

# 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) A manuscript review conference occurred on December 1, 2017.

Expected submission to Cambridge University Press, March 2018.

*Autocracy 2.0: Subverting Democracy in Modern Africa.*

A manuscript review conference has been tentatively scheduled for Spring 2019.

### Articles

Carter, Brett L. 2018. "The Emerging Battle Lines in Central Africa's Autocracies." *Journal of Democracy* Forthcoming.

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 and Circulated Working Papers

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 January 2018.

Carter, Brett L. and Mai O. Hassan. "Constructing Internal Security Apparatuses in Autocracies: Evidence from Congo and Kenya." Expected submission Spring 2018.

Carter, Erin B., Brett L. Carter, and James D. Fearon. "Is American Media Parochial? Evidence from *The New York Times*, 1940-2017." Expected submission Spring 2018.

Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. "Focal Moments and Regime Crimes: The Calendar of Collective Action in China." Expected submission Spring 2018.

Carter, Erin B. and Brett L. Carter. "Chinese Propaganda Decreases Popular Protest." Expected submission Spring 2018.

Angulo, Megan, Erin B. Carter, and Brett L. Carter. "How do Autocracies Cover Corruption?" Expected submission Fall 2018.

### Policy, General Interest, and Reference Work

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-nguesso-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.

### **Invited Talks**

- "Chinese Propaganda Decreases Popular Protest," Mini-Conference on Non-Democratic Politics, March 2018.
- "Cultivating the Appearance of Neutrality," Stanford University, May 2017.
- "The Emerging Battle Lines in Central Africa's Autocracies," National Endowment for Democracy, September 2017.

“The Globalization of Venality: Kleptocracy’s Corrosive Impact on Democracy,” National Endowment for Democracy, September 2017.

“Politics in the Republic of Congo,” U.S. Department of State, May 2017.

“Protest and Propaganda,” New York University, October 2016.

“Honest Propaganda,” New Directions in Text as Data, October 2016.

“Repression and Foreign Aid in Autocracies,” University of Southern California, March 2016.

“The Politics of Stigma in Autocracies,” Mount Holyoke College, November 2015.

“The Politics of Stigma in Autocracies,” Princeton University, November 2015.

“Politics in Congo,” Stanford University, March 2015.

“Armed Rebel Groups in Central Africa,” United States Africa Command and the Naval Postgraduate School, October 2014.

“Making Violence Credible and Unnecessary: A Theory of Internal Security in Autocracies, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, April 2014.

“Political Opposition in Modern Autocracies,” Virginia Military Institute, November 2013.

“Social Institutions in Modern Autocracies,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 2013.

“Inside Autocracy: Two Theories of Elite Monitoring,” Sawyer Seminar on Human Rights, University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 2011.

“Why is Africa Poor?,” Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Congo, July 2010.

A complete list of professional conference presentations is available upon request.

### **Professional Service**

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Food Policy*, *Geopolitics*, and *Journal of Modern African Studies*.

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

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

## **Major Fellowships and Awards**

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

Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar, United States Institute of Peace, 2012-2013.

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

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2011-2012.

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2011-2012.

Samuels Family Research Fellow, WCFIA, 2011-2012.

Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Harvard University, 2011.

Graduate Associate, WCFIA, 2010-present.

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

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.

## References

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