Chipo Dendere
Africana Studies
Wellesley College

## Academic Appointments

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| 2026 | Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Wellesley College |
| 2019–2026 | Assistant Professor of Africana Studies, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA (passed 3rd-year review) (Associate starting September 2025) |
| 2023–2024 | Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town |
| 2022 | Suzy Newhouse Fellow, Wellesley College |
| 2017–2019 | Consortium for Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Amherst College |
| 2015–2017 | Consortium for Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Gettysburg College |

## Education

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| 2016 | PhD, Political Science, Georgia State University<br>*Dissertation*: The Impact of Voter Exit on Party Survival: Evidence from Zimbabwe's ZANU PF<br>*Committee*: Daniel J. Young (Chair), Carrie Manning, Ryan Carlin |
| 2012 | MA, political science, Georgia State University |
| 2008 | BA, political science and psychology, Linfield College |

## Research

### Books

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

### Publications

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| 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 |
| 2021 | "The Impact of Money on African Politics: The Case of Zimbabwe," *Journal of Modern African Studies 59,* no. 30: 259–317. |

2021 "The Military and Citizen Engagement: A Case of Zimbabwean Politics," *Texas National Security Review.*

2020 "Tweeting to Democracy: A New Anti-Authoritarian Liberation Struggle in Africa," *Journal Cardernos De Estudos Africanos.*

2019 "The Impact of Voter Exit on Party Survival," in *Oxford Handbook of Zimbabwean Politics*, eds. Miles Tendi, Jocelyn Alexander, and JoAnn McGregor (Oxford University Press).

2019 "Using Semi-Structured Ethnographic Interviews to Study Politically Sensitive Topics with Immigrant Populations, in *SAGE Research Methods Cases*

2018 "Making North–South Collaborations Work" (with Jaimie Bleck and Boukary Sangaré), *PS: Political Science & Politics.*

2018 "Finding Women in the Zimbabwean Transition," *Meridians: Feminism, Race and Transnationalism.*

2018 "Quality Peace in Mozambique" (with Carrie Manning). In *Understanding Quality Peace: Peacebuilding after Civil War,* eds. John Darby and Madhav Joshi (Routledge).

2018 "Good Governance and Sustainable Development Challenges and Opportunities in Zimbabwe," in *Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Problems, Perspectives, and Prospects*, eds. Jennifer De Maio, Suzanne Scheld and Mintesnot Woldemanuel (Routledge).

**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

**Workshopped Papers in Progress (select)**

2026 Where Have the Voters Gone? An attempt at explaining decline in youth participation

2023 "Tender Sisterhood in the Struggle of Winnie Mandela," presented at Colloquium: Women's Friendships as Political History, University of Cape Town

2023 "Using RCTs to Study the Impact of Social Media on Voter Mobilization, funded by grants from NDI (awarded $90,000), IPA Peace and Recovery

2022 *Politics in the Digital Media: Zimbabwe's Non-coup,* presented at the American Political Science Association and the African Studies Association

2019 *Politics in the Digital Media: Zimbabwe's Non-coup,* presented at the American Political Science Association and the African Studies Association

2019 *When Do Governments Ban the Internet?* presented at the American Political Science Association

2020 "Why Do Poor Voters Support the Incumbent: Unpacking the Rural Urban Voter Divide in African Elections" (with Daniel Young),

2020 *Urban-Rural Differences in Voter Preferences among African Voters,* University of Cape Town Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper Series

2018 *Overwhelming Support for Democracy among the Zimbabwean Electorate*. Zimbabwe Center of Mass Public Opinion Working Paper Series

**Book Reviews (select)**

2024 *Shouting in a Cage: Political Life after Authoritarian Co-optation in North Africa* (Vol. 100, No. 5, pp. 2279–80). Oxford University Press[Book review]

*2021* "Migration and Development in Africa: Trends, Challenges and Policy Implications," *Journal of Modern African Studies* [Book review]

*2021* "Understanding Zimbabwe from Liberation to Authoritarianism," *Journal of the International African Institute* [Book review]

*2021* "Worldmaking after Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination, *National Review of Black Politics* [Book review]

*2019* "The Struggle Over State Power in Zimbabwe: Law and Politics since 1950 by George Hamandishe Karekwaivanane," *The Journal of Modern African Studies* [Book review]

2018 "Understanding Zimbabwe: From Liberation to Authoritarianism by Sara Rich Dorman," *Africa 88,* no. 3: 620–21 [Book review]

**Grants, Awards, and Fellowships**

2026 Black Excellence Faculty Award Winner, Wellesley College

2025-2026 Faculty Fellow, Albright Institute

2025-2026 Faculty Fellow, Social Science Summer Research Program

2024–2025 "Faculty and Student Dialogue" Faculty Fellow, Pluralism and PLTS Initiative

2025–2026 Maurer Public Speaking in Instruction Grant, Wellesley College,

2024–2026 faculty Fellow, Hillary Rodham Clinton Center (HRCC)

2025 Paulson Initiative Class Grant, "Unpacking the Evolution of Diversity at Wellesley College."

2024–2025 "The World Is Running Out of Chocolate," Albright Institute

2024 "The State of Democracy in Africa," The Brookings Institution, $10,000

2023 Institutional travel grant, Wellesley College, $3,000

2023 Short-term research grant, American Association of University Women, $8,000

2023 "From the University to the Field: North and South Collaboration with Practical Pedagogy for Production, Commercialization, and Transformation of Cocoa" (with colleagues from Antonio José Camacho University Institution, Cali, Colombia), 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant, USAID, $25,000

2023 Whiting Foundation Grant to study cacao and chocolate production in Ghana

2022 Wellesley College Knapp Social Science Center Summer Grant, $1000 for faculty and over $8,000 for research assistants

2022 "Democracy Evaluation in Authoritarian Regimes" (with Lauren Young, UC Davis), USAID, $100,000

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| 2022 | Wellesley College Institutional Development Grant, $5,000 |
| 2022 | Newhouse Fellow Summer Grant, Wellesley College |
| 2022 | Maura Public Speaking in Instruction Grant, Wellesley College |
| 2020 | Wellesley College Knapp Social Science Center Summer Grant, $1000 for faculty and over $8,000 for research assistants |
| 2019 | "Literature Review on Social Media and Democracy in Africa" (with Tanja Bosch, University of Cape Town, and Admire Mare, Namibia University of Science and Technology), Social Science One; funded by Kofi Annan Foundation, Facebook, Carnegie Foundation, and other partners |
| 2018 | Workshop on Universal Design Teaching and Learning grant, Amherst College, Amherst, MA |
| 2017–2018 | Gregory S. Call Summer Research Award, Amherst College, Amherst, MA |
| 2017–2018 | Lamont Speaker Series Award, Amherst College, Amherst, MA |
| 2016 | Faculty Research Professional Development Grant, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA |
| 2016 | Teaching Improvement Grant, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA |
| 2015 | Dissertation Completion Grant, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA |
| 2012–2013 | Dissertation Research Grant, Center for Economic Risk and Research, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga |

**Invited Book Talks and Events :** Death, Diversion and Departure: Voter Exit and the Persistence of Authoritarianism in Zimbabwe, Cambridge (2026)

**Book Talk Title: When Voters Exit Authoritarianism Survives**

2026

- 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
- Death, Diversion and Departure & Making Democracy Count (with Ismar Volic), Wellesley Books, Wellesley, MA June 24
- Southern Methodist University, Dalla, TX April 23
- Walter Rodney Seminar, Boston University, April 6
- William and Mary University, Williamsburg, VA March 27
- Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA, March 26
- Hamden-Sydney College, Farmville, VA (one of three remaining all male) March 25
- Butler University, Indiana (virtual), March 19
- Amherst College, Amherst,MA March 5
- Smith College, Northampton,MA March 4
- Portland State University, OR February 18
- Linfield University, OR, February 16 (Presidential Lecture)
- U.C. Davis, CA, February 13
- U.C. Berkeley, CA, February 12
- Stanford University, CA, February 11
- Pomona College, CA, February 10
- Wellesley College, MA, February 5

Podcast and other media Appearances for Death, Diversion and Departure (2026)
2026

- "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

**Invited Lectures, Symposia, and Conference Presentations**

2026 African Students Association, Melbourne University, Melbourne, Australia Aug 18 (With Dr. Ama Baafra Abeberese and Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson)
2026 Africa Summit, Washington DC, June 16
2026 Still We Rise: 40 Years of Africana Studies at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA
2026 Authoritarianism and Resistance, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA (with Dr. Rudolph, Dr. Posner and Dr. Jakli)
2026 Democratic Trends in a Global Age of Digital Disruption. Center for African Smart Value Governance (C4SP) Lesson Learned (with Nic Cheeseman and Joseph Asuka)
2025 Democratic Trends in a Global Age of Digital Disruption. Center for African Smart Value Governance (C4SP)
2025 Electoral Carnage: What's Next for Tanzania's Democracy and Nationhood? African Studies Center, U.C. Berkeley
2025 "From Gucci Grace to Comrade Grace: How Grace Mugabe reshaped Zimbabwean Politics", *Political Autobiographies and The African Intellectual Tradition*, African Studies Association Conference (ASA), Atlanta, GA (panel organizer and co-chair)
2025 "Against Decolonization", A conversation with Olufemi Taiwo, Pluralism Initiative, Wellesley College
2025 "We The People: Finding Common Purpose", Hillary Rodham Clinton Center Summit, Wellesley College (Faculty Panel)
2025 "Leadership in a Fragmented World: The Soft Power of Mothers in Peace Building", Kenner Lecture, Albright Institute, a Conversation with Hauwa Ibrahim
2025 "The Risky Chocolate Industry" *Recent Developments in the Economics of Risk*, Stockholm, Sweden
2025 "SSRP Faculty Research Presentation", SSRP Summer 2025, Wellesley College
2025 "Living under Authoritarianism," Agora Faculty–Student Panel, Wellesley College
2025 "Why Is the World Running Out of Chocolate," Albright Faculty–Student Research Panel
2024 HRCC Faculty Research Panel
2024 *Migration Premium for Authoritarian Survival: When Voters Leave, the Regime Survives*, Southern Association of Political Science Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR
2024 *Migration and Autocratic Survival: The Exit Premium,* American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
2024 "When Voters Leave, Democracy Dies." *Journal of Southern African Studies* 50th symposium, University of Cape Town, South Africa
2024 Young African Research Network, Stanford University (via Zoom)
2024 "The Politics of Chocolate," University of Technology, Lagos, Nigeria
2024 "The Changes in the Cacao Industry," Cali, Colombia
2023 "Africa's First 'First' Ladies," Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa
2023 "The Death and Dearth of Democrats," University of Cape Town, South Africa
2023 "A Conversation on Zimbabwe's 2023 Election," Witts University, Johannesburg, South Africa
2022 "How to shape your academic career as an African student in the United States", Young African Research Network (YARN) (via Zoom)
2022 "When and Why do governments in Africa and elsewhere routinely shut down the Internet on their citizens?", African Studies Center, Stanford University (via Zoom)

2022 "Psychology of Authoritarianism," Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
2022 Social and expressive incentives to vote in a hybrid regime: Research designs of two field experiments in Zimbabwe. Newhouse Center, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA (via Zoom)
2022 "This is NOT a Coup: Even if it looks like one", Africa Interest Group of the International Society of Public Law (ICON.S. (via Zoom)
2022 USA-AFRICA Leaders' Summit Academic Review (via Zoom)
2022 Lab for Democratic Renewal Workshop, Open Society for Africa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (via Zoom)
2022 "Contemporary Politics Broad Issues in Africa and the Middle East", University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN (via Zoom)
2022 *Pre-Analysis Plan Social and Expressive Incentives to Vote in a Hybrid Regime: Research Designs of Two Field Experiments in Zimbabwe* (with Lauren Young), American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada
2022 *Voter Exit and Regime Survival: Zimbabwe, the AIDS/HIV Pandemic, and Migration. When Voters Exit, the Regime Stays*, Edinburgh University Book Workshop, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
2021 "Global cooperation around the use of technology", Albright institute, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA (via Zoom)
2021 Book manuscript chapter workshop, Wellesley College Junior Faculty Working Group (via Zoom)
2021 "Encountering Contemporary African Politics", Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (via Zoom)
2020 Feminist and Accessible Publishing and Communication Technologies Speaker, McGill University, Montreal, Canada [via Zoom]
2020 "Manipulation of crisis for party survival", Political Parties in Africa Conference, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa (via Zoom)
2020 "Data the Good, Bad, Ugly and Beyond Western Borders", Plenary on Data and Privacy, Big Survey Conference 2020, Place, Netherlands [via Zoom]
2021 Zimbabwe at 40 Panelist, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
2020 Africa Day Panelist, University of Massachusetts Lowell, MA
2019 "Presidential online Dialogue and Citizen engagement- An analysis of how African leaders use social media" International Studies Association (ISA) (CANCELLED PANDEMIC)
2019 *Populist and propaganda communication by digital means: presidential Twitter by African leaders,* African Studies Association, Boston, MA
2019 "What you see is not a coup: Fake News a real threat to African Politics", AFRICOM, Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany
2019 *Fake News and gendered attacks on African women: We Like Our Women Pretty, We Don't Like to hear them Speak,* The National Conference of **Black Political Scientists** (NCOBPS), Boston Rouge, LA, CA
2019 "Violence as a survival strategy in post independence Zimbabwe", Southern Methodist University, TX
2019 "Social Media and Protets", African Studies Center, University of Boston, Boston, MA
2019 Facebook Inquiry on the Impact of Social Media on Women of Color, Facebook HQ, NY
2018 Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges Faculty Workshop Program
2018 "Zimbabwe after Mugabe," U.S. Subcommittee on Africa, Washington DC
2019 "African Politics in the Digital Age", Political Science Linfield College, McMinnville, OR
2018 *We Like Our Women Pretty, We Don't Like to hear them Speak, Women in Zimbabwean Politics,* African Caribbean Conference, Barbados (Virtual)
2018 "How Social Media is shaping African Domestic Politics", Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany
2018 "Understanding Zimbabwe's Coup in the Context of Fake News", British Zimbabwe Society Research Day, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom

2018 "Remittances and Authoritarianism", African Studies Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

2018 "Coups and the Internet", Political Science and African Studies Joint Invitation, U.C. Davis, CA

2018 "The Zimbabwean Coup that was NOT a Coup", Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

2018 "Zimbabwe's First Lady, Grace Mugabe and the Army Generals and the NOT coup", Baraza Lecture Series, African Studies Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2017 *No Money. No Democracy. Money and Politics in African Elections.* Kellogg Institute's Africa Working Group, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

2017 *Tweeting their way to Democracy: a new anti-authoritarian liberation struggle in Africa* University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

2017 "Change in Zimbabwe: Reflections on the Not-Coup Coup" Canadian Association of African Studies Conference, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (Virtual)

2017 "Africa: Imagining new frontiers for collaboration". Panel. Harvard African Development Conference. Cambridge, MA

2017 "What is happening in Zimbabwe?" Voice of America Town Hall Panel, Washington DC

2017 *No Money. No Democracy. Money and Politics in African Elections.* African Studies Association, Chicago, IL

2017 *Miracle Money, Miracle Babies and Doom to Politics: Pentecostalism and Authoritarian rule* North-Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT

2017 *When do Authoritarian Regimes Ban the Internet?* American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA

2016 *The Impact of Migration on Party Survival: Evidence from Zimbabwe's ZANU PF* North-Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT

2016 *iDemocratize: Democratizing Africa one tweet at a time.* American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA

2016 *Evaluating the impact of remittances on democracy: Evidence from Zimbabwe.* Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

2015 *The Impact of Migration on Party Survival: Evidence from Zimbabwe's ZANU PF* African Studies Association, San Diego, CA

2014 Seventh Annual NYU-CESS (New York University Center for Experimental and Social Sciences) Conference on Experimental Political Science

2014 *Election Violence and the Survival of ZANU PF 2000-2013,*24TH European Consortium for Political Science Research (ECPR), Leuphana University, Luneburg, Germany

2014 *Understanding Risk Attitudes and Political Participation in a high and low risk political context: Evidence from Zimbabwe and Zambia*, North-Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT

2014 *The paper evaluates the strategies of violence and peace as they are used by incumbents using, the case of Zimbabwe's 2013 election*, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

2014 *The impact of voter exit on party survival: Evidence from ZANU PF*
*A study on the impact of emigration on survive of parties.* Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
*Evidence of Voter Coordination from a Field Experiment in Zimbabwe.* Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

2013 *The Impact of Voter Exit on the Survival of Political Parties.* African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD

2013 2013 Mini-Conference for Women of Color in Political Science. APSA.

2011 *How do Africans Choose?* Poster Session. American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA

2010 "What explains the rural and urban divide in support for ZANU PF", Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL

## Teaching

2021 The Politics of Chocolate and Other Foods
2022 Calderwood Seminar: Pandemics and Black Bodies
2022 Unpacking Blackness: The Politics of Race in the Black Diaspora
2019 Introduction to African Politics: The Impact of Globalization on Africa and the Caribbean
2018 Comparative Politics of Race and Identity in Africa
2018 Globalization in Africa
2016 Democracy, Elections, and Voting Behavior in the Developing World
2015 Introduction to African Politics

**Knowledge Exchange and Impact**

2025 Wellesley Week of Chocolate in Partnership with Bioko Chocolate
2025 Community Engagement and Advocacy Team, Transparency in Africa, Middle East and Türkiye Program, Meta
2024– State of Democracy in Africa Expert Working Group, The Brookings Institution
202–2024 Democracy Expert Working Group, National Democracy Institute
2018 Chair, Africa Committee, Facebook Election Research Commission
2015 Consultant, World Bank
2008-09 Researcher, Oxfam

**Public Engagement and Service**

***Selected Op-Eds and Media, Podcast Appearances***

2026

- Interview on Zimbabwe Parliament Debate, Constitutional Amendment 3, Ndio Media
- Interview on anti-Immigrant Protests in South Africa, ENCA, May 25
- Interview on Immigrant Protests South Africa, ENCA
- Interview on political participation with Wellesley College Media, May 17
- Book Review, A Thoughtful Reframing of Voter Exit, by Wellesley News, April 16
- Interview on Voter Exit and Authoritarianism on Dr. Anotida Chikumbu Book Series, March 27
- Interview on Africa Migration and Politics with Positively Africana, April 17

2025

- "History Warns us about the danger of Trump's brain train."(with Kellie Carter Jackson)*Time.com*
- "Who really discovered Victoria Falls: The world's greatest waterfall" (interview) *TRT Africa*
- "Lessons with Western Engagement in Zimbabwe", *Brookings Institute*
- [Op-Ed]"Zimbabwe 45 Years after Independence," *Australian Outlook* [Op-Ed]

2024 Interview on Voter Exit with Wellesley College Media, June 17
2024 Political expert, Studio 7, *Voice of America*
2023 Multiple appearances on *Voice of America*
2022 Guest, "Mugabe the Scholar," *Real Dictators* [Podcast]
2021 Book Review: "Migration and Development in Africa: Trends, Challenges and Policy Implications," *Journal of the International African Institute.*
2021 Book Review: "Understanding Zimbabwe from Liberation to Authoritarianism," *Journal of Modern African Studies.*
2020 Coronavirus Versus Democracy: 5 Countries Where Emergency Powers Risk Abuse, *The Conversation* [Op-Ed]
2019 "The Complicated Legacy of Robert Mugabe," *CGTN* [Interview]
2018 "What's Next for Zimbabwe's Opposition, *Al Jazeera* [Op-Ed]
2018 "Robert Mugabe's First Appearance since the November 2017 Coup, *Al Jazeera* [Interview]

2018 "Thinking of President Trump's Comments on Africa," *CNN International* [Interview]
2017 "Is Emmerson Mnangagwa the Right Man to Lead Zimbabwe Right Now, *CNN International* [Interview]
2017 "To Understand the Coup in Zimbabwe, You Need to Know More about Grace Mugabe," Monkey Cage, *Washington Post*
2017 "Robert Mugabe's Lucky Break: He Had Grace to Act as a Lightning Rod." *The Guardian* [Interview]
2017 "Mugabe to Mnangagwa: A real change?" *Euronews* [Interview]
2017 "Mugabe is What Happens When an Authoritarian Regime Abides by Its Constitution, Monkey Cage, *Washington Post*
2017 "What's Next for Zimbabwe?" *Slate Magazine* [Interview]
2017 "Zimbabwe Created a New Ministry to Monitor Social Media—But Most Zimbabweans Don't Want Government Monitoring," Monkey Cage, *Washington Post*

***Professional Service and Activities***

***Editorial leadership***

2026- Editorial Member, *African Affairs*
2026- Associate Editor, *Africa Spectrum*
2026- Associate Editor, *Journal of African Elections (JAE)*
2024– Editorial Advisory Board, *European Journal of Politics and Gender*

***Editorial Review ****Journals reviewed for
2026 Third World Quarterly, African Affairs, African Security, Journal of Politics, Perspectives in Politics

***Other Service***

2026 PhD Thesis Review for Rhodes University, South Africa
2024– Subject expert, Democracy Trends, Centre for African Smart Public Value Governance
2025 Subdivision Program Chair for African Politics, American Political Science Association
2022-2025 Committee member, Women's Caucus, African Studies Association
2023– Advisory Board, Democracy Works
2018– Chair, Africa subcommittee, Social Science One, Facebook Academia Initiative
2018– Treasurer, African Politics Conference Group
2018–2021 Planning Committee member, North-Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa
2018 Awards Committee member, African Politics Conference Group