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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, in progress
Comprehensive Exams: Political Sociology (Edward Walker, Coordinator & Aliza Luft)
Sociology of Gender (Gail Kligman, Coordinator & Jessica Collett)
- M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2018
Thesis: *Between resistance & representation: Backlash against female candidates in Kenya's 2017 election* (Aliza Luft, Chair & Edward Walker)
- B.A. School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California, San Diego, 2014
International Affairs– Political Science (Honors, Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Beta Kappa)
- A.A. Social Sciences, American River College, 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Sociology; Comparative-Historical Sociology; War & Armed Conflict; Elections; Gender; Genocide

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Doctoral Fellowship, Gender Equality & Anti-Discrimination Research, WORLD Policy Analysis Center, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
- 2020 Graduate Student Fellowship, UCLA Department of Sociology
- 2016-2020 Charles F. Scott Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division
- 2018 Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division (with Kevan Harris)
- 2017 Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division (with Aliza Luft)
- 2016-2017 Graduate Student Fellowship, UCLA Department of Sociology
- 2013-2014 William Denman Scholarship, UCSD Undergraduate Division
- 2012-2014 Blue and Gold Opportunity Scholarship, University of California

2009-2012 California College Promise Grant, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

PUBLICATIONS

In Submission

Rae, Alexis. Between Resistance & Representation: Backlash Against Female Candidates in Kenya's 2017 Election.

Book Reviews

2020 Rae, Alexis. Review of *Women Fight, Women Write: Texts on the Algerian War*, by Mildred Mortimer. *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*. 41:2.

Public Sociology

2017 Coopersmith, Alexis R. "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: The Contradictory Progress of Gender Representation in Kenya." Article published in *Political Violence at a Glance*.

2014 Coopersmith, Alexis R. "The Abuse of Entrusted Power: Combating Corruption in Nigeria." Article published in *Prospect Journal of International Affairs*.

2014 Coopersmith, Alexis R. "African Democracy in a Post-Mandela World." Article published in *Prospect Journal of International Affairs*.

2013 Coopersmith, Alexis R. "Combating the Ivory Trade." Article published in *Prospect Journal of International Affairs*.

2013 Coopersmith, Alexis R. "Corrective Rape: The Unspeakable Cost of Being a Homosexual in Africa." Article published in *Prospect Journal of International Affairs*.

2013 Coopersmith, Alexis R. "Teachers Leave Classrooms on Strike in South Africa." Article published in *Prospect Journal of International Affairs*.

TEACHING POSITIONS

2020; 2021 Instructor of Record, UCLA: Women & War

2019-2021 Graduate Student Instructor, UCLA: Political Violence in the Modern World

2018-2019 Teaching Associate, UCLA: Sociology of Violence; Economy & Society; Intro to Sociology

2017-2018 Teaching Assistant, UCLA: Sociology of Violence; Sociology of Deviant Behavior

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2020 Graduate Student Researcher for Michael Rothberg, 1939 Society Samuel Goetz Chair in Holocaust Studies, UCLA

2020 Graduate Student Researcher for Jody Heymann, WORLD Policy Analysis Center, UCLA

2013-2014 Research Assistant for Bennetta Jules-Rosette, African Studies Research Center, UCSD

SERVICE POSITIONS

Book Review Editor, *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*, UCLA

Co-coordinator, Political Sociology and the Global South Working Group, UCLA

Mentor, First to Go First Generation College Student Program, UCLA

AWARDS

2014 Nancy “Penny” Schwartz Award for Africanist Anthropology, Association for Africanist Anthropology, American Anthropological Association

2014 Best Thesis Award, Department of Sociology; Department of International Studies; African and African American Studies Research Center, UCSD

2013 Undergraduate Research Award, African and African American Studies Research Center, UCSD

2012 Diplomatic Achievement Award, Model United Nations of the Far West

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association; International Studies Association; Sociologists for Women in Society