

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, School of International Relations, University of Southern California,
2016 – present.

National Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 2015 – 2016.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford
University, 2014 – 2016.

Graduate Fellow, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, 2013 – 2014.

Education

Ph.D., Government, Harvard University, 2014.

Dissertation: “Inside Autocracy: Political Survival and the Modern Prince.”

Committee: Robert Bates, Steve Levitsky, and James Robinson.

A.M., International Relations (with Honors), The University of Chicago, 2007.

J. William Fulbright Scholarship to Senegal, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, 2001 – 2002.

B.A., Political Science and French Language (with Honors), Virginia Military Institute, 2001.

Book Manuscripts in Progress

Fighting for Citizens’ Minds: Political Institutions and Autocratic Propaganda. (With Erin B. Carter) Manuscript review conference: December 1, 2017.

Expected submission to Cambridge University Press: March 2019.

Autocracy 2.0: Subverting Democracy in Modern Africa.

Manuscript review conference: Anticipated Winter 2020.

Articles

- Carter, Brett L. and Mai O. Hassan. Forthcoming. "Regional Governance in Divided Societies: Evidence from Congo and Kenya." *Journal of Politics*.
- Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. 2018. "Propaganda and Electoral Constraints in Autocracies." *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter* 28(2):11-18.
- Carter, Brett L. 2018. "Autocrats versus Activists in Africa." *Journal of Democracy* 29(1): 54-68.
- Carter, Brett L. 2016. "The Struggle Over Term Limits in Africa: How International Pressure Can Help." *Journal of Democracy* 27(3): 36-50.
- Carter, Brett L. 2016. "Repression and Foreign Aid in Autocracies: Exploiting Day-Level Shocks in Post-Cold War Africa." *AidData Working Paper Series #29*.

Under Review

- Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. "Propaganda and Protest: Evidence from Post-Cold War Africa." Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Expected Resubmission February 2019.
- Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. "Autocratic Propaganda in Global Perspective." Under Review at *American Political Science Review*.
- Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. "Pro-Democracy Anniversaries as Focal Moments: The Calendar of Popular Protest in China." Under Review at *Comparative Political Studies*.
- Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. "When Autocrats Threaten Citizens With Violence: Evidence from China." Under Review at *World Politics*.
- Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. "Questioning More: RT, America, and the Post-West World Order." Under Review at *Journal of Politics*.
- Carter, Brett L. "Can Western Donors Constrain Repressive Governments? Evidence from Debt Relief Negotiations in Africa's Autocracies." Under Review at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Working Papers in Circulation

- Carter, Erin B., Brett L. Carter, and James D. Fearon. "Is American Media Parochial? Evidence from the *New York Times*, 1940-2017." Expected Submission September 2019.
- Carter, Erin B., Brett L. Carter, and Hector Reyes. "Comparing Print and Television Propaganda: Methodological and Substantive Differences." Expected Submission August 2019.

Policy, General Interest, and Reference Work

- Carter, Brett L. 2018. "The Republic of Congo." In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy,*

- and Society South of the Sahara in 2017*, ed. Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber, and Klaas van Walraven. Leiden: Brill, 223-229.
- Carter, Brett L. 2018. "Central African activists strike back against kleptocrats. *Power 3.0*: <https://www.power3point0.org/2018/01/16/central-african-activists-strike-back-against-authoritarian-kleptocrats/>.
- Carter, Brett L. 2017. "The Republic of Congo." In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy, and Society South of the Sahara in 2016*, ed. Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber, and Klaas van Walraven. Leiden: Brill, 219-224.
- Carter, Brett L. 2017. "Something is happening in Congo-Brazzaville. *African Arguments*. <http://africanarguments.org/2017/06/20/something-is-happening-in-congo-brazzaville/>.
- Carter, Brett L. 2017. "Congo President's embarrassing attempt to ingratiate himself to Donald Trump." *Africa is a Country*. Available at <http://africasacountry.com/2017/01/congo-president-denis-sassou-nguessos-embarrassing-attempt-to-ingratiate-himself-to-donald-trump/>.
- Carter, Brett L. 2016. "Republic of Congo government blames non-existent militia for attack, wages war on citizens." *African Arguments*. <http://africanarguments.org/2016/04/19/republic-of-congo-government-blames-non-existent-militia-for-attack-wages-war-on-citizens/>.
- Carter, Brett L. 2016. "President Sassou Nguesso prepares for final stage of his constitutional coup: elections in the Republic of Congo." *African Arguments*. <http://africanarguments.org/2016/03/16/president-sassou-nguessou-prepares-for-final-stage-of-his-constitutional-coup-elections-in-the-republic-of-congo/>.
- Carter, Brett L. 2016. "The Republic of Congo." In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy, and Society South of the Sahara in 2015*, ed. Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber, and Klaas van Walraven. Leiden: Brill, 217-222.
- Carter, Brett L. 2015. "The Economy of the Republic of Congo." In *Africa South of the Sahara, 2014*, ed. Iain Frame. London: Routledge.
- Carter, Brett L. 2015. "The Republic of Congo." In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy, and Society South of the Sahara in 2014*, ed. Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber, and Klaas van Walraven. Leiden: Brill, 218-223.
- Carter, Brett L. 2014. "The Republic of Congo." In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy, and Society South of the Sahara in 2013*, ed. Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber, and Klaas van Walraven. Leiden: Brill, 227-232.
- Carter, Brett L. and John F. Clark. 2013. "Congo, Republic of (Congo Brazzaville)." In *Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies*, ed. Thomas Spear. New York: Oxford University Press. Available at <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199846733/obo-9780199846733-0114.xml>.

Carter, Brett L. 2013. "The Republic of Congo." In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy, and Society South of the Sahara in 2012*, ed. Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber, and Klaas van Walraven. Leiden: Brill, 225-230.

Carter, Brett L. 2012. "The Political Economy of Market Integration in the Republic of Congo." The World Bank.

External Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

"The Project on Foreign Money in American Politics," National Science Foundation. Submitted September 2018. Pending. Value: \$348,000.

Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar, United States Institute of Peace, 2012-2013. Value: \$35,000.

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2011-2012. Value: \$35,000.

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2011-2012. Value: \$12,000.

Internal Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

"The Project on Foreign Money in American Politics," USC Zumberge Junior Faculty Grant. Submitted January 2019. Pending. Value: \$30,000.

CIS Faculty Research Grant, University of Southern California, 2018-2019.

CIS Faculty Research Grant, University of Southern California, 2017-2018.

CIS Faculty Research Grant, University of Southern California, 2016-2017.

Samuel P. Huntington Research Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA), 2012-2014.

Samuels Family Research Fellow, WCFIA, 2011-2012.

Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Harvard University, 2011.

Graduate Associate, WCFIA, 2010-2014.

Graduate Associate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), 2008-2014.

Mid-Dissertation Grant, WCFIA, Harvard University, 2010-2013.

IQSS Research Grant, Harvard University, 2009-2013.

Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy, IQSS, Harvard University, 2009-2010.

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2009.

Pre-dissertation Fellowship, Graduate Society, Harvard University, 2009.

IQSS Travel Grant, Harvard University, 2008.

Five-year Graduate Fellowship, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2007-2012.

University Scholarship, The University of Chicago, 2005-2007.

Invited Research Presentations

"Autocrats versus Activists in Africa"

Ghana Center for Democratic Development, February 2018.

National Endowment for Democracy (NED), September 2017.

International Forum for Democratic Studies, NED, September 2017.

Center for Armenian Studies, USC, September 2016.

“Politics in the Republic of Congo”

U.S. Department of State, May 2017.

Stanford University, March 2015.

Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Congo, July 2010.

“Autocratic Propaganda in Global Perspective”

Text Analysis for Asian Languages and Beyond, USC, January 2019.

Stanford University, May 2017.

New Directions in Text as Data, Northeastern University, October 2016.

University of Southern California, November 2016.

“When Autocrats Threaten Citizens With Violence: Evidence from China”

University of Southern California, September 2018.

“Propaganda and Protest”

New York University, October 2016.

University of Southern California, October 2016.

“Pro-Democracy Anniversaries as Focal Moments: The Calendar of Popular Protest in China”

University of Southern California, April 2018.

“Can Western Donors Constrain Repressive Governments? Evidence from Debt Relief Negotiations in Africa’s Autocracies”

University of Southern California, March 2016.

“Social Institutions and the Politics of Stigma in Autocracies”

Mount Holyoke College, October 2015.

Princeton University, October 2015.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 2013.

Virginia Military Institute, November 2013.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 2011.

“Regional Governance in Divided Societies: Evidence from Congo and Kenya”

University of Southern California, March 2018.

Yale University, April 2014.

“Armed Rebel Groups in Central Africa”

United States Africa Command and the Naval Postgraduate School, October 2014.

Conference Presentations

“Autocratic Propaganda in Global Perspective”

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, Austin, January 2019.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2018.

“When Autocrats Threaten Citizens With Violence: Evidence from China”

APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2018.

Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2018.

“Regional Governance in Divided Societies: Evidence from Congo and Kenya”

APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2018.

MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2015.

“Is American Media Parochial? Evidence from *The New York Times*, 1940-2017”

Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2017.

“Propaganda and Protest”

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, April 2016.

“The Politics of Hope: A Theory of Elite Recruitment in Autocratic Africa”

APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, August 2014.

MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2014.

“Of Pennies and Protests: Using Big Data to Understand Foreign Investment and State Repression”

APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, August 2014.

“Social Institutions and the Politics of Stigma in Autocracies”

APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2013.

“To Shuffle or Not to Shuffle: A Theory of Elite Tenure in Autocracies”

APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2013.

Professional Service

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Food, Polict*, *Geopolitics*, and *Journal of Modern African Studies*.

Co-Organizer, Mini-Conference on Autocratic Politics, WPSA Annual Meeting, April 2019.

I routinely provide expert testimony for asylum hearings from petitioners from the Republic of Congo. A complete list is available upon request.

Departmental and University Service

Advisory Committee, School of International Relations (SIR), USC, August 2017-July 2018.

Junior Faculty Search Committee, SIR, USC, August 2018-December 2018.

Faculty Participant, CIS Working Paper Series, August 2016-present.

Faculty Participant, Comparative Politics Workshop, August 2018-present.

Co-PI, Lab on Non-Democratic Politics, August 2016-present.

Research Advisor, USC.

Brian Knafou (dissertation committee): March 2017-present.

Lisa de Rafols (undergraduate research symposium): February 2018-May 2018.

Eva Isakovic (undergraduate research symposium): February 2018-May 2018.

Samantha Archie (honors thesis): July 2017-May 2018.

Jacob Tucker (honors thesis): July 2017-May 2018.

Executive Committee, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University,
2013-2014.

References

Robert H. Bates
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