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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.** Political Science, Clark Atlanta University (CAU), Atlanta, GA (2015)

**Dissertation**

“*Democarassie*” and Political Stability in Senegal

Advisors: Drs. Fragano Ledgister and Hashim Gibrill (CAU), and George K. Kieh Jr. University of West Georgia (UWG).

**Areas of Specialization**

American Government

African Politics

Comparative Politics

International Relations.

**MBA.** (Master in Business Administration), University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA (2008)

**MPA.** (Master in Public Administration), University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, (2003)

**B.A.** (Double Major-International Economic Affairs & Political Science), University of West, Georgia, Carrollton, GA (2002)

**A.A** (Associate Applied) Marketing Management, West Central Technical College, Carrollton, GA (1999)

**Diploma** Marketing Management, West Central Technical College, Carrollton, GA (1998)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified Prison Ed Instructor-UWG Prison Ed Program
- Project Management Professional (PMP), Project Management Institute (PMI)
- eCore Faculty Certification Program Certificate (Online teaching certificate)
- eMajor Faculty Orientation Certificate (Online teaching certificate)
- University of West Georgia-UWG Online-Certified Online Instructor, 2013
- University of West Georgia-UWG Online-Certified Online Instructor, 2012
- Quality Matters (QM), Designing Your Online Course (DYOC), Certificate of Completion
- Quality Matters (QM), Peer Review Course (PRC), Certificate of Completion
- Quality Matters (QM), Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR), Certificate of Completion
- Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

**ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified eCore Online Faculty
- Certified UWG Online Course Instructor
- Certificate, QM Peer Reviewer
- Certificate, QM Course Designer (DYOC)
- Certificate, Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR)

### **SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERT (SME)**

Project Management in the Public Sector (POLS 4218)-eMajor  
Government Organization and Administrative Law (POLS 4221)-eMajor  
Intro to American Government (POLS 1101)

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA** (August 2003-todate)

*Lecturer: Department of Civil Engagement and Public Service*

#### **Courses Taught**

*(All modalities: Face-to-face, hybrid, and 100% Online)*

American Government (POLS 1101)  
Public Management (POLS 4210)  
Project Management (POLS 4218)  
Public Human Resource Management (POLS 4219)  
African Politics (POLS 4401)  
Modern African Politics (POLS 4985/5985)  
Management of Non-Profit Organizations (POLS 4215)  
Social Justice Culture (SJUS 4000)  
Program and Policy Evaluation (ORGL 2900)  
Global Issues (POLS 2401)  
First Year Seminar (XIDS 2002)  
First Year Seminar (UWG 1101)

**Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA** (01/2006 –05/2007)

*Instructor: Political Science*

#### **Courses Taught**

Global & Political Issues  
International Relations

### **TEACHING PHILOSOPHY**

#### **Statement of Teaching Philosophy**

I believe deeply in the power of the human spirit and the innate curiosity that drives all learners. Each individual possesses unique talents, intellect, and capabilities that, when nurtured, can lead to profound personal and academic growth. While I recognize that not all learners share the same natural endowments, I see my role—not merely as an instructor or facilitator—but as a teacher: one who guides, challenges, supports, and inspires students to reach within themselves and unlock their full potential.

This belief is grounded in the understanding that teaching is not just a profession—it is an affair of the heart. It is deeply personal and inherently subjective. At the core of my teaching

philosophy is a “human-first” approach, where empathy and authentic human connection take precedence over credentials or authority. I strive to build trust and offer genuine care, while maintaining a thoughtful balance between challenge and support.

I value critical thinking and intellectual rigor, but I also encourage students to explore freely—to imagine, to create, and to question. I aim to cultivate a learning environment where curiosity is celebrated, and where students feel empowered to take ownership of their learning journey.

A powerful metaphor for my teaching philosophy is that of a tour guide. With specialized knowledge and experience, the tour guide guides others to achieve a more wholesome experience. Yet, each member of the tour team must apply their own skills and insight to discover their own experience.

In this way, I see my success as a teacher reflected in the success of my students—when they are able to tap into their natural endowments and achieve their own wholesome experience

## **RESEARCH**

### **Research Interest**

#### **Topics:**

- Democracy and Democratization; Pan Africanism and Regional Integration; Political Stability; Religion and Gender Dynamics
- Project Management; and Public Administration
- The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning-Pedagogical Strategies

#### **Geographical Areas:**

U. S., and Africa (West Africa)

### **Current Research Titles**

#### **Africa (West Africa)**

The African Founding Acolytes

The Great African Reset/Realignment/Repositioning

The “New Africa”: A Portrait

The resurgence of dictators/authoritarian leaders in the first quarter of the 21st Century: A focus on African dictators/authoritarian leaders.

Civic education: Is this the missing ingredient in “African democracy”?

Sixty years of foreign aid in Africa: Does foreign aid work for Africa?

Africa and Development: The onus is on us, or is it?:

Political Islam & political stability in Senegal: An Inquiry

Africa and the socio-political influence of religion (Islam and Christianity): A case study on Senegal and Ivory Coast

Sixty years of coups: From the 1963 Togolese coup to the 2020s “Coups Belt”- Does coups improve lives in Africa?

Africa & the Global Economic System: Is Africa considered a viable economic and

trading partner in the global economy?  
AGOA: How serious is U. S. economic engagement with Africa?  
Can regional integration pull Africa out under the development rut?  
Africa sixty years later: A general reflection  
Are women still a viable partner in Africa's development?  
Religious Extremism and West Africa: Will Muslim Extremist Groups Find Home in Predominantly Muslim Countries in West Africa?  
The Political, Socio-Cultural, and Economic Role of the Muslim Brotherhoods in Senegal.

### **Other Research Interest Titles**

Public Administration (Civil Service) and Neopatrimonial Societies  
Pedagogical Strategies that address the "Ghost, Twinkling, & AWOL" Students in Online Classes  
Higher Education Must Adapt To A Changing First & Second Year Student Body?  
Project Management: African Project Management: Donors & Donees

### **CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

QEP Summer Institute (2025, *Experiential Learning; in the Classroom: Putting the QEP into Action*), UWG, Carrollton, Georgia, June, 2025

Innovation in Pedagogy (IiP 2022) Conference, *Creating an "Imagined Community" in the Online Classroom with the Use of Language*, UWG, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 2018

Distance Learning (DLA 2018) Conference, *"Are You Worthy of That "High-Performing Designation in The Student-Evaluation?"* Jekyll Island, Georgia, June 2018

USG eFaculty Annual Meeting, *Connecting with Online Student*, UWG, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 2018

Innovation in Pedagogy (IiP 2018) *What Do You Know About First-Year Seminars? Successes and Challenges*, Conference, UWG, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 2018

African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) Conference, *The New Africa: A Portrait*, Carrollton, Georgia, March, 2018

Distance Learning (DLA 2017) Conference, *"Flipping 150 (2.0): The Best of Both Worlds: A Fusion of F2F and Online Learning Pedagogy*, Jekyll Island, Georgia, June, 2017

Innovation in Pedagogy (IiP 2017) *Flipping 150: A Fusion of F2F & Online Pedagogy in a Flipped/Hybrid 150 Students Survey Course*, Conference, UWG, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 2017

APSA 14th Annual TLC Conference, *"Integrating Technology and Innovation: Not Too Hot, Not Too Cold Just Right"*, Long Beach, California, February, 2017

Distance Learning (DLA 2016 DLA) Conference, *Omnipresence: The Ultimate Support for Distance Students*, Jekyll Island, Georgia, June, 2016

Innovation in Pedagogy (IiP 2016) Conference. *The QEP Panel*, (Panelist) UWG, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 2016

APSA 13th Annual TLC Conference. *Implementing a Writing-Based Quality Enhancement Plan in American Government* (Co-presented), Portland, Oregon, Feb. 2016

Innovation in Pedagogy (IiP 2015) Conference, *Taming the Monster: Working with Large Survey Course Sections*, (Panelist) UWG, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 2015

## **SERVICE**

### **University of West Georgia (UWG) Service**

Grants Scout-Department of Civil Engagement & Public Service (DCEPS)

DCEPS Representative- Preview Day and Academic Showcase

Member-Student Success Committee

Member-Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity and Internationalization

Faculty Mentor-College of Social Sciences (COSS)

(Chair) Students Success & Outreach Committee

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF), Conference, Carrollton, GA, 2018

Faculty Advisor, African Student Association (ASA) Academic Advisor 2017 to date

Lead Faculty, UWG Political. Science Dept. Annual Washington DC Networking Trip, 2016 & 2017

Committee member, New Student Program Director Search, 2017

Advisor Mentor, African-American Male Initiative (AAMI), 2011 to 2021

Academic Coordinator, Ignite (UWG summer bridge program), 2017/18 academic year

Member, Political Science Student Support Committee, 2017 to date

Co-Organizer, Political Science Department, open house, 2017

### **Public/Community & Professional Service**

UWG Prison Ed team-Certified Prison Ed Instructor

ASRF 2021 Elections Commission

Member, African Studies Research Forum (ASRF), Projects Standing Committee

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, African Studies Research Forum (ASRF), UWG, Conference, 2018

Presenter; "The importance of voting", Church Without Walls voter registration drive, Carrollton, 2017

Poll Manager (Bonner Precinct- Carroll County Board of Election, 2015 & 2016

Mayoral Candidate, City of Villa Rica, Georgia, 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Project Management Institute (PMI)  
African Studies Research Forum (ASRF)  
Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)  
American Political Science Association (ASPA)  
International Studies Association (ISA)

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

UWG QEP Summer Institute Grantee Recipient, 2025  
UWG Summer Grant Writing Workshop Recipient, 2021  
University of System Georgia (USG) Georgia Governor's Teaching Fellow, 2020  
University of System Georgia (USG) eCampus Hero Certificate of Commendation Award, 2019  
Winner of the University of West Georgia's Nomination for the Board of Regents' Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching  
University of West Georgia Office of First Year Experience, Influential Person Award, 2014  
University of West Georgia (UWG) Best of the West-Beheruz N. Sethna Diversity Champion Certificate, 2019  
African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF), Certificate of Appreciation, 2018  
African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) Conference, Certificate of Participation, 2018  
University of West Georgia (UWG) College of Social Science (COSS) Outstanding Teaching Award, Certificate of Nomination, 2019  
University of West Georgia (UWG) College of Social Science (COSS) Outstanding Service Award, Certificate of Nomination, 2018  
University of West Georgia (UWG) College of Social Science (COSS) Outstanding Mentor Award, Certificate of Nomination, 2018  
University of West Georgia (UWG) College of Social Science (COSS) Outstanding Mentor Award, Certificate of Nomination, 2015  
African Student Association Certificate of Appreciation, 2018  
AAMI First-Year Program Certificate of Appreciation 2017-18  
AAMI First-Year Program Certificate of Recognition 2016-17  
AAMI First-Year Program Certificate of Appreciation 2015-16  
AAMI First-Year Program Certificate of Appreciation 2014-15  
State University of West Georgia Certificate of Excellence for Academic Achievement, 2002  
State University of West Georgia Certificate of Excellence for Academic Achievement, 2001  
Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society)  
Pi Alpha Alpha (National Public Administration Honor Society)  
Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)  
Certificate in International Banking & Finance -New York & London, UK.  
National Marketing Competition – Participated  
State Marketing Competition – First Place

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

**24-7 Commercial Transportation Inc.,** Whitesburg, GA (08/99 to 12/08).

*Operations and Safety Manager*

**City of Douglasville-Dept. of Community Development,** Douglasville, GA (01 – 05/03)

*Graduate Intern*

**State University of West Georgia,** Carrollton, GA

*Graduate Research Assistant,* Department of Political-Science (8/02-5/03)

*Student Assistant,* Dean's Office Richard's College of Business (10/01-5/02)

**R.L. Jordan Oil Company,** Newnan, GA (1/96 – 10/98)

*Store Manager*

**RaceTrac Petroleum,** Newnan, GA (9/92 – 12/95)

*Shift Manager*

**Indigenous Business Advisory Service (IBAS)** Banjul, Gambia (6/84-7/92)

*Credit Control Assistant*