Research

Books

2026 *Death, Diversion, and Departure: Voter Exit and the Persistence of Autocracy in Zimbabwe* (Cambridge University Press) (simultaneous paperback)

Select Invited Book Talks - Title: When Voters Exit Authoritarianism Survives

- John Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC September 16, 2026
- Political Science Seminar, Melbourne University, Melbourne, Australia Aug 19
- Curtin University, Perth, Australia August 4
- University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg July 30
- Rhodes University, Mkhanda, Gqeberha, South Africa July 23

Select media interviews for *Death, Diversion and Departure*

- "Engaging Diaspora Votes", *Curious By Nature Podcast*, September 11
- When Voters Leave : Migration, Mortality, and the Survival of African Authoritarianism, *Development Discourse with Patrick Okigbo, Nextier*, online (streaming live in Abuja), June 24
- "Zimbabwe's Constitutional Bill Amendment 3". *Paul Ndiho Podcast,* June 5
- "Voter Exit and the Persistence of Authoritarianism in Zimbabwe", The Dr. Anotida Chikumbu Book Series, March 27

Select Peer-Reviewed Articles/Chapters

forthcoming "Historical and Contemporary Trends in African Migration," In *Oxford Companion to Migration,* ed. Abel. Chikanda

forthcoming The Use of the Judiciary as a Tool for Repression in Zimbabwe's Authoritarian Regime

2026 "The Bittersweet Chocolate: Historical and Contemporary Narratives", in Edvard Munch and the Chocolate Factory, eds. Ana María Brescian(2026). To accompany a special exhibition at the Munch Museum in Oslo that displays 12 monumental paintings known as the Freia Frieze.

2026 "Party Financing in Africa," in *Encyclopedia of African Politics*, eds. Kjær, A. M., Khisa, M., & Ndlovu, X. A. (Eds.). (2026). *Elgar Encyclopedia of African Politics*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing. Retrieved Mar 23, 2026, from **https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035309306**

2026 "Interventions to Addressing democratic frailties in Zimbabwe", *Brookings Institute*

2026 "The Price of the Party: How Finance Shapes Political Organization in Sub-Saharan Africa" (with Nicholas Cheeseman and Lise Rakner), in *Political Parties in the Global South,* ed. Lisa Storm (deGrubyter).

2025 "Understanding the evolution and state of democracy in Zimbabwe: When a coup is not called a coup" (with Miles Tendi), *Brookings Institution*

2023 "Zimbabwean Civil Society Survival in the Post-coup Environment: A Political Settlements Analysis" (with Shingirai Taodzera), *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, 1–21.

2022 "Should I Stay or Should I Go? Migratory Politics in Zimbabwe" (with K. Jain), *Brown Journal of World Affairs 29*, no. 1

Select Work in Progress

- How HIV and AIDS underdeveloped Africa and reshaped the role of global aid after PEPFAR. Learn more about the Global Oral Histories of PEPFAR here. First presentation of the work will be November 10th at SMU.
- Polarization:
    1. Can Third Spaces Reduce Voter Exit and Minimize Political Polarization: This project identifies voter exit as a mechanism that deepens political polarization. Polarization is defined as the growing divide between people either along ideological lines of identity politics. With a focus on college students at four campuses, I argue that third spaces can reduce the incentives for voter exit, encourage dialogue across differences and reduce polarization among young voters.

2. Polarization, Protest and Regime Stability (with Jessica Piombo): This project asks: when does polarization in Africa lead to sharp political shifts and destabilization, and when can governments weather domestic instability? Our research focuses on polarization and youth mobilization, with cases from Kenya, South Africa, and the Sahel.

- The Politics of Chocolate (title might change)- a project on the global imbalances in the chocolate industry driven by the question, why are cacao farmers poor and yet they are the backbone of a $4 billion dollar industry? Work presented at a workshop in Sweden, 2025
- The Political lives of African First Ladies – presentations done at Wellesley College, African Studies Association
- Academic Motherhood in the post-pandemic Era- part of an edited project, eds. Hannah Early Bagdanov