Carolyn E. Holmes
Curriculum Vita

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Academic Positions
Fall 2016-Pres.  Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration,
Affiliated Faculty in the African American Studies Program
Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi

2015-2016  Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Summer 2015  Visiting Assistant Professor of International Relations
Webster University, Accra, Ghana

Education:
Ph.D., Indiana University, Bloomington  2007-2015
Department of Political Science
  Primary Field: Comparative Politics
  Secondary Field: Political Philosophy
  Minor: African Studies
  Dissertation Title: The Black and White Rainbow: Reconciliation, Opposition and Nation
Building in Democratic South Africa

B.A., Honors, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana  2002-2006
Political Science and African History
Honors Thesis: Exploring the Disconnect: AIDS in South Africa in an Age of Information

Research Interests:
State Legitimacy; Southern Africa; Post-Conflict Reconciliation; Nationalism; Gender and Race
Theories; Political Ethnography and Qualitative Methods; Nation Building

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:
Holmes, Carolyn E. 2019. “The Politics of ‘Non-Political’ Activism in Democratic South

Holmes, Carolyn E. 2019. “Conventions, Courts, and Communities: Gender Equity, CEDAW
and Religious Personal Law in India.” Journal of Asian and African Studies, May,
0021909619846535.


**Book Chapters:**

**Popular Media:**


**Invited Online Publications:**


**Book Manuscript, Under Contract:**

**Abstract:**
Nation-building imperatives compel citizens to focus on what makes them similar and what binds them together, forgetting what makes them different. Democratic institution building, on the other hand, requires fostering opposition through conducting multi-party elections and encouraging debate. Leaders of democratic factions, like parties or interest groups, can consolidate their power by emphasizing difference. But when held in tension, these two impulses—toward remembering difference and forgetting it, between focusing on unity and encouraging division—are mutually constitutive of sustainable democracy. Based on ethnographic and interview-based fieldwork conducted in 2012-2013, the book explores various themes of nation- and democracy-building, including the emotional and banal content of symbols of the post-apartheid state, the ways that gender and race condition nascent nationalism, the public performance of nationalism and other group-based identities, integration and sharing of space, language diversity, and the role of democratic functioning including party politics and modes of opposition. Each of these thematic chapters aims to explicate a feature of the multifaceted nature of identity-building, and link the South African case to broader literatures on both nationalism and democracy.

**Publications Under Review:**


**Grants, Fellowships and Awards:**
American Political Science Association Women’s Research Mentoring Workshop Participant, October 2018

Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher of the Year, 2018, Mississippi State University Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Katherine C. Greenough Award for Outstanding Dissertation, Indiana University Department of Political Science, 2016


Institute for International Education and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship for Overseas Study, 2012-2013
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research Scholar, IQMR Consortium, June 13-24, 2011

Fulbright-Hays Graduate Program Abroad, Advanced Zulu Language, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, Summer 2008

Dean’s First Year Fellowship, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2007-2008

Selected Conference Participation:


Presenter. “‘We don’t do politics. We are Activists”: The Rejection of the Political and the Culture of South African Democracy” Presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016, Philadelphia, PA.


Presenter. “We don’t do politics. We are Activists”: The Rejection of the Political and the Culture of South African Democracy” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2015.


Teaching Experience

Mississippi State University (Starkville, Mississippi)
- African Politics Undergraduate/Graduate Course
- Third World Politics Undergraduate/Graduate Course
- Comparative Government Undergraduate Course

Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pennsylvania)
- Comparative Politics Undergraduate Course
- Third World Politics Undergraduate Course
- Nationalism: East and West Undergraduate Course

Webster University (Accra, Ghana)
- Nationalism Graduate Course
- Research Methods Graduate Course

Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana)
- Pols of Gender & Sexuality Undergraduate Course

Other Academic/Research Experience:
Research Assistant to Dr. Jean Robinson, Summer 2010-May 2012, June 2013-May 2015
Comparative Politics Editorial Assistant, Perspectives on Politics, a journal of the American Political Science Association, 2008-2010

**Service to the Discipline:**
Contributing Editor, Journal for Contemporary History/Joernaal vir Eietydse Geskiedenis.


**Research Skills:**
Languages:
- *isiZulu* - Advanced Written and Spoken Proficiency 8 semesters of classes and 12+ months of immersion experience
- *Afrikaans* - Intermediate Written and Spoken Proficiency 4 semesters of private tutoring, and 7+ months immersion experience
- *Spanish* - Intermediate Written and Spoken Proficiency 10 semesters of classes
- *French* - Basic Written and Spoken Proficiency 4 semesters of classes

Data Analysis:
- Statistical Methods- OLS, MLE
  - Programs: Stata, Excel

Qualitative Methods and Field Ethics Training
- Programs: Atlas.ti
- Methodological Expertise: Interview Methods, Ethnography, Open-ended survey, Ordinary language interviewing, Discourse analysis