

FLETCHER D. COX

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EDUCATION

University of Denver, Joseph Korbel School of International Studies Denver, CO

- Doctor of Philosophy (ABD), International Studies, 2010 – Present (expected, July 2015)

Dissertation Title: Explaining Nonviolence in a Violent Periphery: Informal Coalitions and Local Peace Strategies in Kenya's Conflict Corridors

Major Fields: International Political Economy and Comparative Politics

Specializations: International peace and security; Political and identity-based violence; Conflict management in divided societies; Global governance; Development economics; International organizations – statebuilding and peacebuilding

Regions: Sub-Saharan Africa: Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia; South Asia: Nepal

Languages: Swahili, Sudanese Arabic, Classical Greek

- Research Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy

Harvard University Cambridge, MA

- M.T.S., Concentration in Religion and International Affairs, 2006

Coursework: Religion, Conflict and Development; Religion in Global Politics; Religion and Social Theory; Global Islam; Cultures and Religion in Africa; Faith, Politics and Society; International Conflict Transformation; *Kennedy School of Government* course in International Development Policy; *Harvard Law School* course in Human Rights and International Law

Thesis Title: Economics as Resistance: Globalization and the Rise of Islamic Economics

William Jewell College Liberty, MO

- A.B., Communication; Religion Minor, *Summa Cum Laude*, 2003

Specialized Training

Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems Washington, D.C.

- Georgetown University, Summer 2002

Coursework: Comparative Economic Systems, Transformation of American Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Fletcher D. Cox and Timothy D. Sisk eds., *Fighting Fear: International Peacebuilding in Deeply Divided Societies*. (Manuscript under review), 2015.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Fletcher D. Cox, James N'dungu, and Esther Njuguna, "Institutional Reforms in the Wake of Ethnic Violence: Devolving Peace or Conflict in Kenya?"
- Subindra Bogati, Fletcher D. Cox, Sachchi Karki, and Timothy D. Sisk, "Nepal: Identity Politics in a Turbulent Transition."
- Fletcher D. Cox, "The Menacing Complexity and Multidimensionality of Statebuilding Under Conditions of 'Fragility.'"
- Fletcher D. Cox, "Informal Institutions in Comparative Politics: Sources of Social Dynamism or Disorder?"

Professional Participation

External Evaluator

- *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations, Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, Routledge

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Communal Conflict in Kenya: Violence, Escalation, and Resilience in Comparative Perspective," (forthcoming) International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21, 2015.
- "Protecting Post-conflict Peace: When Aid Divides or Unites," Sie Center for International Security and Diplomacy, UN Peacebuilding Policy Symposium, New York City, New York, October 20, 2014.
- "Identity and Insecurity in Modernizing Kenya," Peacebuilding Specialist and Practitioner Symposium (co-chairman), Sie Center, Nairobi, Kenya, August 8, 2014.
- "Pitfalls and Potential in 'Internationalized' Research," DU Internationalization Summit, Denver, CO, April 11, 2014.
- "Rethinking the Peacebuilding – Statebuilding Nexus: Fostering Cohesion in Deeply Divided, Conflict-affected Countries," International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 26, 2014.
- Expert Practitioners' Meeting, "Shaping the State through the Social Contract in Situations of Conflict and Fragility," United Nations Development Program, Glen Cove, New York, January 15 – 17, 2014.
- "Stabilizing Fault Lines: The Pursuit of Peace in Kenya," Sie Center Specialist Review Symposium, International Peace Institute, New York City, New York, October 18, 2013.
- "The Empowerment Dilemma in Post-conflict Nepal," ISP Network Conference (PRIO and GIGA): The "Concert of Institutions" in Divided Societies, Oslo, Norway, June 13 – 14, 2013.

- “Religion, Peacebuilding, and Development: Can Development Aid Foster Social Cohesion?” Conference on Religion, Politics, and Global Governance, Oxford University, Oxford, England, May 4 – 5, 2012.

GRANTS | FELLOWSHIPS

- **The Henry Luce Foundation**, two-year research and policy dialogue program on religion and social cohesion in conflict-affected countries, 2012 – 2014 (\$400,000)
- **University of Denver, Department of Internationalization**, to conduct workshop in Nairobi, Kenya on lessons learned from post-conflict peacebuilding, 2014 (\$8,000)
- **University of Denver, JKSI PhD Field Research Fellowship**, to conduct field research in Kenya on patterns of ethno-communal conflict (\$5,000)
- **University of Denver, PhD Fellowship**, full tuition and stipend
- **Harvard Divinity School, Academic Scholarship**, full tuition

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work**, Global Policies and Programs (Winter 2015)
- **TA – University of Denver, Korbel School**, Introduction to International Politics (Spring 2014)
- **TA – University of Denver, Korbel School**, Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy (Winter 2014)
- **Guest Lecturer – University of Denver, Korbel School**, Politics in Deeply Divided Societies, Comparative Politics: States and Societies in the 21st Century, Civil Wars and International Responses, Politics in Africa (2011 - 2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Principal Investigator, Sié Chéou-Kang Center Denver, CO 2012 - present
The Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies is a research institution exploring the evolving set of drivers, actors, and modalities of twenty-first century violence and conflict.

- Program management of international research and policy-dialogue initiative on “religion and social cohesion in conflict-affected countries,” a project that compares various modalities through which peacemakers and development actors have sought to foster social cohesion and reduce conflict vulnerability across seven countries affected by identity-based violence: Guatemala, Kenya, Lebanon, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka
- Proposal writing and methodological design; author of case-study analytical framework; co-editor of all published products emanating from the project, including, assessment framework, research report, policy reports, and integrated book volume

- Direction and oversight of research project compliance, reporting, financial management, project personnel (seven international research teams); development of collaborative relationships with international institutions; field research mission leader (Nepal and Kenya)
- Planning, coordinating, and hosting international workshops and dissemination events, including, steering committee symposium, UN specialist review symposia, practitioner workshops, and policy dialogues

Consultant, Global Relief and Development Partners Chicago, IL 2008 - 2010

GRDP is a non-profit consulting agency dedicated to building the leadership and professional capacity of entrepreneurs in countries emerging from political and economic crisis.

- Developed public – private partnerships to provide SMEs in Rwanda with greater access to financial, technical and knowledge capital with particular focus on sustainable funding structures
- Grant research, proposal writing and business plan development in collaboration with CEOs, foundations, private investors, government agencies and international NGOs
- Relationship management, needs assessments, organizational capacity evaluation

Global Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), SPIR Haiti/Global 2009 - 2011

Samaritan's Purse International Relief is an international NGO that seeks to provide aid to people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine.

- Assessment of humanitarian needs, implementation of relief and distribution programs, priority setting for organizational capacity building and recovery program development
- Key leader for management of NFI and food distribution programs in response to security and assessment priorities
- Interagency coordination with government officials, military leaders, UN agencies and NGOs

Economic Development Specialist, CEDA Chicago, IL 2009 - 2010

CEDA is a private non-profit organization that works in partnership with communities to empower families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.

- Developed collaborative public – private workforce development partnerships to provide job opportunities for youth, adult and dislocated worker populations in low income communities in Cook County
- Researched and prepared regional studies, community action plans, grants and program budgets; coordination with federal, state and local agencies to ensure funding support
- Monitored and evaluated implementation of a comprehensive workforce and economic development plan

Program Manager, Samaritan's Purse International Relief Kurmuk, Sudan 2006 - 2008

- Administrative, financial and logistical management of health, agriculture, food security, education and water-sanitation projects in Blue Nile State; supervision of 110 national and 8 international employees; \$3M annual budget
- Monitored and reported on all programmatic aspects including budget assessment, cost control and implementation
- Conducted field assessments and drafted successful funding proposals (USAID OFDA, UNDP CHF, UNHCR, WFP, UNFAO and UNICEF) for new programs totaling \$1.6M per year

Research Assistant, Boston Theological Institute Boston, MA 2005 - 2006

The BTI is a consortium of theology and divinity schools in the Boston area that seeks to create and foster an international, cross-cultural, and ecumenical environment for theological dialogue.

- Built inter-collegiate alliances for ecumenical dialogue around issues of international development and conflict
- Organized and promoted a twelve week public lecture series titled, “Faith and the Millennium Development Goals”
- Edited and contributed articles to BTI publications on issues of development and conflict transformation
- Coordinated the Costas Consultation – the BTI’s annual academic conference on global religious issues

Teacher, Bonjoge AIC Boys School Kaimosi, Kenya 2003 - 2004

Bonjoge AIC Boys is a secondary school in rural Western Kenya supported by AIM.

- Taught African History, English and Literature and HIV/AIDS Education (160 students)
- Fundraised and organized community support for construction of school infrastructure
- Developed agriculture projects to subsidize students’ school fees

Congressional Intern, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 2002

Office of Sam Graves, Missouri District 6

- Legislative support for international relations, economic development, security and education issues
- Researched policy issues, attended congressional hearings, briefed legislative assistants, drafted policy papers and led tours of the Capitol building

Team Facilitator, The Tucker Leadership Lab Liberty, MO 2000 - 2003

The Tucker Leadership Lab is a state of the art leadership development facility that operates in conjunction with the Pryor Leadership Studies Program at William Jewell College.

- Guided student and professional groups through high and low ropes course experiences in order to facilitate team-building, conflict resolution and leadership development
- Led interactive leadership training seminars at schools and conferences in the Kansas City area

LEADERSHIP | AFFILIATIONS

International Studies Association, Institutions for Sustainable Peace Network, Sudan Studies Association, DU Students for Africa, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Chicago Global Donors Network, Harvard Program on Religion and Negotiation, HDS Resident Proctor, HDS Interdenominational Dialogue, William Jewell College Student Body President, Student Senate Representative, Pryor Leadership Fellow, North Carolina Outward Bound School

HONORS

JKSIS Ph.D. Full Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School Full Tuition Scholarship, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Phi Epsilon Honor Society, William Jewell Scholar Athlete, HAAC Scholar Athlete, NAIA Region V Scholar Athlete, National Coca-Cola Scholar

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