D. at the time of appointment, show evidence of a strong potential for professional development as a scholar and teacher, and demonstrate commitment to promote diversity and community engagement as a value in the department and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Desired qualifications include interest in environment, health and/or digital humanities.

This hire is one of two new positions in the Africana Studies Department and the Department of History, as part of an initiative to enhance the study of Latin America and the African Diaspora in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The College currently houses and supports two scholarly associations dedicated to the study of Latin America and the African Diaspora with emphasis on culture, history, social policy, and entrepreneurship. More information about the department can be found at http://africana.uncc.edu/.

Screening of applications will begin December 11, 2011 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications must be made electronically at https://jobs.uncc.edu (position #1501) and should include a cover letter, CV, and a writing sample not to exceed 30 pages. Three letters of recommendation should be mailed separately to Chair, African Diaspora in Latin America Search Committee, Department of Africana Studies, UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223. Informal inquiries can be directed to the department chair, Professor Akin Ogundiran at ogundiran@uncc.edu or to the search committee chair at africana.studies@uncc.edu.

The University of North Carolina UNC Charlotte is an urban research university, an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, and an ADVANCE Institution.

**Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR)**
**Deadline: January 31, 2012**

Call for Applications 2012
http://www.swp-berlin.org/de/projekte/tapir/call-for-applications.html

The Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR) is open to candidates who recently received their doctorate in social and political sciences or economics and whose research focuses on topics of international relations and/or international peace and security issues. Fellowships are granted for a duration of 24 months to prepare Fellows for a career in policy-oriented and international research at renowned think tanks and political consulting research institutes. Fellows spend three eight-month stays at research institutions or think tanks participating in the program - at least one on the Eastern, and one on the Western side of the Atlantic.

To be eligible for the Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship, candidates should have successfully defended their Ph.D. by the start of the program (October 1st, 2012). Candidates must have a strong interest in working in a policy-oriented international environment and must demonstrate their ability to do so by previous international academic experience. Applicants must either be citizens of the U.S., Canada or Europe (in a broader geographical definition) OR must have resided in the U.S., Canada or Europe at least for two-and-a-half years in the five years before the application deadline.

Applications should contain
- A five-page research statement outlining the candidate's current and longer-term academic interests (research proposal). This does not have to be limited to transatlantic issues.
- A terse Curriculum Vitae with a list of principal publications (max. four pages in total). Please state your citizenship if you are U.S., Canadian or European citizen OR details about your residency there (see above).
- Two letters of recommendation (attached to your application or separately sent by your referee)

All files, including letters of recommendation, should be sent in PDF format to transatlanticfellowship(at)swp-berlin.org by February 01, 2012. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Successful candidates will be informed by May 2012.
Calls for Papers

[Editor’s Note: I have listed these in order of submission due dates.]

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2012
Submission Deadline: December 15, 2011
Theme: Representation and Renewal
August 30 - September 2, 2012, New Orleans, LA
For more information: http://www.apsanet.org/content_77049.cfm?navID=988

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania Presents an International Conference on Democracy Governance, and Curbing Corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa
Submission Deadline: January 31, 2012

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
In collaboration with THE AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (ACBC)
August 08-10, 2012 at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

The purpose of this conference is to bring together an international group of scholars and practitioners from diverse disciplines (economics, sociology, public administration, political economy, business, anthropology, law, political science, information technology, journalism, education, etc.) to collectively explore the multiple facets of the problems of democratic governance, particularly as they relate to corruption, and to suggest concrete strategies geared toward solving these problems in SSA.

For additional information including call for papers, registration and lodging, please visit the conference website at: http://www.cheyney.edu/international-anticorruption/index.cfm or contact Dr. Gedeon Mudacumura, gmudacumura@cheyney.edu, (215) 560-3896; Dr. Goktug Morcol, gxm27@psu.edu, (717) 948-6126, or Dr. Azuka Anyiam, acbcphilly@gmail.com, (610) 637-9284

The Journal of African Policy Studies (JOAPS)
The journal of African Policy Studies is a peer reviewed journal that publishes quality research articles, review essays, and research notes on a wide range of policy issues dealing with Africa. Articles should be sent to:

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Celebrating our 10th Anniversary!

On Friday, November 18, 2011, we had our APCG Social Event and Fundraiser for East African Famine Relief at the African Studies Association’s Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Held at the International Visions Gallery, the event featured artwork by Nigerian artist Stanley Osaheni Agbontaen, who studied at the Creative Art Academy (Benin City) and at the School of Art and Design at Auchi Polytechnic. Agbontaen’s work celebrates Nigeria’s resilient people and the beauty in their daily rituals, and the energy of its bustling urban centers and marketplaces. Also present was Oxfam’s Regional Policy Advisor for the Horn of Africa, Semhar Araia.

The gallery generously donated its space and the African Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University generously provided appetizers. Carl LeVan and Peter Lewis were the organizers of the event.

I just want to thank everyone involved for a truly memorable reception at ASA—our officers, the local arrangements committee led by Carl, Peter Lewis and SAIS, Oxfam, and the Gallery. You all made very special for me personally, and it touched me very deeply.

Cheers,
John Harbeson
APCG Founder

Peter VonDoepp, former APCG President, at the APCG Reception at ASA. Photo: Carl LeVan.

Susanna Wing on her lecture tour in Bamako.
Recent Publications

* Items submitted directly by members. All other references were discovered by the editor. Items in bold are items the editor neglected to include in the last newsletter! See the end of this section for more information on that selection process.

**Books**


**Edited Books**


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Journal Articles

Africa Review
Volume 3 (2).


African Affairs, Volume 110 (441)

Baz, Maria Eriksson, & Maria Stern. 2011. Whores, men, and other misfits: Undoing ‘feminization’ in the armed forces in the DRC. African Affairs, 110(441), 563-585.


African Journal of Political Science and International Relations
Volume 5 (8-9).


African Security
Volume 4 (3-4).


Democratization
Volume 18 (5).
Issue 5 was a Special Issue: Political Opposition and Democracy in Africa


Uddhammar, Emil, Elliott Green, & Johanna Söderström. 2011. Politi-
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Development and Change

*Volume 42 (4-5).*


Journal of African Law

*Volume 55 (02).*


Review of African Political Economy

*Volume 38 (130).*


South African Journal of International Affairs

*Volume 18 (3).*


Qi, Xinran. 2011. The rise of BASIC in UN climate change negotiations. *South African Journal of International Affairs, continued on page 14*
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Other Articles, Book Chapters, and Papers


Editor’s Note:

Books listed here were chosen by two general methods. First, all member submissions are included unless they are clearly inappropriate (which has yet to be the case). Second, the editor selects books published since the last newsletter or within the last year (if not listed in a prior newsletter) which are assessed to be of the most direct relevance to political scientists after review of—at minimum—the following sources: catalogs at major presses, including university presses such as Cambridge, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Indiana, MIT, Ohio, Oxford, Princeton and other important presses such as Lynne Rienner. Books are listed alphabetically by last name.

Articles were chosen by two general methods: member submissions and a review of the major periodicals in our field.

Any comments or suggestions are very welcome by the still-new editor. Already the list of periodicals surveyed is quite long, but if there is demand for more I will respond!
ASA Workshop

“Governance and Development: Rethinking and Reassessing Power Sharing and Decentralization in Africa.”
- Event sponsored by School of International Service at American University, USAID, and the ASA.

Patrick Hajayandi (APSA Africa Workshop Alum, Lecturer at Hope Africa University in Burundi) and Scott Gates (Director of the Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute Oslo) speaking about power sharing in Africa

Left to right: Carl LeVan (Asst Professor at American U), Imani Countess (ASA board member and NDI country director for Zimbabwe), Patrick, Scott

A full house.
Committees 2011 - 2012, & Other Officials

Best Book in 2011 Award
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